

# APPLICABILITY OF SIPARNIS SPORTS ON THE PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS AND COGNITIVE ASPECTS COLLEGE STUDENTS ENROLLED ON PATH-FIT 3

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**Abstract**— *This study explores the applicability of SIPARNIS sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program. SIPARNIS, a hybrid martial arts regimen blending Taekwondo and Arnis, is a culturally relevant sports model introduced in Rizal, Philippines, aiming to foster holistic student development. The increasing prevalence of sedentary lifestyles among college students, often due to academic pressures, has highlighted the need for effective interventions to improve physical and cognitive health. This study evaluates the impact of SIPARNIS Sports on physical fitness components such as cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and coordination, as well as cognitive skills including decision-making, problem-solving, and cognitive flexibility. The study also assesses whether these effects vary according to students' academic backgrounds, sex, and course of study. Guided by Cognitive Load Theory (Sweller, 1988), which posits that structured physical activity can reduce cognitive load while enhancing cognitive functions, this research investigates how SIPARNIS Sports contributes to students' academic and personal development. A descriptive-comparative-correlational research design was employed, using a structured questionnaire to collect quantitative data from 72 students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program. Statistical techniques, including descriptive statistics, t-tests, ANOVA, and Pearson's correlation, were applied to analyze the data. The results demonstrate that SIPARNIS Sports positively influences both physical fitness and cognitive development, with improvements observed in cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, and cognitive flexibility, as well as decision-making and problem-solving abilities. No significant differences were found based on sex or academic course, indicating the universal applicability of the program. In conclusion, SIPARNIS Sports effectively enhances physical fitness and cognitive skills, providing a comprehensive approach to student well-being. The study recommends that educational institutions consider integrating SIPARNIS or similar programs into the physical education curriculum to foster overall student development and academic success.*

**Index Terms**— *Cognitive development, Cognitive flexibility, Decision-making, Physical fitness, SIPARNIS Sports.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The growing concern about college students' physical fitness and cognitive development has sparked extensive research. As academic pressures mount, many students overlook physical activity, which can harm their overall well-being. However, the connection between various sports and overall health outcomes is significant. Engaging in sports can counteract this demographic's declining physical health. Active participation in sports supports physical health and catalyzes improved mental and cognitive functioning, providing a holistic path for development that addresses both body and mind.

Multiple studies have demonstrated that involvement in structured sports programs significantly enhances physical fitness components such as cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength, speed, and agility. These physiological gains are crucial for promoting the overall health status of young adults, particularly in the college-age population, where sedentary lifestyles are rising due to increased academic workload and screen time. Moreover, sports have positively influenced cognitive functioning, including

attention span, memory, executive function, and problem-solving abilities. The observed improvements in self-esteem, social interaction, and academic performance suggest a wide-ranging benefit of sports in higher education (Liu et al., 2024).

For instance, Shesterova et al. (2023) elucidate the impact of volleyball training on both physical fitness and academic success. Their findings indicate that students who regularly participate in volleyball exhibit measurable agility, speed, and coordination improvements fitness metrics essential for athletic performance and contribute to everyday functionality and mental sharpness. Furthermore, the structured nature of sports participation reinforces discipline and time management, transferable skills that enhance academic pursuits. These findings support a broader assertion that engaging in sports provides an accessible and applicable avenue for physical activity, which is crucial for college students' holistic development and well-being.

Findings from studies focusing on specific training regimens further underscore the importance of structured physical activity in educational institutions. Research emphasizes that medium-intensity exercises, such as those in various sports programs, can reduce body fat and enhance physical quality among college students. For instance, Zhifeng and Maotang (2023) highlighted the efficacy of sports-based interventions in improving body composition and aerobic capacity, citing that students who engaged in regular sports activities showed a notable decrease in body mass index (BMI) and an increase in lean muscle mass. These physical transformations contribute to improved aesthetics and body image and reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, and obesity.

One of the key indicators of physical health, particularly among college students, is cardiorespiratory fitness. Moderate-intensity continuous exercises, frequently integrated into sports training programs, have been positively correlated with improved maximal oxygen uptake (VO<sub>2</sub> max) a vital marker of cardiovascular endurance and aerobic capacity. Enhancing this capacity can result in more incredible stamina, more energy throughout the day, and a higher mental and physical stress threshold. Yong and Yi (2021) argue that a more integrated approach to physical education that emphasizes regular and enjoyable sports participation can combat the ongoing physical decline often noted in contemporary college students. Such integration necessitates a shift from traditional, passive physical education formats to more dynamic and engaging programs that appeal to the interests and motivations of modern youth.

The psychological dimensions of sports participation cannot be overlooked. A growing body of research supports the interplay between physical activity and mental well-being. Kayani et al. (2018) emphasize the interrelation between physical activity and self-esteem, noting that regular involvement in sports can enhance students' confidence, mood, and emotional regulation. Their research suggests that physical activities serve as a powerful tool for cognitive engagement while also alleviating symptoms of depression and anxiety. Physical activity stimulates the release of endorphins and neurotransmitters like dopamine and serotonin, which play a critical role in mood regulation and cognitive processing. Consequently, students who engage in sports report higher levels of mental alertness, emotional stability, and satisfaction with life all of which contribute to improved academic performance and personal growth.

Furthermore, the positive cognitive implications of sports participation provide a compelling argument for incorporating diverse physical activities into college curricula. As Sánchez et al. (2019) argue, developing lifelong physical exercise habits during college years is essential for immediate academic benefits and long-term mental health and social well-being. Sports offer an opportunity to build community, foster collaboration, and develop leadership skills, making them an invaluable component of a well-rounded educational experience. Institutions prioritizing sports as a core aspect of student development can create a more supportive, engaged, and productive academic environment.

It is also crucial to examine the broader societal implications of these findings, particularly in the context of the Philippines, where educational institutions are increasingly expected to produce graduates who are not only intellectually capable but also physically resilient and emotionally balanced. The integration of sports into academic programs reflects a national commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society. In this regard, Philippine higher education institutions are tasked with fostering both academic excellence and physical competence among students a goal that requires a strong sense of responsibility and commitment from all stakeholders, including the Department of Education and broader national development goals.

The commitment to improving physical education through sports can effectively contribute to the health objectives outlined by educational authorities in the Philippines. Yong and Yi (2021) highlight that a reimagined physical education curriculum that includes sports as a fundamental pillar can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. This systemic approach emphasizes the alignment of physical education with cognitive development, reinforcing that the body and mind are interconnected and must be nurtured in tandem for students to achieve holistic success.

Researchers like Tang and Lü (2024) assert that sports can play a transformative role in addressing both physical and emotional challenges faced by the student population. Their work illustrates how structured sports programs can improve academic engagement, reduce stress levels, and enhance students' adaptability to complex learning environments. The systemic incorporation of sports into educational frameworks also encourages social inclusion, gender equity, and the development of values such as teamwork, perseverance, and accountability, fostering a sense of support and inclusivity within the educational community.

A compelling body of evidence suggests a multidimensional benefit of sports participation among college students. From enhanced physical fitness and improved health outcomes to better emotional and cognitive states, the role of sports in higher education is paramount. Within this context, the current study seeks to investigate the specific impacts of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program in the Philippines. By examining the outcomes of SIPARNIS Sports a structured and potentially transformative physical activity program this research aims to contribute to the increasingly important discourse on the intersection of education, health, and fitness in modern society. The

findings of this study may offer valuable insights for educators, policymakers, and health professionals in designing and implementing Applicable strategies to enhance student well-being through integrated sports education.

## Background of the Study

The province of Rizal has long been recognized for its rich cultural and historical heritage and its emerging contributions to sports development, particularly in educational innovation. This vibrant province continues to serve as a cradle for initiatives that promote holistic student development through culturally relevant and physically engaging programs. Among these initiatives is the emergence of SIPARNIS Sports, a novel physical activity regimen introduced by Grandmaster Francisco Gajilomo Jr., which exemplifies a progressive shift toward localized and integrative sports education. SIPARNIS Sports represents a synthesis of Taekwondo, a globally recognized martial art, and Arnis, the national martial art and sport of the Philippines. The deliberate fusion of these two disciplines forms a hybrid martial arts system that pays homage to the country's indigenous practices and introduces a contemporary method for addressing modern students' physical and cognitive development needs.

