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Fitness Evaluation American Fitness Testing Association
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Your values are the results of each of the tests performed Novice-1 (example: 14 push ups means that you performed 14 push ups). Goal values are the results AFTA would like to see after 3 months of conditioning. Your score is a numerical value from -5 to as high as 12 , which is used to classify how well you did on each of the tests (see top triangle). Overall score is not a simple average of all the scores, it's based on a weighted equation, where some tests are weighted more than others. AFTA would like to see scores of 6 and above on all the tests. Fitness levels range from novice to superior. AFTA would like everyone to reach an advanced level or beyond after several months of conditioning.

## Your fitness level is determined to be Novice-3.

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## Correction: Due to the high amount of fat distributed at the waist the \% fat calculation may be skewed.

AFTA's fitness evaluation determines the level of the five components of fitness (body composition, flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, and aerobic capacity). AFTA's believes adequate physical fitness is the ability to handle work stress and daily tasks without becoming fatigued. It's a state of overall vitality, related to, but not a measure of athletic ability. Exercise physiologists and personal trainers measure fitness components through various tests to evaluate physiological state, prescribe proper exercise programs, and monitor gains throughout defined periods of time. Improvement in the components of fitness results from a well designed conditioning program.

Your overall level of fitness is considered to be below average.

Anthropometry and body composition are the measures of your height and weight and the amount of lean and fat weight. Your weight and height was 165 lbs and 69 inches the day you were tested. Many health problems including heart disease, hypertension, strokes, atherosclerosis, and diabetes, along with decreased work capacity, relate to excess weight, more specifically body fat. Based on height
 and weight charts, your ideal weight range is 139-175 lbs.

Another way to determine body composition is through body mass index (BMI) (a ratio of weight to height). Your BMI is 24.4, which is considered to be desirable. Many who strength train, play sports, have big bones, or who are very muscular can have body weights way beyond the ideal height and weight range and can have high BMI values, which may classify them as obese. This classification may be wrong due to the presence of high levels of lean tissue. There are some people who have ideal weights and BMI, but have high levels of body fat with low levels of lean tissue.

AFTA believes a better way of measuring body composition is through determining percent body fat, a measure of fat and lean weight. AFTA uses the skinfold caliper technique to estimate percent body fat. This procedure has a low margin of error in estimating body fat. Specific measures of skinfolds are very reliable and tell individuals where there maybe specific problems. Your body fat percentage is 17.1, which is considered leaner than average.

Table 1

| Body location | Ideal measures | Your measures |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Shoulders | 45.92 | 46.5 |
| Chest | 38.59 | 39.5 |
| Right arm | 12.47 | 12.5 |
| Left arm | 12.47 | 12.5 |
| Waist | 28.96 | 33.5 |
| Buttock | 34.47 | 37 |
| Right leg | 20.25 | 20 |
| Left leg | 20.25 | 19 |
| Right calf | 14.09 | 15 |
| Left calf | 14.09 | 15 |
| Waist/hip ratio | $<0.9$ |  |

Average \% body fat levels for men and women in their twenties are $15 \%$ and $25 \%$, where a healthy range for those in their thirties is between $6-21 \%$ for men and $15-25 \%$ for women. AFTA would like to see a change in your percent body fat to $10 \%$ in a 3 to 6 month period of training.

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To get to this percent body fat you would need to change your current fat weight 28.2 lbs . to 15.2 lbs , a total fat loss of $\mathbf{1 3} \mathrm{lbs}$. Your lean weight is 136.8 lbs . Someone starting a conditioning program should expect to gain 5 to 10 lbs . of lean weight due to the addition of muscle. The addition of muscle will enhance your appearance and improve your performance.

AFTA also uses circumference measures as a means of determing body shape (see table 1). Compare your circumferences to those of an athletic/ideal physique. Another way to use circumferences is to figure your waist to hip ratio by dividing your waist by your hips. A healthy waist to hip ratio is less than or equal to $\mathbf{. 9 0}$. To get a full analysis of body shape have an AFTA physique evaluation performed on you.

