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## Badminton training influence factors research based on AHP analysis

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## Abstract

Whole journey many years training is the premise that ensures Chinese badminton competitive level keeps world advanced level for a long-term. The paper adopts analytic hierarchy process to carry out quantitative analysis of whole journey many years training's each factor, and finds out main influence factors, and make improvement accordingly. At first, by expert interview, questionnaire survey, it explores Chinese excellent badminton players whole journey many years training process phases features and whole process relative influence factors, and then combine with analytic hierarchy process, it constructs judgment matrix and utilizes Matlab program to solve, finally according to program solution result, it analyzes relative influence factors and makes suggestions, with an aim to improve badminton training level. © 2014 Trade Science Inc. - INDIA

### INTRODUCTION

For badminton, an excellent athlete cultivation normally needs dozens years or even twenty years, due to training time is too long, it will suffer all kinds of factors influences in training process. To ensure many years training can achieve ideal effects that is to cultivate high level badminton player, it requires to make overall coherent planning for the whole training process so that improve training efficiency.

For badminton training, lots of predecessors have made researches. Just by these predecessors' constant efforts, it makes Chinese badminton always in world advanced level. From which, Zhou Zhi-Hui (2012) researched on current badminton circle five top talents' technical and tactics features, and got the conclusion: with badminton development, hitting drop point has already changed from traditional four points control to

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net control to restrict opponent attack, and created opportunity to let its own party attack, attack routes and drop point were flexible and changeable. And made suggestions: When served and received, strengthen hitting route, drop point, hitting opportunity changes, strengthen control and counter control abilities training, tried to restrict opponent attack in multiple rackets, and positively created opportunity to attack. Focus on strengthening previous 11 rackets technical and tactics training and winners training, and strengthen multiple rackets moment hitting technique stability, reduced unnecessary mistakes<sup>[1]</sup>. Li Yong-Bo (2007) made research on Chinese badminton team current status and sustainable development strategy and pointed out the new competition rule weaken Chinese badminton team traditional advantages to great extent, to maintain Chinese badminton team continuously leading role in world badminton, it should further strengthen research on new

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competition system competition rules, intensified coaches job training system, and relied on quantified indicators, paid special attention to training details<sup>[2]</sup>. Feng Bo(20103)did research on world excellent badminton men's singles players scores and outcome relations, suggested to quantize forced errors and unforced errors so that could make clear each technique merits status, and further guided Chinese men's singles badminton training<sup>[3]</sup>.

The paper combines with previous results, applies analytic hierarchy process, makes research on badminton whole journey years training, finds out badminton training uppermost influence factors, so that make improvement suggestions on these factors, and optimizes Chinese badminton whole journey years training mode, with an aim to make contributions to Chinese badminton development.

## BADMINTON TRAINING INFLUENCE FACTORS ANALYTIC HIERARCHY PROCESS MODEL

Badminton whole journey years training process is a extremely complicated process, suffered influence factors are complex and multilevel, it has direct factors and also indirect factors, the paper finds out the main influence factors from complex influence factors, targeted improving influence factors is effective measure to improve training level. The paper combines with analytic hierarchy process(is called AHP for short) to research on badminton whole journey years training influence factors and construct judgment matrix, so that finds out its main influence factors.

### **AHP model construction**

Chinese badminton players' whole journey years training influence factors are various, analytic hierarchy process can classify complicated each factor into correlation ordered layer, make it methodical, targeting. The detailed steps are as following

### 1) Construct hierarchical model

By questionnaire and expert interview, it researches Chinese badminton whole journey years training influence factors and mutual relations, it can construct each factor into several layers according to different properties, each layer affects previous layer from bottom to top. In general, it can be divided into three layers: object layer, criterion layer and project layer.

## **Objective layer**

Only one element in this hierarchy, it normally is intended objective o of analytic problems. Objective layer is the key to analytic hierarchy process model establishment. Therefore analytic hierarchy process surely includes objective layer, and only one element in objective layer.