By harmonizing the dynamic techniques of Taekwondo with the rhythmic, weapon-based skills of Arnis, SIPARNIS Sports emerges as a unique model that bridges tradition and innovation. This blended discipline is designed to develop a wide array of physical fitness components including muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, agility, and coordination while simultaneously nurturing mental discipline, focus, and emotional control. As such, SIPARNIS goes beyond the traditional scope of physical education, presenting a comprehensive system that holistically contributes to the health and intellectual vitality of college students. It aims to support not only the physical conditioning of students but also their mental sharpness, emotional stability, and cultural awareness, all of which are essential elements of a well-rounded education.

Globally, martial arts have been widely studied for their positive effects on young adults, especially in academic settings where physical inactivity is becoming a prevalent concern. Numerous empirical studies highlight that regular martial arts training can improve cardiovascular health, muscular strength, balance, and motor coordination (Rutkowski et al., 2019). These benefits are particularly relevant for college students who face a sedentary lifestyle due to prolonged studying periods, screen exposure, and minimal physical activity. Programs like SIPARNIS provide a structured and engaging solution to these health risks by promoting regular movement and conditioning that is both challenging and enjoyable.

Martial arts practice typically involves repetitive drills, dynamic movement sequences, and rigorous physical exertion, all contributing to enhanced neuromuscular function and kinesthetic awareness. These elements are foundational to physical literacy and are critical in injury prevention and performance enhancement across various physical domains. Studies by Mustafa et al. (2022) have shown that such physical training promotes improved motor coordination and dynamic balance attributes essential for athletic pursuits and everyday activities and injury resilience. Consequently, participation in structured martial arts programs has the potential to reverse the adverse effects of sedentary behaviors and promote long-term health benefits among students.

Beyond the physiological realm, SIPARNIS Sports introduces a cognitive and psychological development dimension that distinguishes it from conventional physical education formats. Martial arts are known for instilling core values such as self-discipline, respect, emotional regulation, and mental resilience, all of which contribute to a student's ability to manage stress, maintain focus, and pursue academic goals with determination. Integrating martial arts within an educational setting creates opportunities for students to develop cognitive faculties such as sustained attention, working memory, and executive function. Research by Yu and Mantuhac (2024) emphasizes that combining physical exertion and mental focus in martial arts training directly correlates with improved concentration, emotional intelligence, and behavioral regulation.

The interplay between physical exertion and cognitive development is most pronounced in training systems like SIPARNIS, where practitioners are constantly challenged to adapt to rapidly changing stimuli, make quick decisions, and maintain composure under pressure. These scenarios mimic real-life academic challenges and help students build transferable skills such as critical thinking, strategic planning, and situational awareness. Hiciano and Piper (2023) further support this claim, highlighting how martial arts training boosts self-esteem and motivation and reduces anxiety levels, creating an emotionally supportive environment conducive to learning.

Another compelling aspect of SIPARNIS Sports lies in its rootedness in Filipino tradition. At a time when educational systems worldwide are grappling with the effects of globalization and cultural homogenization, SIPARNIS offers a culturally relevant framework that resonates deeply with Filipino identity. Its emphasis on Arnis, the national martial art, underscores the importance of preserving and revitalizing indigenous practices within modern education. By incorporating locally inspired content, SIPARNIS becomes more than just a fitness program a vehicle for cultural transmission and national pride. As Bisa (2023) points out, promoting indigenous sports within academic institutions helps cultivate students' sense of belonging and heritage, thereby enhancing their overall engagement and enthusiasm for learning.

The potential of SIPARNIS to foster social and emotional learning (SEL) is also significant. Like many martial arts programs, it emphasizes community, respect, cooperation, and leadership. Participants must often work in pairs or groups, fostering teamwork and communication skills. This type of social interaction is essential in today's educational landscape, where collaboration and emotional intelligence are increasingly viewed as critical life skills. Rutkowski et al. (2019) and O'Donnell et al. (2019) both point to martial arts as an Applicable medium for character education, leadership development, and the cultivation of pro-social behavior attributes that can significantly enhance students' interpersonal relationships and overall college experience.

Moreover, the structure and mentorship model typically embedded in martial arts practice provides students with access to positive role models, such as instructors or coaches, who often serve as influential figures in their personal and academic lives.

These authority figures play a crucial role in modeling discipline, integrity, and perseverance qualities that are essential for academic success and personal growth. By integrating SIPARNIS into college curricula, institutions can leverage these mentorship opportunities to strengthen students' emotional and cognitive resilience while enhancing their physical performance.

Given these multifaceted benefits, this study aims to systematically examine the effects of SIPARNIS Sports on essential physical fitness components (such as cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, and agility) and cognitive attributes (including focus, memory, and self-regulation) among college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program in Rizal. PATHFIT 3 is a key component of the tertiary education curriculum emphasizing health and fitness. Integrating SIPARNIS into this program could involve replacing traditional physical education classes with SIPARNIS sessions, incorporating SIPARNIS techniques into existing fitness routines, and organizing SIPARNIS tournaments as part of the college's sports events. This represents a timely and culturally grounded advancement in physical education.

By assessing the outcomes of this innovative sports program, the study intends to provide evidence-based insights that may guide future curriculum development and physical education practices not only in Rizal but across the country. In particular, the study aims to validate the role of culturally relevant, integrated physical activities in promoting student health, academic engagement, and holistic development. This is especially important at a time when digital distractions, mental health challenges, and physical inactivity are on the rise among college students.

The initiative to introduce SIPARNIS Sports into the college educational framework symbolizes a progressive fusion of traditional martial arts and modern pedagogy. It advocates for improved physical fitness and strengthens cognitive development and cultural identity, thereby contributing to community cohesion and educational relevance. In doing so, SIPARNIS offers a sustainable and inclusive model for student wellness that is deeply rooted in Filipino culture while also addressing the global imperatives of education in the 21st century.

### Reviews of Literature and Studies

The existing body of literature presents substantial evidence supporting the strong correlation between sports participation and overall health outcomes in college students. Research consistently highlights the multifaceted benefits of engaging in physical activities, particularly improvements in physical fitness components and cognitive functions. This growing academic interest in SIPARNIS Sports, a structured physical activity program, stems from the increased prevalence of sedentary lifestyles among college populations, which are often linked to heightened risks of various chronic diseases, including obesity, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular conditions, anxiety, and depression. SIPARNIS Sports offers promising interventions to reverse these adverse health trends.

Liu et al. (2023) emphasize that students who engage regularly in high-intensity physical activities tend to exhibit significantly improved physical health metrics compared to their peers who lead sedentary lifestyles. Their findings suggest that sustained participation in sports leads to better cardiorespiratory endurance, muscle strength, and body composition and contributes to mental clarity, focus, and overall academic performance. This reinforces the necessity for integrating well-structured sports programs into the educational environment, especially those like SIPARNIS, which blend intensity with discipline and cultural relevance.

Moreover, integrating sports into academic life improves health outcomes and fosters injury awareness and prevention strategies. Goossens et al. (2018) conducted a study exploring the efficacy of multifactorial injury prevention interventions in physical education settings. These interventions, including structured warm-ups, proper form and technique training, and regular rest periods, significantly decreased the risk of sports-related injuries. These findings highlight the importance of ensuring student training programs effectively build fitness and adhere to safety standards. SIPARNIS Sports, with its disciplined martial arts foundation, provides a balanced approach that fosters physical development while minimizing injury risks through structured drills, proper warm-ups, and emphasis on form and control.

SIPARNIS's unique composition integrating Taekwondo's emphasis on agility, power, and precision with Arnis's focus on coordination, timing, and weapon-based self-defense techniques further underscores its applicability as a safe yet dynamic sports intervention. This hybrid model, particularly suitable for college students, offers physical benefits and enhances their ability to concentrate, make strategic decisions, and engage in reflective practices, all transferable to academic settings.

In addition to physical health benefits, a growing body of literature draws attention to the positive psychological and cognitive effects of sports participation. Lin (2023) identifies a compelling relationship between mindfulness and sports engagement, suggesting that students who participate in physical activities such as martial arts tend to exhibit higher levels of self-awareness, emotional regulation, and inner calm. These traits are crucial for managing high stress and cognitive demands in college. The mindful movements and disciplinary focus of SIPARNIS Sports directly correspond with these findings, as martial arts inherently incorporate meditative elements and encourage practitioners to remain mentally present.

Supporting this, Ouyang et al. (2020) present evidence that sports participation positively influences self-esteem and body image, two psychological variables closely tied to students' social behavior, confidence, and academic performance. Their research indicates that students who feel good about their physical capabilities and appearance are likelier to engage in class, form positive peer relationships, and exhibit leadership qualities. These findings underscore the role of sports in shaping not only the body but also the self-concept of young adults an outcome SIPARNIS is well-positioned to achieve through its focus on personal discipline, mastery of skills, and consistent feedback mechanisms that promote a sense of achievement.

