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## Immediate effect of calf myofascial trigger point release on static and dynamic stability of artistic and rhythmic gymnasts.

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**Abstract:** The purpose of the study was to evaluate the immediate effect of myofascial trigger point release on static and dynamic balance in artistic and rhythmic gymnasts.

**Method:** 46 artistic and rhythmic gymnasts including both males and females participants completed 2 separate protocols to examine changes in static and dynamic balance respectively.

**Procedure:** The control group includes static stretching (ss), 6 repetitions of 6 s stretches of calf muscle followed by 5 min of jogging before and After the ss. Experimental group consist of 6 repetitions of 6 s stretches ss and 5 min of jogging before and after the ss, followed by i.a.s.t.m of calf muscle. Static balance was evaluated on zebris medical gmbh, where as for dynamic balance, s.e.b.t. was performed.

**Results:** For control group results suggest that stretching protocol have effect on reducing side-to-side sway(p=0.083) but has no effect in reducing path length (p=0.523), average velocity (p=0.283) and forward-backward sway (p=0.766) measures for static stability. S.e.b.t composite score showed significant results for right (p=0.00) and non-significant for left (p=0.90) lower extremity. Results of experimental group revealed a highly significant difference in path length (p=0.007), average velocity (p=0.005) and no significant difference for forward-backward sway (p=0.378) and side to side sway (p=0.148). S.e.b.t composite score showed highly significant results for right (p=0.000) and left (p=0.000) lower extremity.

**Conclusion:** i.a.s.t.m. before training sessions along with active static stretch of calf before and after aerobic exercise is affective in improving static and dynamic balance immediately.

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