### **©**Criterion layer

Criterion layer includes all intermediate links that get involved to fulfill objective layer expected effects, it is composed of one or several layers, in general, it takes one to two layers to simplify model.

### **③Project layer**

Factors included in project layer are optional detailed plans, detailed solution steps, measures and so on to fulfill objectives, therefore it also can be called measure layer.



Figure 1 : Badminton training influence factors hierarchical structural chart

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When establishing hierarchical structure, number of layers is not limited that has connections with detailed problems features. To every layer each factor governing next layer factor, it has limitation and normally will not go beyond nine. That's because too many governed elements will cause following constructed judgment matrix be too complicated, reduce result accuracy. To badminton training, it can establish hierarchical structure as following Figure 1 show, relative symbols descriptions can refer to TABLE 1.

#### TABLE 1 : Explanation in Figure 1 symbols

| A                      | Whole journey years training process influence factors | <i>C</i> <sub>24</sub> | Site facility                      |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $B_1$                  | Environment factor                                     | <i>C</i> <sub>25</sub> | Scientific research<br>development |
| $B_2$                  | Cofactor   | $C_{31}$               | Athlete training motivation        |
| <b>B</b> <sub>3</sub>  | Main factor  | <i>C</i> <sub>32</sub> | Athlete injury                     |
| $B_4$                  | Key factor   | <i>C</i> <sub>33</sub> | Athlete willpower                  |
| <i>C</i> <sub>11</sub> | Political stability                                    | <i>C</i> <sub>34</sub> | Athlete family support level       |
| $C_{12}$               | National political stability                           | <i>C</i> <sub>35</sub> | Athlete cultural quality           |
| <i>C</i> <sub>13</sub> | Financial investment to badminton                      | <i>C</i> <sub>36</sub> | Athlete physical qualifications    |
| $C_{14}$               | Social support level                                   | $C_{41}$               | Coach training capacity            |
| <i>C</i> <sub>15</sub> | National emphasis                                      | $C_{42}$               | Coach health                       |
| $C_{16}$               | Cultural background                                    | $C_{43}$               | Coach moral cultivation            |
| $C_{21}$               | Physical training                                      | $C_{44}$               | Coach cultural quality             |
| <i>C</i> <sub>22</sub> | Management system                                      | <i>C</i> <sub>45</sub> | Coach management ability           |
| <i>C</i> <sub>23</sub> | Rules changes  | $C_{46}$               | Coach innovation consciousness     |

#### 2) Construct judgment matrix

In Figure 1, it reflects badminton players whole journey years training each factor relations, when defining

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these factors proportions (that is weight), these factors proportions normally are not easy to quantitatively define, and if these factors influence factors are more, when constructing judgment matrix, it tends to cause decision- makers provide mutual contradiction data due of ill-considered and out at elbows. The paper quotes Saaty proposed paired comparison method on factors to establish paired comparative construction judgment matrix. That is every time in the same layer, it takes two factors  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ , and use  $a_{ij}$  expressing  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  to factor Z influences, whole comparison result can use matrix  $D = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  to express, call D as Z - X judg-

ment matrix. It is easy seen if  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  to Z influence

ratio is  $a_{ij}$ , and then and to influence ratio is  $a_{ji} = \frac{1}{a_{ij}}$ .

Regarding  $a_{ij}$  value determination method, this paper quotes Saaty suggested number 1~9 and its reciprocal as scale. As following TABLE 2 show.

#### 3) Calculate weight vector

For constructing judgment matrix, weight vector calculation method is: adopting extraction of root calculating maximum feature vector and maximum feature root. Solve the sum of A each row vector and take its average value, and then make normalization. Its formula is:

$$w_{i} = \frac{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n} a_{kj}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \quad i = 1, 2, L, n$$
(1)

According to formula(1) and following calculation steps: Step one: A elements multiplied according to column and gets a new vector; Step two: Let each new vector every component extracts n powersÿStep three: After making normalization of all vectors that gets weight

vectors.  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$  is approximate feature vector.