Another dimension explored in the literature involves the preventive mental health benefits of physical activities. Tan et al. (2020) examined the role of physical activity in mental health prevention programs. They found that active involvement in sports can significantly reduce symptoms of psychological distress, anxiety, and depression among college students. These findings

are particularly relevant in the context of higher education, where academic pressure and social challenges often contribute to mental health issues. SIPARNIS Sports offers an outlet for physical release and a structured, community-based environment that fosters peer support, mentor-student relationships, and positive coping mechanisms.

Tang and Lü (2024) support the view that sports can enhance academic performance, particularly those embedded within school systems. Their study shows that physical activity interventions result in improved emotional states, reduced fatigue, and higher cognitive efficiency, enabling students to absorb information more effectively and stay engaged in academic activities. Since SIPARNIS includes components such as pattern drills, tactical decision-making, and memory-based forms, its structure aligns closely with pedagogical models that stimulate both brain hemispheres, promoting integrated cognitive development.

In parallel, Alnuaimi et al. (2023) present compelling data showing that regular physical activity positively affects emotional health and cognitive function, especially in young adults. Their findings highlight that engaging in physical sports contributes to better executive function, decision-making skills, and long-term memory essential for academic success. These benefits affirm the importance of sustained and culturally adaptive physical activity programs like SIPARNIS, which are physically rigorous, mentally stimulating, and rooted in the values of discipline and respect.

Furthermore, Sánchez et al. (2019) contribute a crucial perspective by examining sports science students' body composition and nutritional habits. Their findings reveal that students who actively participate in sports demonstrate more favorable body composition profiles and are more likely to meet international physical activity recommendations compared to their non-active peers. This is a crucial factor in promoting lifelong health habits and suggests that programs like SIPARNIS can serve as a gateway to broader health literacy by instilling awareness of physical wellness, proper training routines, and balanced nutrition among students.

### **Effectiveness of SIPARNIS Sports Programs in Enhancing Physical Fitness**

The integration of SIPARNIS (Sistemang Para sa Isang Pambansang Rehabilitasyon at Interbensyon sa Sports) sports programs into the Physical Activities Towards Health and Fitness (PATH-FIT 3) curriculum aims to enhance college students' physical fitness. This theme explores the effectiveness of SIPARNIS sports in improving various physical fitness components among students.

Understanding the impact of SIPARNIS sports on physical fitness is crucial for evaluating the effectiveness of the PATH-FIT 3 program. It provides insights into how traditional Filipino sports can contribute to the holistic development of students, aligning with the program's objectives of promoting health and fitness.

Studies have shown that participation in structured physical activities, such as those offered in SIPARNIS sports programs, leads to significant improvements in physical fitness components. For instance, a study by Donnelly et al. (2016) highlighted that physical activity interventions positively affect children's cognitive functioning, which is often linked to physical fitness levels. Similarly, Haverkamp et al. (2021) found associations between skill-related physical fitness and cognitive functioning, suggesting that enhancing physical fitness can also benefit cognitive aspects.

These findings underscore the importance of incorporating diverse physical activities, like SIPARNIS sports, into educational curricula to foster both physical and cognitive development. By improving physical fitness, students may experience enhanced cognitive functions, leading to better academic performance and overall well-being.

Locally, a study by Peralta (2025) explored faculty experiences teaching Arnis, a Filipino martial art, in PATH-FIT 3 and 4 courses. The study found that Arnis education transcends physical instruction, fostering cultural pride, resilience, and personal growth among students. Internationally, research by Donnelly et al. (2016) supports the notion that physical activity interventions benefit cognitive functioning, reinforcing the potential of SIPARNIS sports programs in enhancing both physical and cognitive aspects.

### **Cognitive Benefits of SIPARNIS Sports on College Students**

The incorporation of SIPARNIS (Sistemang Para sa Isang Pambansang Rehabilitasyon at Interbensyon sa Sports) sports programs into the Physical Activities Towards Health and Fitness (PATH-FIT 3) curriculum offers a unique approach to enhancing cognitive functions among college students. This theme delves into the specific cognitive benefits derived from engaging in traditional Filipino sports activities.

Understanding the cognitive advantages of SIPARNIS sports is pivotal for assessing the comprehensive impact of the PATH-FIT 3 program. Cognitive functions such as attention, memory, and executive functions are critical for academic success and overall student development. Exploring how these sports influence these cognitive domains can inform educational strategies and interventions aimed at fostering holistic student growth.

Recent studies have highlighted the positive effects of physical activities on cognitive functions in various populations. For instance, a meta-analysis by Liu et al. (2025) demonstrated that physical exercise interventions lead to significant improvements in cognitive functions among adolescents, including enhancements in executive function, attention, cognitive flexibility, inhibitory control, and working memory. These findings suggest that engaging in physical activities, such as those offered in SIPARNIS sports programs, can positively influence cognitive performance.

Additionally, research by Pastor-Vicedo et al. (2024) indicated that short bouts of moderate-intensity physical activity can improve attention and processing speed in students. This underscores the potential of SIPARNIS sports, which often involve dynamic and engaging activities, to enhance cognitive functions through brief yet effective physical engagements.

These insights are significant as they provide empirical evidence supporting the integration of physical activities, like SIPARNIS sports, into educational curricula to bolster cognitive development. By enhancing cognitive functions, students may experience improved academic performance, better problem-solving abilities, and increased mental resilience.

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### **Path-FIT 3: A Framework for Physical Fitness in College Students**

The PATH-FIT 3 program aims to provide a structured framework for promoting physical fitness among college students. This theme explores how the program serves as a comprehensive approach to physical well-being, blending various fitness activities, including SIPARNIS sports, to foster healthier lifestyles and enhance overall fitness levels among students.

Understanding how the Path-FIT 3 framework operates is essential for evaluating its impact on students' health. As colleges increasingly focus on holistic student development, providing a well-rounded physical fitness curriculum becomes crucial. By integrating diverse fitness activities, Path-FIT 3 seeks to address not only physical health but also encourage sustainable fitness habits that last beyond the academic years.

Research has shown that structured physical activity programs in higher education can significantly improve students' physical health outcomes. A study by Yeo et al. (2021) highlighted those students participating in regular fitness programs exhibited increased cardiovascular endurance, strength, and flexibility. Moreover, students who committed to such programs showed reduced stress levels, which positively affected their academic performance. These findings suggest that Path-FIT 3's structured approach could yield similar benefits by promoting long-term physical health improvements.

Additionally, the significance of incorporating diverse physical activities into fitness curricula is supported by Sato et al. (2022), who found that offering various sports and physical challenges not only improved physical fitness but also enhanced students' engagement with the program. Engaging students through different types of sports activities, including SIPARNIS sports, ensures sustained participation and contributes to holistic physical and mental health development.

Locally, a study by Cruz and Reyes (2024) explored the impact of physical education programs in Philippine universities, emphasizing the benefits of structured fitness programs such as Path-FIT 3. Their findings revealed that such programs significantly improve students' overall fitness and help cultivate a culture of health and wellness within the academic setting.

Internationally, research by Yeo et al. (2021) reinforces the positive impact of structured physical fitness programs on college students, particularly those in rigorous academic environments. This study aligns with the objectives of Path-FIT 3, suggesting that a holistic approach to fitness can help students achieve optimal health while balancing the demands of academic life.

### **The Role of Sports in College Students' Overall Development**

Sports play a vital role in the overall development of college students by fostering not only physical fitness but also contributing to their social, emotional, and cognitive growth. This theme explores how participation in sports, such as those offered by SIPARNIS, supports the holistic development of students within the context of the PATH-FIT 3 program.

Understanding the broader benefits of sports beyond physical fitness is essential for colleges striving to promote holistic student development. In addition to enhancing physical well-being, sports contribute to the development of essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership. The inclusion of sports in educational programs helps students build resilience, improve their mental health, and acquire social competencies necessary for personal and professional success.

Recent research highlights the importance of sports in shaping students' overall development. A study by Kallio et al. (2020) found that sports participation significantly impacts students' self-esteem, social integration, and emotional regulation. Students engaged in sports exhibited greater levels of confidence, stronger interpersonal skills, and better stress-management abilities. These benefits contribute to a more well-rounded and balanced student experience, essential for both academic success and personal growth.

