Comparison of anthropometric measurement between netball and handball players

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**Keyword:** Anthropometric, handball players, netball players

**Introduction**
Anthropometric measurement plays a vital role in shaping youth’s personality and physical development and in bringing about an improvement in skills. Anthropometric measurement has been a part of physical education since its inception. The modern physical education is often assigned the task of measuring height and weight of students.

**Purpose**
The purpose of the study was to compare the anthropometric measurements of arm length, thigh girth and calf girth, between netball and handball male players of Annamalai University.

**Methodology**
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**Statistical technique**
The study under investigation was intended to compare the Anthropometric variables among netball and handball players, Using ‘t’test.

**Conclusion**
The results showed that netball players are significantly better in leg length and arm length than handball players. Because they have to execute basketing and block skill during the game those skills need good leg length and arm length. In Calf girth, handball players were found more than netball players because handball players have more running movement in game situation and in thigh girth also handball players are superior than basketball players because handball players must use more leg movements during the game.
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**Results**

Table 1: Mean Standard Deviation and ‘t’ value of Anthropometric Measurements.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Anthropometric Measurements (cm)</th>
<th>Hand ball Players</th>
<th>Net ball Players</th>
<th>‘t’ Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mean</td>
<td>SD</td>
<td>Mean</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leg Length</td>
<td>89.02</td>
<td>4.38</td>
<td>91.63</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arm Length</td>
<td>46.23</td>
<td>2.53</td>
<td>48.20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thigh Girth</td>
<td>52.20</td>
<td>2.46</td>
<td>49.73</td>
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<td>Calf Girth</td>
<td>33.52</td>
<td>2.17</td>
<td>32.48</td>
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</table>

* Significant at 0.05. Level.

Netball players are better in leg length and arm length and Handball players are better in thigh girth and calf girth, Since the calculated ‘t’ value is greater than the table ‘t’ value.

![Fig 1: Showing the Mean Value of Anthropometric Between Handball and Netball Players.](image)

**References**