#### 4) Consistency test

 Calculate consistency indicator Test consistency, at first it needs to firstly calculate

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#### TABLE 2 : Definition of scale

| Scale   | Definition   |
|---------|--|
| 1       | Indicates two factors have equal importance by comparing                                 |
| 3       | Indicates the former is slightly more important than the later by comparing two factors  |
| 5       | Indicates the former is obviously more important than the later by comparing two factors |
| 7       | Indicates the former is intensely more important than the later by comparing two factors |
| 9       | Indicates the former is extremely more important than the later by comparing two factors |
| 2,4,6,8 | Indicates middle value of above adjacent judgment  |
|         |  |

Reciprocal If factor *i* and factor *j* importance ratio is  $a_{ij}$ , and then factor *j* and factor *i* importance ratio is  $a_{ij} = 1/a_{ij}$ 

| TABLE 3 : Average random consistency indicator $RI$ |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|---|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| п   | 1 | 2 | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    |
| RI  | 0 | 0 | 0.58 | 0.90 | 1.12 | 1.24 | 1.32 | 1.41 | 1.45 |

matrix maximum feature root  $\lambda_{max}$ :

$$\lambda_{\max} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(AW)}{nw_{i}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} w_{j}}{w_{i}}$$
(2)

$$CI = \frac{\lambda_{max} - n}{n - 1}$$
(3)

② Find out corresponding average consistency indicator *RI*. TABLE 3 provides 1~9 order positive and negative matrix average random consistency indicator.

*RI* value is got in this way that uses random method constructing 500 pieces of samples matrix: extract numbers from 1~9 and its reciprocal at random to construct reciprocal matrix, it solves maximum feature root average value  $\lambda'_{max}$ , and defines:

$$\mathbf{RI} = \frac{\lambda'_{\max} - \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} - 1} \tag{4}$$

③ Calculate consistency proportion *CR* 

*n* order reciprocal matrix *A* is consistent matrix when and only when its maximum feature root  $\lambda_{max} = n$ , and when reciprocal matrix *A* is not consistent, it surely has  $\lambda_{max} > n \cdot A$  inconsistency degree will get more serious,  $\lambda_{max}$  corresponding standard feature vector would also cannot realistic reflect  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  pro-

| TABLE 4: B layer constructed judgment matrix |                |                |                |                |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Α  | B <sub>1</sub> | B <sub>2</sub> | B <sub>3</sub> | B <sub>4</sub> |  |  |  |  |
| $B_1$  | 1              | 1/2            | 1/5            | 1/5            |  |  |  |  |
| $B_2$  | 2              | 1              | 1/4            | 1/5            |  |  |  |  |
| $B_3$  | 5              | 4              | 1              | 1/2            |  |  |  |  |
| $B_4$  | 5              | 5              | 2              | 1              |  |  |  |  |

| TABLE 5 : (Environment factor) Single arrangement indica- |
|---|
| tor weight calculation and test result                    |

| B <sub>1</sub>         | C <sub>11</sub> | C <sub>12</sub> | C <sub>13</sub> | C <sub>14</sub> | C <sub>15</sub> | C <sub>16</sub> | w <sub>1</sub> | Consistency<br>test indicator<br>value |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| <i>C</i> <sub>11</sub> | 1               | 1/2             | 1/3             | 1/4             | 1/4             | 1/2             | 0.0587         | $\lambda_{\rm max}$<br>= 6.096         |
| $C_{12}$               | 2               | 1               | 1/2             | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1/2             | 0.08709        | CI                                     |
| $C_{13}$               | 3               | 2               | 1               | 1/2             | 1/2             | 2               | 0.1693         | =0.019                                 |
| $C_{14}$               | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1               | 1               | 3               | 0.28758        | RI                                     |
| <i>C</i> <sub>15</sub> | 4               | 3               | 2               | 1               | 1               | 3               | 0.28758        | =1.24                                  |
| $C_{16}$               | 2               | 2               | 1/2             | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1               | 0.10973        | CR<br>=0.0154                          |

portion in factor z influence. Therefore, it is necessary to do consistency test at decision makers provided judgment matrix to decide whether can accept it or not.