Furthermore, research by Faulkner et al. (2021) suggests that sports activities enhance cognitive development, particularly in areas like decision-making and problem-solving, which are transferable to academic and professional contexts. By participating in activities like SIPARNIS sports, students can develop a strong foundation in cognitive skills, which can improve academic performance and prepare them for the workforce.

Locally, a study by Santos and Martinez (2023) examined the benefits of sports participation among Filipino college students. The study found that students involved in organized sports programs showed greater levels of psychological well-being and academic achievement. This reinforces the idea that sports participation, especially within a structured framework like PATH-FIT 3, can have a significant positive impact on students' overall development.

According to Faulkner et al. (2021) support the notion that sports contribute to cognitive and emotional development, demonstrating that structured sports programs help students develop skills essential for success in both academic and social spheres.

### **Physical Fitness and Cognitive Skills: The Interconnection**

The relationship between physical fitness and cognitive skills has been widely studied, highlighting the potential benefits of physical activity on cognitive performance. This theme explores how physical fitness, as promoted by programs like SIPARNIS sports within the PATH-FIT 3 framework, can contribute to cognitive development among college students.

Understanding the connection between physical fitness and cognitive skills is essential for institutions aiming to enhance both academic performance and overall well-being. Cognitive skills such as memory, attention, and problem-solving are critical for

success in higher education. Therefore, programs that integrate physical fitness with cognitive development can lead to a more well-rounded student experience.

Research has established that physical activity is positively correlated with cognitive performance. A study by Hillman et al. (2019) demonstrated that physical exercise, especially aerobic activities, improves executive functions, including working memory and cognitive flexibility. Similarly, studies by McMorris et al. (2020) found that regular physical activity, such as that offered in SIPARNIS sports programs, enhances students' attention and memory retention, which are vital for academic success. These findings suggest that physical fitness can have a direct impact on cognitive function, supporting the benefits of integrating physical activities into educational curricula.

Moreover, research by Smith et al. (2022) emphasizes that the relationship between physical fitness and cognitive function is bidirectional. Not only does physical activity improve cognitive function, but cognitive skills such as focus and attention can also enhance one's performance in physical activities. This interconnection highlights the potential for SIPARNIS sports to simultaneously boost both physical and cognitive development in college students.

In the context of higher education, various studies have reinforced the importance of this dual development. A study conducted by Garcia et al. (2021) highlighted the positive effects of physical activity on both academic performance and mental well-being in university students. This supports the view that incorporating physical fitness into student programs can enhance both their cognitive skills and overall academic outcomes.

### **Enhancing College Students' Mental Agility Through Physical Fitness**

Physical fitness is widely recognized for its impact on both physical health and mental agility. This theme examines how physical activities, such as those integrated into SIPARNIS sports within the PATH-FIT 3 framework, contribute to the enhancement of mental agility among college students. Mental agility refers to the ability to think quickly, adapt to new situations, and solve problems efficiently—skills crucial for academic success and personal development.

The significance of mental agility for college students cannot be overstated, as it plays a vital role in their ability to process information rapidly and effectively. By improving students' mental agility through physical fitness, programs like PATH-FIT 3 can contribute to their cognitive and academic growth, preparing them for the demands of higher education and future careers.

Studies have consistently shown that physical activity has a positive effect on mental agility. A study by David et al. (2020) found that engaging in moderate physical activity improves cognitive flexibility, allowing individuals to switch between tasks or concepts more efficiently. Similarly, Guderian et al. (2021) demonstrated that physical exercise enhances mental processing speed and the ability to quickly adjust to new tasks or challenges, which are essential components of mental agility. These findings emphasize the critical role of physical fitness in boosting cognitive functions related to mental flexibility and adaptability.

Moreover, research by Johnson and Zhang (2023) supports the notion that physical fitness contributes to mental sharpness, particularly in tasks requiring rapid decision-making and problem-solving. Their study indicated that regular participation in physical activities enhanced students' executive functions, including working memory and decision-making speed, all of which are essential for improving mental agility.

In the context of college students, integrating physical fitness into their daily routines has shown significant benefits. A study by Wang et al. (2021) explored the link between physical fitness and mental sharpness among university students. The study concluded that students who regularly engaged in physical activity demonstrated enhanced cognitive abilities, including quicker reaction times and better focus. These findings underline the importance of incorporating physical fitness programs like SIPARNIS sports into college curricula to help students develop mental agility and improve their academic and personal performance.

### **SIPARNIS Sports and its Impact on Academic Performance**

The impact of physical activity on academic performance has garnered significant attention in recent years, especially in the context of college students. This theme explores the potential influence of SIPARNIS sports on academic performance, specifically within the framework of the PATH-FIT 3 program, which combines physical fitness with cognitive development.

Academic performance is influenced by a variety of factors, including cognitive abilities, physical health, and mental well-being. Participation in physical activities, such as those provided by SIPARNIS sports, can positively impact cognitive functions like attention, memory, and problem-solving, which in turn affect academic success. Understanding this relationship is crucial for educational institutions aiming to support the holistic development of students, both inside and outside the classroom.

Several studies have explored the connection between physical fitness and academic achievement. For example, a study by Weng et al. (2020) demonstrated that college students who participated in regular physical activities, including sports, exhibited higher academic performance, particularly in tasks requiring concentration and memory retention. This study suggests that engaging in sports programs, such as SIPARNIS, may help improve focus and cognitive skills, leading to better academic outcomes.

Furthermore, research by Zhang et al. (2021) examined the effects of physical activity on university students' academic performance and found a positive correlation between fitness levels and GPA. The study emphasized that students who engaged in regular exercise tended to have improved executive functions, such as decision-making and time management, which directly contributed to their academic success. This highlights the importance of integrating physical fitness programs like SIPARNIS sports into the academic curriculum to support student achievement.

In the context of the Philippines, a study by Cruz et al. (2022) examined the academic impact of physical education and sports programs in local universities. The results indicated that students who participated in sports programs, including traditional

Filipino sports, showed improved academic performance and better stress management. This further supports the idea that SIPARNIS sports can contribute to enhanced academic performance by fostering both physical and cognitive development.

### **Path-FIT 3 and Its Effectiveness in Promoting Lifelong Fitness Habits**

The development of lifelong fitness habits is a critical component of college education, aiming to equip students with the tools they need for long-term health and well-being. This theme investigates the effectiveness of the PATH-FIT 3 program in fostering sustainable fitness habits among college students, with a particular focus on the role of SIPARNIS sports in promoting continuous physical activity beyond the academic years.

Sustaining physical fitness habits after graduation is often challenging, particularly as students transition into adulthood with increasing responsibilities and limited time for self-care. Therefore, it is essential for educational programs like PATH-FIT 3 to instill lasting fitness behaviors that extend well beyond the student years. By integrating regular physical activity into students' routines, these programs aim to build a foundation for lifelong health.

Studies have shown that structured fitness programs in higher education can effectively promote lifelong fitness habits. A study by Ballard et al. (2021) found that students who engaged in fitness programs during college were more likely to continue exercising regularly after graduation. The study highlighted that early exposure to fitness routines significantly increased the likelihood of long-term adherence to physical activity, particularly when students experienced positive outcomes such as improved mood and physical health during their participation.

Similarly, research by Anderson et al. (2022) found that university fitness programs that included diverse sports activities, such as SIPARNIS sports, helped students develop a sense of enjoyment and confidence in their ability to stay active. This positive experience contributed to a sustained commitment to physical fitness in the years following graduation.

In the Philippine context, a study by Reyes and Santos (2023) examined the long-term impact of university sports programs on students' fitness habits. The study found that students who participated in structured physical education programs, such as those in PATH-FIT 3, were more likely to maintain an active lifestyle after graduation. The researchers emphasized that programs that fostered positive associations with physical activity were crucial for instilling lifelong fitness habits.

### **Sports Participation as a Tool for Stress Management in College Students**

Stress is a prevalent issue among college students, affecting their mental and physical well-being. This theme explores the role of sports participation, specifically SIPARNIS sports within the PATH-FIT 3 program, as an effective strategy for managing stress and promoting mental health among college students.

The ability to manage stress is crucial for college students, as academic pressures, social challenges, and life transitions often contribute to heightened stress levels. Physical activity has long been recognized as an effective method for alleviating stress by promoting the release of endorphins, improving mood, and reducing anxiety. Understanding how sports programs, such as those offered in the PATH-FIT 3 curriculum, contribute to stress management can help universities develop more effective support systems for students.