Cardiorespiratory ability is the capacity of the heart, lungs, and blood vessels to supply oxygen and nutrients to the muscles for a sustained period of time, several minutes or more. The most widely used test of cardiorespiratory capacity is the VO 2 max test. VO 2 max is the maximum amount of oxygen consumed during physical work, expressed as millimeters of oxygen consumed per minute of maximum exercise per kilogram of body weight, $\mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{min}$ (VO $2 \mathrm{max}=$ maximum volume of oxygen consumed). Some consider it to be the number one predictor of fitness. Your VO2 max value is 38.23 $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{min}$, which is considered to be above average. A VO2 max score which is below 32.5 for men and 35 for women is considered a health concern. Athletic VO2 max scores range from 53-58 and $58-64 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{min}$, for women and men. AFTA would like to see an improvement of $20 \%$ in aerobic ability in a 3 to 6 month period of training. AFTA considers body composition and aerobic ability the most important components of the fitness evaluation because they reflect general health and well being.

Muscular strength and endurance is the ability of a muscle group to generate force. Muscular strength is the maximum amount of force generated by a muscle group. Your muscular strength is considered to be average. Muscular endurance is the capability of a muscle to sustain a force for a prolonged period (20 or more repetitions). Your muscular endurance is considered to be poor. AFTA would like to see an improvement of $20 \%$ in muscular ability in a 3 to 6 month period of training.

Flexibility is the capacity of a joint to move freely
 throughout a full range of motion. Your flexibility is considered to be below average. AFTA would like to see an improvement of $20 \%$ in flexibility in a 3 to 6 month period of training.

Physical and chronological age analysis (your age was 50 the day you were tested) The Tufts University Department of Aging in association with Dr. William Evans developed an equation to determine muscular and cardiovascular age based on similar tests that were performed in this fitness evaluation. Based on these equations your muscular age is 70 years and your cardiovascular age is 38 years. There is much debate on the age at physical peak; it varies in sports as well in

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testing. For our purposes consider 19 years the best possible score. Your biological age based on an average is 54 years.

## Coronary heart disease risk factor analysis

Coronary heart disease (CHD) is still the number one killer of Americans. It's responsible for more than 1.5 million heart attacks and causes more than 550,000 deaths annually in the United States. Beginning at about the age of 40 in men and 60 for women, CHD is the single largest cause of death in the western world. Various personal and environmental risk factors have been identified that appear to play causative roles in making individuals susceptible to the disease. Some are shown in graph 2 and are used to determine a risk classification for you,(see graph 2: 1-2 good,3 average, $4-5$ poor, $>6$ very poor).

Some other risk factors not used in the analysis are 1) diabetes 2) personality and behavior patterns 3) high uric acid levels 4) pulmonary function 5) race 6) tension and stress 7) EKG abnormalities.

Your risk of developing CHD, based on answers you gave in your medical screening, is an average risk. The risk categories are well below average, below average, average, moderate, high, and very high. The results of this analysis doesn't mean that you have CHD or that you'll ever get it, but it should be used as a warning to you that you should do something about the modifiable risk factors, those which you can change, such as reducing blood pressure, body weight, cholesterol level, smoking habit, stress, as well as

## RISK CATEGORIES well helow average helow average average moderate high very high

graph 2
 getting more exercise. AFTA must stress that lack of exercise is a risk factor for CHD. Your blood pressure and heart rate the day you were tested was 120/88 and 66 $\mathrm{bts} / \mathrm{min}$. A blood pressure of $120 / 80$ is normal while $140 / 90$ is borderline high. Heart rates below 55 $\mathrm{bts} / \mathrm{min}$ are considered athletic in most cases.