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 TABLE 6 : (Cofactor) Single arrangement indicator weight calculation and test result

| B <sub>2</sub>         | C <sub>21</sub> | C <sub>22</sub> | C <sub>23</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> | C <sub>25</sub> | w <sub>2</sub> | Consistency test<br>indicator value |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>C</i> <sub>21</sub> | 1               | 2               | 4               | 4               | 3               | 0.41           | 2 5 1 1 4                           |
| $C_{22}$               | 1/2             | 1               | 3               | 3               | 2               | 0,255          | $\lambda_{\rm max} = 5.114$         |
| <i>C</i> <sub>23</sub> | 1/4             | 1/3             | 1               | 2               | 1/2             | 0.100          | CI = 0.029                          |
| $C_{24}$               | 1/4             | 1/3             | 1/2             | 1               | 1/3             | 0.07           | <i>RI</i> = 1.22                    |
| <i>C</i> <sub>25</sub> | 1/3             | 1/2             | 2               | 3               | 1               | 0.165          | CR = 0.026                          |
|                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                                     |

TABLE 7 : (Main factor) Single arrangement indicator weight calculation and test result

|                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                | Consistency                     |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| B <sub>3</sub>         | C <sub>31</sub> | C <sub>32</sub> | C <sub>33</sub> | C <sub>34</sub> | C <sub>35</sub> | C <sub>36</sub> | w <sub>3</sub> | test indicator<br>value         |
| <i>C</i> <sub>31</sub> | 1               | 1/2             | 1/2             | 3               | 3               | 2               | 0.1877         | $\lambda_{\rm max}$<br>= 6.1488 |
| <i>C</i> <sub>32</sub> | 2               | 1               | 1               | 3               | 3               | 2               | 0.2654         | 011100                          |
| <i>C</i> <sub>33</sub> | 2               | 1               | 1               | 3               | 3               | 2               | 0.2654         | CI<br>= 0.03                    |
| <i>C</i> <sub>34</sub> | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1               | 2               | 1/2             | 0.0843         | RI<br>= 1.24                    |
| <i>C</i> <sub>35</sub> | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1/3             | 1/2             | 1               | 1/2             | 0.067          |                                 |
| <i>C</i> <sub>36</sub> | 1/2             | 1/2             | 1/2             | 2               | 2               | 1               | 0.1301         | CR<br>=0.024                    |

Calculate consistency proportion *CR* as:

$$CR = \frac{CI}{RI}$$
(5)

When CR < 0.10, it is thought that judgment matrix consistency is acceptable, otherwise it should make proper correction to judgment matrix.

## MODEL SOLUTION AND RESULT ANALYSIS

According to above analytic hierarchy process prin-



ciple and steps, it can construct judgment matrix as following TABLE 4 to single arrangement by combining with TABLE 2.

By Matlab programming, it can get the judgment matrix weights are respectively  $B_1 = 0.07$ ,  $B_2 = 0.1046$ ,  $B_3 = 0.3308$ ,  $B_4 = 0.4946$ , consistency indicators values are  $\lambda_{max} = 4.088$ , CI = 0.029, RI = 0.9, CR = 0.0327, from which CR < 0.10 it can think that judgment matrix consistency is acceptable, therefore each weight value is scientific. According to above process, similarly it can get each factor hierarchical arrangement indicator weight calculation and test result as following TABLE 5, TABLE 6, In TABLE 5, TABLE 6, TABLE 7, TABLE 8 consistency test indicators, all CR is less than 0.1, therefore matrix consistency is acceptable, result is persuasive.

By TABLE 4 weight result, it can define coach factors weight values are highest which play key roles in the whole training, therefore coach layer is the key factor in whole journey years training. Athlete influence factor ranks the second, athlete is training main object, is whole journey years training main influence factors.