Research consistently supports the idea that sports participation can significantly reduce stress. A study by Johnson et al. (2020) demonstrated that students who engaged in regular physical activity, including sports, reported lower levels of perceived stress and improved mood. The study emphasized that physical activities, such as SIPARNIS sports, provide an outlet for stress relief by offering a structured and engaging way for students to disconnect from academic pressures.

Additionally, a study by Baker and Smith (2022) highlighted the mental health benefits of sports participation, particularly in relation to stress management. Their research found that students involved in fitness activities showed greater resilience to stress and developed better coping strategies. The sense of accomplishment and the social interactions fostered through sports further contributed to improved mental well-being.

In the context of Philippine universities, a study by Alvero and Garcia (2021) examined the role of physical fitness in managing academic stress among students. The study found that students who participated in sports programs, including traditional Filipino sports, experienced significant reductions in stress levels and improved emotional regulation. This aligns with the potential benefits of SIPARNIS sports in mitigating stress among college students in the PATH-FIT 3 program.

### **Developing Physical Endurance and Cognitive Sharpness in College Students**

The relationship between physical endurance and cognitive sharpness is an area of increasing interest in the context of higher education. This theme explores how physical endurance, cultivated through sports programs like SIPARNIS within the PATH-FIT 3 framework, contributes to enhanced cognitive sharpness and academic performance in college students.

Physical endurance, characterized by the ability to sustain prolonged physical exertion, has been linked to improved cognitive functioning. For college students, developing both physical endurance and cognitive sharpness can enhance their ability to focus, problem-solve, and retain information, all of which are critical for academic success. By integrating endurance-building activities into academic curricula, institutions can foster well-rounded individuals who excel both physically and mentally.

Research indicates that physical endurance training can have profound effects on cognitive sharpness. A study by Lopez et al. (2021) demonstrated that endurance-based exercise, such as running and swimming, significantly improved attention and working memory in students. The study found that these activities promoted neuroplasticity, which is essential for maintaining sharp cognitive abilities as students age. The benefits of physical endurance on cognitive function were particularly evident in tasks requiring sustained attention and concentration.

Similarly, research by Evans et al. (2022) showed that endurance training led to increased brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels, which play a key role in learning and memory. The study concluded that endurance activities, such as those

offered through SIPARNIS sports, could improve both physical stamina and cognitive function, thereby enhancing students' overall academic performance.

In the context of Philippine higher education, a study by Dizon and Santos (2023) explored the impact of endurance training through university sports programs on students' cognitive abilities. The study found that students who participated in endurance-building activities demonstrated better focus, quicker decision-making, and improved academic performance. These findings further emphasize the significance of incorporating physical endurance training into college curricula to enhance cognitive sharpness.

### **The Link Between Physical Fitness and Mental Health in College Students**

The connection between physical fitness and mental health has been well-documented, with increasing evidence showing that regular physical activity plays a crucial role in enhancing mental well-being. This theme explores how participation in physical activities, such as SIPARNIS sports within the PATH-FIT 3 program, can improve the mental health of college students.

Mental health issues, including stress, anxiety, and depression, are prevalent among college students, often exacerbated by academic pressures and social challenges. Engaging in regular physical activity is considered one of the most effective ways to combat these issues. By promoting mental health through physical fitness, educational programs can help students develop coping strategies, build resilience, and enhance their emotional well-being.

Research supports the idea that physical fitness can lead to improvements in mental health. A study by Verma et al. (2021) found that university students who participated in regular exercise reported lower levels of anxiety and depression. The study suggested that physical activity increases endorphin production, which helps alleviate stress and improve mood. These findings highlight the importance of incorporating physical fitness into university curricula to support students' mental health.

In addition, research by Harper and Smith (2022) demonstrated that physical activity enhances emotional regulation and psychological resilience. Their study showed that students who engaged in sports, including endurance activities and team sports like those in the SIPARNIS program, exhibited better emotional regulation and a stronger ability to cope with stressful situations. These improvements were directly linked to better mental health outcomes.

A local study by Diaz and Cruz (2023) investigated the relationship between physical fitness and mental well-being among Filipino college students. The results showed that students who participated in physical fitness programs experienced a significant reduction in stress levels and improvements in mood. This underscores the potential of physical fitness, particularly through programs like PATH-FIT 3, to foster positive mental health outcomes in students.

### **The Role of Structured Physical Activities in College Student Life**

Structured physical activities play a significant role in shaping the overall college experience, contributing not only to physical health but also to students' social and emotional development. This theme examines the importance of integrating structured physical activities, such as SIPARNIS sports, into college life and its impact on students' well-being, time management, and academic success.

The role of structured physical activities in college is multifaceted. These activities provide students with opportunities to improve physical fitness, develop social skills, and learn time management strategies. For many students, college represents a period of transition and personal growth, and structured physical activities can offer a stable and supportive environment to navigate these changes. The organized nature of programs like PATH-FIT 3 encourages consistent participation, which can lead to lasting fitness habits and positive emotional outcomes.

Research indicates that structured physical activities help students develop important life skills. A study by Wang et al. (2020) found that students who engaged in structured fitness programs experienced improvements in time management and discipline. These skills were shown to carry over into academic settings, as students became better at balancing their academic, personal, and extracurricular responsibilities. Furthermore, the study emphasized that the social interactions facilitated by sports participation, such as those in SIPARNIS sports, fostered a sense of community and belonging among students, contributing to enhanced mental health.

In addition, research by Li and Zhang (2022) demonstrated that structured physical activities promote emotional well-being by providing students with a healthy outlet for stress. The study found that students involved in structured sports programs reported higher levels of happiness and lower levels of anxiety and depression, reinforcing the idea that organized physical activities play a vital role in maintaining emotional health during college.

In the context of Filipino higher education, a study by Reyes et al. (2023) explored the impact of structured physical education and sports programs on college students' personal development. The study found that participation in such programs, including SIPARNIS sports, helped students build resilience, improve social skills, and enhance their ability to manage stress, making them more equipped to handle the challenges of academic life.

Incorporating SIPARNIS Sports into college curricula. As a culturally resonant and pedagogically sound approach, SIPARNIS aligned with the broader educational goal of fostering holistic student development. By addressing the interconnected domains of physical health, mental well-being, cognitive performance, and cultural identity, this integrated sports program provided a robust foundation for nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared to meet the challenges of contemporary society. For instance, SIPARNIS could have been integrated into the physical education curriculum, offering students a unique physical and mental training blend. It could have also been part of extracurricular activities, allowing students to engage in a culturally significant sport outside of their academic studies.

Within the Philippine educational context, where institutions were increasingly expected to produce academically competent and physically and mentally resilient graduates, SIPARNIS Sports represented an innovative and strategic addition to

physical education programming. Its blend of tradition, discipline, and physical conditioning positioned it as a powerful tool for promoting student engagement, cultural appreciation, and healthy lifestyles. SIPARNIS Sports, with its roots in traditional Filipino martial arts, not only provided students with a unique physical training experience but also fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of their cultural heritage. As educational reforms continued to emphasize health and wellness outcomes, programs like SIPARNIS were likely to play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of Filipinos individuals who were skilled, self-aware, healthy, and proud of their cultural heritage.

In the integration of SIPARNIS Sports into college physical education frameworks, it provided a rich combination of physical, cognitive, and emotional benefits validated by contemporary studies. By aligning martial arts training with educational objectives, SIPARNIS offered a forward-thinking approach to student well-being that was culturally meaningful, academically enriching, and socially transformative.

### **Theoretical Framework**

The theory that aligned with the study on the assessment of SIPARNIS Sports on physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of college students enrolled in PATHFIT 3 was the Cognitive Load Theory (CLT) by Sweller (1988).