Training guidelines AFTA as well as other exercise groups recommend that all healthy adults participate in a fitness program that includes strength and aerobic training. See table 2 for tips on how to
table 2

| Strength Training | average level of strength training tips |
| :--- | :--- |
| Frequency | $2-3 \times$ a week |
| Intensity | moderate intensity |
| Sets | $2-3$ |
| Repetitions | $10-12$, same weight |
| Exercises | machines and dumbells |
| Aerobic Training | above average level of aerobic ability training tips |
| Frequency | $4-6 \times$ a week |
| Intensity | moderate to high intensity, see target heart rate range and RPE range |
| Duration | $20-40$ minutes, some interval |
| Exercises | see MET chart for exercises based on your MET range |
| Warm up | Warm up before any training with light aerobic activity and stretches |
| Cool down | Light activity and stretches after training |

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strength and aerobic train for your level of fitness.
Strength training improves power and endurance, while increasing muscle mass, tone, and bone density. It's made up of a variety of activities where the musculature is overloaded to
table 4
Rating of Perceived
Exertion (RPE) Chart
(overall body effort during
exercise)
6
7 VERY, VERY LIGHT
8
9 VERY LIGHT
10
11 FAIRLY LIGHT
12
13 SOMEWHAT HARD
14
15 HARD
16
17 VERY HARD
18
19 VERY, VERY HARD 20 MAXIMAL fatigue in a short period of time (examples dumbbells, barbells, Nautilus, calisthenics, etc.). It's also called weight lifting and resistance training. A strength training program should include exercises that works all the major muscle groups (see table 3).
Aerobic training improves cardiorespiratory health and reduces body fat. Aerobic activities are those which are rhythmical and continuous which can be sustained for prolonged periods of time (examples: walking, running, biking). Flexibility training aids in proper muscle balance and posture, while reducing the chance of injuries.
Flexibility training should be
table 6

| Activity and <br> exercises | Calories Burnt <br> in 20 Minutes |
| :--- | ---: |
| Walking 3.5 mph | 120 |
| Jumping rope | 120 |
| Racquetball | 267 |
| Aerobic dance | 155 |
| Cycling 10 mph | 165 |
| Squash | 318 |
| Tennis | 164 |
| Skiing | 165 |
| Volleyball | 75 |
| Strength training | 129 |
| Climbing hills | 182 |
| Climber (moderate) | 300 |
| Cleaning | 93 |
| Canoeing | 66 |
| Running (12 min/mile) | 164 |
| Running (9 min/mile) | 290 |
| Running (7 min/mile) | 342 |
| Running (6 min/mile) | 378 |
| Swimming (crawl) | 216 | performed on a daily basis after a warm up or cool down. AFTA has a full pamphlet describing the training expectations of the various levels of fitness. See your fitness trainer or AFTA associate for guidance on how to fitness train. Training intensity In order to receive a physical change from a training program the intensity you work at must reach a certain threshold that your not accustomed to. Here are some suggestions for strength and aerobic training thresholds.

See the table 3 for a full list of standard strength exercises that you can perform, including possible suggested starting weights with a goal of 10 repetitions. These weights might be different from machine to machine and gym to gym, so don't use the weight if it feels like it's too much. If it feels light use more.

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There 's a certain level at which you should perform your aerobic training to get cardiovascular benefit. This level can be determined through the target heart rate and RPE range. Target heart rate range: You need to stress your heart enough that the beats per minute exceed $128 \mathrm{bts} / \mathrm{min}$. (lower training limit) while not exceeding 154 bts/min. (upper training limit). Your maximum heart rate is 170 bts/min. Never approach this number unless your very well trained. Target heart rate ranges don't work for all. Ask your fitness trainer or AFTA associate on how to measure heart rate. Target RPE range: Another way of determining aerobic exercise intensity is through rating your level of perceived exertion, which is an overall physical observation of how you feel (see RPE chart, table 4). Your RPE lower limit is 10, while upper limit is 14 . The type of aerobic exercise that you can choose can be determined through using a MET chart (table 5)(MET=metabolic equivalent, 1 MET is the metabolic requirements at rest, while 3 METS is $3 x$ the metabolic work at rest, such as walking). Your MET training range are exercises that have a MET of 6.6 to 9.3.

When you exercise you use stored calories, some of which is body fat. The amount of activity that you do on a daily basis should approach 322 calories expended. Some of this activity can be planned exercise while some can be informal, like walking a greater distance to your car or using the stairs rather than an elevator or cleaning. See table 6 to receive a better idea of how many calories you can burn in 20 minutes through various forms of activity.