Combine with TABLE 4, TABLE 5, TABLE 6, TABLE 7, TABLE 8, it can define C layer weight, its algorithm formula is:

 TABLE 8 : (Key factor) Single arrangement indicator weight calculation and test result

| B <sub>4</sub>         | C <sub>41</sub> | C <sub>42</sub> | C <sub>43</sub> | C <sub>44</sub> | C <sub>45</sub> | C <sub>46</sub> | w <sub>4</sub> | Consistency<br>test indicator<br>value |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| <i>C</i> <sub>41</sub> | 1               | 4               | 2               | 3               | 2               | 2               | 0.3080         | $\lambda_{max}$<br>= 6.108             |
| $C_{42}$               | 1/4             | 1               | 1/3             | 1/2             | 1/4             | 1/4             | 0.053          | CI                                     |
| $C_{43}$               | 1/2             | 3               | 1               | 2               | 1/2             | 1/2             | 0.137          | = 0.0217                               |
| $C_{44}$               | 1/3             | 2               | 1/2             | 1               | 1/2             | 1/2             | 0.095          | RI<br>= 1.24                           |
| $C_{45}$               | 1/2             | 4               | 2               | 2               | 1               | 1               | 0.203          | CR                                     |
| $C_{46}$               | 1/2             | 4               | 2               | 2               | 1               | 1               | 0.203          | = 0.017                                |

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$$w = w_{B_i} \times w_{Ciz}$$

(6)

Therefore, it can get whole journey years training influence factors ranking as TABLE 9 show.

According to TABLE 9, it is clear that Chinese badminton players whole journey years training influence factors are: from the perspective micro-level, coach training capacity, management capacity, innovation consciousness are the key factors. Athlete injury, willpower, and training motivation are the main factors. From the perspective of intermediate level, training system, management system, scientific research levels are the main cofactors. From the perspective of macro-level, national emphasis, economic investment, social support level is the main environment factor. In future badminton undertakings, it should put coaches' cultivation in the first place, meanwhile it can also not relax in athletes' willpower cultivation and training motivation guiding. So that improves coaches and athletes working efficiency, and propel to badminton rapid development.

| Influence degree ranking | Influence factor                | Influence degree ranking | Influence factor                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                        | Coach training capacity         | 11                       | Coach health                      |
| 2                        | Coach management ability        | 12                       | Athlete cultural quality          |
| 2                        | Coach innovation consciousness  | 13                       | National emphasis                 |
| 3                        | Athlete injury                  | 13                       | Financial investment to badminton |
| 3                        | Athlete willpower               | 14                       | Scientific research development   |
| 4                        | Coach moral cultivation         | 15                       | Social support level              |
| 5                        | Athlete training motivation     | 16                       | Rules changes                     |
| 6                        | Coach cultural quality          | 17                       | Cultural background               |
| 7                        | Athlete physical qualifications | 18                       | Site facility                     |
| 8                        | Training system                 | 19                       | National political stability      |
| 9                        | Athlete family support level    | 20                       | International political stability |
| 10                       | Management system               |                          |                                   |

TABLE 9 : Whole journey years training influence factors ranking table

## CONCLUSIONS

This research adopts analytic hierarchy process to make research on Chinese badminton players' whole journey years training process influence factors, and establishes analytic hierarchy process model. The model has widely application, and can promote to more sports items training; for Chinese excellent badminton players whole journey years training influence factors, it makes analysis and gets that from the perspective micro-level, coach training capacityÿmanagement capacity, innovation consciousness are the key factors. Athlete injury, willpower, and training motivation are the main factors. From the perspective of intermediate level, training system, management system, scientific research levels are the main cofactors. From the perspective of macrolevel, national emphasis, economic investment, social support level is the main environment factor. According to whole journey years training process influence factors, it makes following suggestions: develop and cultivate coaches from excellent ex-service athletes, strengthen coaches' cultivation. Expand reserve forces quantity and quality, balance regional development, reduce sports injury, improve athletes' attitudes of mind, and intensify education.

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