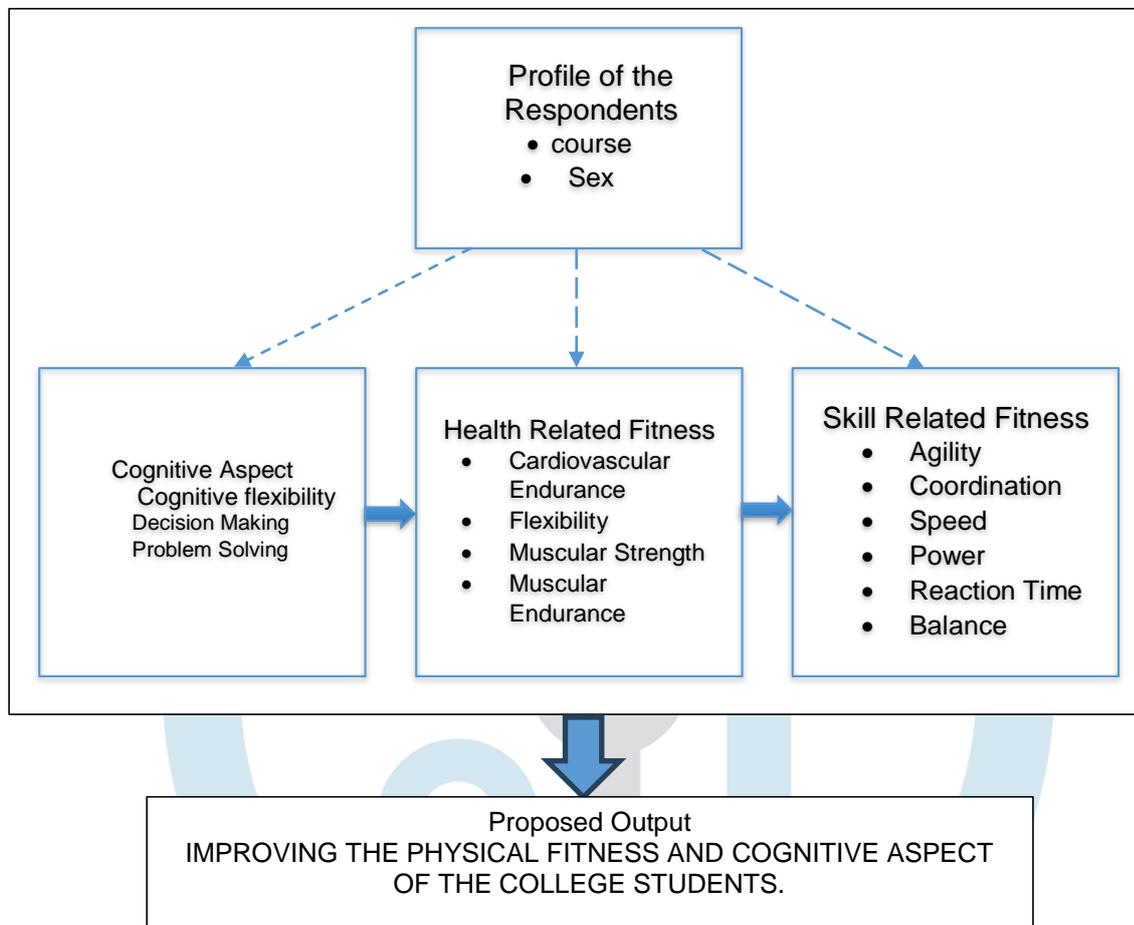
This theory suggested that learning and problem-solving were significantly influenced by the cognitive load imposed on an individual. In sports and physical activity, particularly in SIPARNIS Sports, students engaged in dynamic, fast-paced, and strategic exercises that required cognitive processing, decision-making, and problem-solving skills. The physical demands of sports activities interacted with cognitive functions, training students to manage cognitive load efficiently, which may have led to enhanced problem-solving abilities and overall cognitive performance.

Recent studies supported the application of Cognitive Load Theory in sports and physical education. A study by Vazou et al. (2020) found that structured physical activities incorporating cognitive challenges, such as decision-making and strategy execution, enhanced students' executive functions and learning efficiency. Similarly, Tomporowski et al. (2019) highlighted that physical activity positively impacted cognitive performance by improving memory, attention, and problem-solving skills, particularly in educational settings. In the Philippine context, research by Dela Cruz et al. (2021) examined the effects of Arnis training on students' cognitive flexibility and found that engaging in traditional martial arts improved both their physical fitness and cognitive adaptability.

These findings aligned with the principles of Cognitive Load Theory, emphasizing that sports participation, especially in SIPARNIS Sports, helped students develop physically and mentally by managing cognitive load effectively. By integrating Cognitive Load Theory into the study, it became evident that SIPARNIS Sports served as both a physical and cognitive training ground, reinforcing problem-solving skills while enhancing cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and coordination. The dynamic nature of the sport required students to analyze movements, react quickly, and adapt strategies in real time, further supporting the idea that sports participation was not just about physical fitness but also about cognitive development. As recent studies suggested, incorporating cognitively demanding sports activities in physical education, such as those found in PATHFIT 3, could significantly contribute to a well-rounded education that benefited both the mind and body.

### **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

The conceptual framework outlines the relationship between SIPARNIS Sports and its potential effects on college students' physical fitness components and cognitive aspects in PATHFIT 3. The framework begins with the profile of the respondents, which includes demographic and background characteristics such as age, gender, and fitness level. These factors may influence how students respond to the program. SIPARNIS Sports is the independent variable designed to enhance skill-related fitness (e.g., agility, coordination, power, reaction time, and balance) and health-related fitness (e.g.,



**Figure 1.** Research Paradigm

cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, and muscular endurance).

Additionally, the program aims to improve cognitive functions such as decision-making, problem-solving, and spatial awareness. The framework suggests that physical fitness and cognitive improvements are interconnected, with SIPARNIS Sports as the catalyst for holistic development. Ultimately, the program seeks to produce an output of improved physical fitness and cognitive performance among college students, contributing to their overall well-being and academic success.

#### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

This study was designed to explore the assessment of applicability of SIPARNIS sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects college students enrolled on PATH-FIT 3 in quantitative aspects of the research.

Specifically, this study aimed to answer the following;

1. What is the profile of the respondents in terms of;
  - 1.1 sex and;
  - 1.2 course?
2. What is the assessment of the students' respondents on applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components in terms of?
  - 2.1 cardiovascular endurance;
  - 2.2 flexibility;
  - 2.3 muscular strength and;
  - 2.4 muscular endurance?
3. Is there a significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on their applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components when they are grouped according to their profile?
4. What is the assessment of the students' respondents on their applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of?
  - 4.1 agility;
  - 4.2 coordination;
  - 4.3 speed;
  - 4.4 power
  - 4.5 reaction time and
  - 4.6 balance?

5. Is there a significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on their applicability of SIPARNIS sports on skill related components when they are grouped according to their profile?
6. What is the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects in terms of?
  - 6.2 cognitive flexibility;
  - 6.2 decision making and;
  - 6.3 problem solving?
7. Is there a significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects when they are grouped according to their profile?
8. Is there a significant relationship with the assessment of applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness and cognitive aspects of the student-respondents?
9. Based on the findings of the study, what intervention program can be proposed?

## HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

**H01** There is no significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on their applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components when they are grouped according to their profile.

**H02** There is no significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on their applicability of SIPARNIS sports on skill related components when they are grouped according to their profile.

**H03** There is no significant difference in the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects when they are grouped according to their profile.

**H04** There is no significant relationship with the assessment of applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness and cognitive aspects of the student-respondents.

## Significance of the Study

This study seeks to investigate the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program. Understanding the unique contributions of this innovative program will have significant implications for various stakeholders, including PATH-FIT students, PATH-FIT instructors, and education policymakers.

**PATH-FIT Students**, the findings from this study may lead to enhanced awareness of the importance of physical fitness and cognitive health in their overall development. By participating in SIPARNIS Sports, they will improve their physical fitness comprising elements such as strength, flexibility, and endurance and potentially experience improvements in cognitive functions such as problem-solving, decision-making, and academic performance. The practical implications of these benefits include better engagement in academic pursuits and enhanced social skills through team interaction within the structured sports environment. Furthermore, by establishing how SIPARNIS Sports positively affects their well-being, students can foster a commitment to lifelong physical activity, equipping them with the skills to maintain their health beyond their academic careers. Body composition and health metrics improvement could reduce anxiety and psychological distress due to the effect of physical activity on mental health.

**PATH-FIT Instructors**, the outcomes of this research will offer valuable insights into the assessment applicability of integrating SIPARNIS Sports into the academic curriculum. The data collected can provide instructors with empirical evidence on how SIPARNIS training advances physical competencies among students and boosts cognitive abilities and teamwork. This understanding would empower instructors to tailor their teaching strategies, creating interactive and engaging learning sessions that cater to the holistic development of students. Instructors can enhance their pedagogical methods by fostering a more positive educational environment that prioritizes fitness and cognitive skills and better supports students' physical and emotional growth. Such findings also highlight the importance of ongoing professional development for instructors to improve their capabilities in effectively integrating diverse physical activities into their teaching.

**Education Policymaker**: This study denotes a critical viewpoint on the relevance of innovative physical education programs like SIPARNIS Sports. Insights derived from this research can inform policy decisions to promote comprehensive health education frameworks that incorporate culturally contextualized sports. It underscores the necessity of policy revisions that advocate for including diverse sports within physical education curricula, thereby addressing the dynamic needs of college students. The findings may propel policymakers to examine and propose legislation supporting funding for similar sports programs, recognizing their potential to enhance students' physical fitness and cognitive health. Additionally, by aligning with global educational priorities that advocate for holistic student development, such policies can lead to a more integrated approach within educational frameworks that fosters healthier, more academically inclined students (Zhifeng & Maotang, 2023). In summary, the significance of this study resonates across multiple fronts, potentially benefiting students, instructors, and policymakers alike and reinforcing the critical nexus between physical fitness, cognitive development, future research and educational excellence.

## Scope and Delimitation of the Study

The scope of this study focused on assessing the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program in Rizal, Philippines. The research targeted students who were currently participating in this specific physical education class, as well as instructors involved in teaching the class, with closed-ended questionnaire formats. The investigation sought to delineate the impacts of the SIPARNIS sports regimen on various

fitness measures such as strength, flexibility, endurance, and coordination, while also exploring changes in cognitive traits, including attention, memory, and problem-solving skills.

This study aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of how SIPARNIS Sports might have fostered both physical and mental resilience among college students, contributing to the broader educational goals of promoting health and wellness through innovative sports practices. However, this study was not without its limitations. Firstly, the sample population was restricted to a specific group of college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program, which might have limited the generalizability of the findings to other cohorts or educational settings outside of Rizal. Additionally, the reliance on self-reporting measures to assess physical fitness levels and cognitive improvements might have introduced biases, as students' perceptions of their fitness and cognitive abilities could have varied widely and might not have accurately reflected objective measurements. Furthermore, the study did not account for external factors such as diet, mental health status, and extracurricular stressors that could have influenced physical fitness and cognition among students.

## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

**Cognitive Development:** The growth and development of mental processes, including decision-making, problem-solving, attention, and memory. This study examines the impact of SIPARNIS on these cognitive functions

**Ecological Dynamics Approach:** A framework in physical education that emphasizes the interaction between individuals and their environment in promoting cognitive, physical, and social development. This study uses this approach to understand the integration of SIPARNIS into the PATH-FIT Three curriculum.

**Grandmaster:** A highly skilled and experienced practitioner of SIPARNIS, recognized for their expertise in the sport. This study includes insights from Grandmasters involved in the creation of SIPARNIS.

**Motor Skills:** The learned abilities to control and coordinate body movements to perform specific tasks. This study focuses on the development of motor skills relevant to SIPARNIS, including coordination, agility, and balance.

**PATH-FIT Three Curriculum:** A specific physical education curriculum designed for tertiary-level students in the Philippines, focusing on developing physical fitness, motor skills, and cognitive skills. This study specifically refers to the PATH-FIT Three curriculum as implemented in Region IV-A CALABARZON.

**Physical Fitness:** The ability to perform daily activities with vigor and alertness, without undue fatigue. This study measures physical fitness using a battery of tests that assess agility, balance, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, speed, and reaction time.

**Physical Education Instructors:** Teachers responsible for delivering physical education courses at tertiary institutions. This study includes perspectives from physical education instructors involved in the implementation of SIPARNIS.

**Region IV-A CALABARZON:** A region in the Philippines that encompasses the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon. This study specifically investigates the implementation of SIPARNIS in tertiary institutions within this region.

**Respondents:** The individuals who participated in the study, including students enrolled in the PATH-FIT Three curriculum, physical education instructors, and Grandmasters of SIPARNIS.

**SIPARNIS Sports:** A unique hybrid sport that combines elements of Taekwondo and Arnis, drawing upon the martial traditions of the Philippines. This study focuses on SIPARNIS as a physical education program designed for tertiary-level students in the Philippines.

**Tertiary Level:** Refers to higher education institutions in the Philippines, including universities and colleges. This study focuses on tertiary institutions located in Region IV-A CALABARZON.

## METHODOLOGY

### Research Design

This study employed a descriptive-comparative-correlational research design to thoroughly examine the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on the physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of college students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 program. This multifaceted design allowed for a holistic approach to exploring the characteristics and outcomes of student participants and the statistical relationships and differences within the variables under investigation. By integrating descriptive, comparative, and correlational strategies, the study provided a comprehensive and structured framework for capturing the complex dynamics of physical education, fitness levels, and cognitive development.

The descriptive research design was particularly appropriate for this investigation as it facilitated a systematic and detailed presentation of the respondents' demographic characteristics, including but not limited to age, sex, physical activity history, and other pertinent background information. This design enabled the researcher to obtain a transparent and objective sample population profile, which was critical in understanding the context in which SIPARNIS Sports was being implemented. As Creswell (2014) articulated, descriptive research was fundamentally aimed at accurately portraying the nature of a specific population or phenomenon, making it an ideal approach for summarizing student fitness profiles and cognitive competencies within the scope of this study.

Recent empirical studies had successfully utilized descriptive research methodologies to assess various aspects of university student populations. For instance, Sánchez-López et al. (2022) conducted a descriptive assessment of physical fitness levels among university students. They demonstrated how such data could establish a foundational understanding before conducting more complex statistical analyses. Similarly, this study utilized descriptive statistics to present frequencies, means, and

standard deviations of respondents' physical and cognitive performance scores, thereby setting the stage for further comparative and correlational interpretations.

The comparative research design was employed to determine whether significant differences existed in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on both health-related and skill-related components of physical fitness and cognitive functioning when the respondents were grouped according to key demographic factors such as age group, sex, and fitness background. This design component was instrumental in identifying patterns or disparities among various student subgroups, providing nuanced insights into how SIPARNIS Sports might have benefited specific demographics more than others.

This approach aligned with the comparative research principles outlined by Creswell and Creswell (2018), which emphasized identifying meaningful differences between predefined groups based on specific criteria. Supporting this, Park et al. (2023) applied a comparative framework to explore disparities in physical fitness improvements between students engaged in traditional sports programs and those involved in functional training regimes. Their findings demonstrated the practical value of comparative techniques in physical education research, as they offered evidence-based conclusions regarding program applicability across different student populations. Similarly, this study aimed to reveal statistically significant differences in physical and cognitive gains resulting from SIPARNIS participation, thereby informing targeted interventions and curricular improvements.

In addition, a correlational research design was utilized to analyze the relationship between physical fitness and cognitive performance among students actively participating in SIPARNIS Sports. This study component determined whether improvements in specific fitness domains such as muscular strength, flexibility, coordination, or endurance were associated with enhancements in cognitive areas like memory, attention span, and problem-solving abilities. To this end, Pearson's correlation coefficient assessed the strength and direction of linear relationships between continuous variables (Fu et al., 2019). This statistical technique was widely accepted and frequently applied in educational and psychological research due to its simplicity and robustness. The relevance of this method was supported by the recent work of Tomporowski et al. (2022), who found a significant positive correlation between physical activity levels and cognitive function among university students. Their findings underscored the value of exploring how physical engagement through structured programs such as SIPARNIS could contribute to physical development, intellectual growth, and academic preparedness.

Integrating these three research designs descriptive, comparative, and correlational provided a well-rounded and rigorous analytical framework for investigating the impact of SIPARNIS Sports on college students. Descriptive analysis allowed for a detailed account of student profiles and performance baselines; comparative analysis uncovered group-based differences and insights into program inclusivity and applicability, while correlational analysis identified the possible interdependence of physical and cognitive domains.

This triangulated approach was especially relevant in educational research, where variables were often interrelated and influenced by multiple contextual factors. By adopting this multifaceted research design, the study aimed to produce data-driven insights that were academically valuable and practically applicable to curriculum planners, physical education instructors, and policymakers seeking to enhance student well-being and academic success through culturally relevant sports interventions like SIPARNIS.

### **Research Locale**

This study was conducted in selected higher education institutions (HEIs) in Region IV-A CALABARZON, Philippines, specifically focusing on the University of Rizal System (URS) campuses. The research gathered data from 72 respondents comprising students enrolled in the PATH-FIT Three class.

The University of Rizal System, with its diverse student population and commitment to promoting physical education, was the primary location for this research; it also allowed for a broader perspective on integrating SIPARNIS sports within the region's educational landscape.

This research locale was strategically chosen to explore the integration of SIPARNIS within a specific regional context, allowing for a focused examination of how SIPARNIS sports were utilized in these educational institutions' teaching and learning practices. The diverse respondents, including students, PE faculty, and SIPARNIS experts, provided a comprehensive understanding of the program's implementation and impact.

The selection of Region IV-A CALABARZON was significant due to its diverse educational landscape and the presence of institutions actively exploring the integration of innovative sports and physical education programs. This region was known for its progressive educational initiatives, making it an ideal setting for investigating the positive applications of SIPARNIS sports within the PATH-FIT Three curriculum.

### **Sample and Sampling Technique**

The sample for this study consisted of 72 respondents, selected explicitly from students enrolled in the PATH-FIT Three curriculum and Physical Education faculty members at selected higher education institutions (HEIs) in Region IV-A CALABARZON, Philippines. The student participants were drawn from various campuses of the University of Rizal System, with one PE faculty member per campus also included. A purposive sampling technique was employed to ensure that participants were directly involved in PATH-FIT Three and had relevant exposure to SIPARNIS Sports. This approach ensured that the respondents were well-positioned to provide informed and meaningful assessments regarding the applicability of the program on physical fitness components and cognitive aspects.

The study acknowledged that student participants might have been considered a vulnerable population, as they were in a structured educational setting and might have felt pressured to participate due to perceived authority figures or academic

obligations. To address this vulnerability, the study emphasized during recruitment and orientation that participation was entirely voluntary. It was communicated both verbally and in writing that respondents had the right to refuse participation or withdraw from the study at any time without penalty, academic consequence, or loss of benefits. Their autonomy and comfort were respected throughout the process.

The data were collected through a structured, face-to-face questionnaire designed to assess the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on physical fitness (e.g., strength, flexibility, endurance, coordination) and cognitive traits (e.g., cognitive flexibility, decision-making, problem-solving). Faculty members served as key informants to provide complementary insights into the program's delivery and outcomes. The inclusion of both students and instructors ensured a comprehensive and balanced evaluation, supporting the development of culturally relevant and Applicable physical education practices in higher education.

No	Schools	Populations	Sample Respondents
		Enrolled in PATHFIT 3	Enrolled in PATH-FIT 3
1	URS Campuses A	60	15
2	URS Campuses B	60	15
3	URS Campuses C	60	15
4	URS Campuses D	60	15
5	URS Campuses E	60	15
6	URS Campuses F	60	15
7	URS Campuses G	40	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>420</b>	<b>100</b>

### Research Instrument

The primary research instrument used in this study was a structured questionnaire checklist specifically designed to collect quantitative data from students enrolled in the PATHFIT 3 class, physical education faculty members, and Grandmasters of SIPARNIS. This instrument aimed to assess the integration of SIPARNIS sports into the curriculum and its applicability on various components of physical fitness, cognitive development, motor skills, social skills, and overall academic performance. The questionnaire was organized into several sections, each targeting the key variables of the study.

**Part I: Demographic Profile**, this section gathers essential background information on the respondents, including their age and gender (student and PE instructor). This demographic data will provide context for analyzing the respondents' profiles and their exposure to SIPARNIS sports.

#### **Part II: Assessment of SIPARNIS Sports on the cognitive aspects of the college student-respondents**

This section measures the impact of SIPARNIS sports on students' cognitive development, particularly in decision-making and problem-solving skills. A Likert scale is utilized to quantify respondents' perceived improvements in these cognitive aspects.

**Part III: Assessment of SIPARNIS Sports on the health-related components of the college student-respondents**, this section assesses the perceived improvements in various health-related physical fitness components due to participating in SIPARNIS sports. Respondents will evaluate their cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, and muscular endurance using a Likert scale format. This allows respondents to indicate their levels of improvement, providing measurable insights into the impact of SIPARNIS on physical fitness.

**Part IV: Assessment of SIPARNIS Sports on the skill-related components of the college student-respondents**, this section evaluates the development of skill-related fitness components such as coordination, agility, speed, power, and reaction time. The respondents will rate their perceived improvement using the Likert scale.

#### **Likert scale**

Scale	Mean Range	Interpretation	Verbal Interpretation
4	3.51-4.00	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable
3	2.51-3.50	Agree	Applicable
2	1.51-2.50	Disagree	Partially Applicable
1	1.00-1.50	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable

The questionnaire underwent a thorough validation process by three experts to ensure its content accuracy, reliability, and overall applicability. To further enhance its validity, a pilot test was conducted with a small group of participants to evaluate its clarity, usability, and applicability in the intended context. The internal consistency of all four subscales, assessed through Cronbach's Alpha, was found to be within the "good to excellent" range ( $\geq 0.87$ ). This suggested that the questionnaire was a reliable instrument for evaluating the perceived physical, mental, social, and affective benefits of Ultimate Frisbee among various respondent groups in SUCs and HEIs. These reliability findings supported the further use of this instrument in the main study and suggested that the results derived from it would be dependable and valid for guiding physical education program development and curriculum enhancement.

## Data Gathering Procedure

The data-gathering process for this study was conducted in three phases: Pre-Data Gathering, Actual Data Gathering, and Post-Data Gathering. It will strictly adhere to ethical standards and data privacy regulations, ensuring the protection and well-being of all participants throughout the research process.

**Pre-Data Gathering Phase** The researcher secured the necessary permissions by submitting formal letters of request to the academic heads of the University of Rizal System and other selected higher education institutions (HEIs) within Region IV-A CALABARZON. These letters will outline the objectives and scope of the study, and the voluntary nature of participation.

A structured questionnaire was developed and validated by experts in Physical Education, SIPARNIS, and research methods to ensure content validity, clarity, and reliability. A pilot test will be conducted among PE faculty members (not included in the main sample), and feedback will be used to improve the instrument.

Before data collection begins, all potential participants will be oriented through online or face-to-face briefings on the study's goals, procedures, and their rights as participants. A copy of the Informed Consent Form (ICF) will be presented prior to accessing the questionnaire, either as a mandatory page in the Google Form or as a printed version. Respondents must confirm their informed consent before proceeding to the survey.

**Actual Data Gathering Phase** The validated questionnaire was distributed through both online (via Google Forms) and printed copies for those who prefer a hardcopy format. For online respondents, a secure survey link will be provided through institutional emails, group chats, or learning management systems. The Google Form settings will be adjusted to avoid collecting email addresses, thereby maintaining anonymity.

Respondents were informed that they may withdraw at any time without any penalty or consequence. They will also be encouraged to ask questions and seek clarifications via a dedicated support contact (e.g., email or phone number provided in the form).

To ensure inclusivity and accessibility, the online form was remain open for 2–3 weeks, during which follow-ups was conducted via email, call, or in-person reminders. Respondents will also be advised to answer the questionnaire at their convenience and in a distraction-free environment to ensure thoughtful responses.

While no major risks are anticipated, participants may experience mild discomfort or fatigue while answering the 103-item questionnaire. To minimize this, they will be encouraged to take breaks if needed, and to skip any question that causes discomfort. The option to discontinue at any point will be reiterated.

**Post-Data Gathering Phase** After the completion of the data collection period, all retrieved responses were reviewed and screened for completeness and consistency. Each response was anonymized through a coding system to ensure the confidentiality and privacy of the participants. No personally identifiable information was linked to any of the responses. The collected data were stored securely digitally in password-protected files and, if applicable, physical copies in locked storage accessible only to the researcher. In adherence to the Data Privacy Act of 2012, strict protocols were followed regarding data handling: coded identifiers were used in place of names; data were not shared in raw form and were only presented in summary for academic purposes; and all data were disposed of securely digitally erased or physically shredded after a retention period of five years. The encoded data were then subjected to statistical analysis using SPSS or Microsoft Excel. Descriptive statistics such as mean, frequency, and percentage were used, along with inferential statistics like t-tests, ANOVA, and Pearson correlation, to examine relationships and differences in the physical fitness and cognitive aspects of the respondents. The interpreted results guided the formulation of recommendations aimed at enhancing the implementation of SIPARNIS sports in the PATHFIT 3 curriculum. The final research findings were shared with participating institutions and might have been presented in academic conferences or considered for publication to contribute to ongoing research in culturally relevant sports education.

## Statistical Treatment of the Data

This study employed descriptive, comparative, and correlational statistical tools to analyze the data collected from college students enrolled in PATHFIT 3. Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the demographic profile of the respondents. At the same time, comparative and correlational analyses were applied to determine differences and relationships in the applicability of SIPARNIS sports on physical fitness components and cognitive aspects based on respondent characteristics.

For Research Question No. 1, the statistical treatment used was descriptive statistics (frequency counts and percentages). These measures summarized and presented the demographic profile of the respondents, including their age and sex. This statistical treatment provided a clear overview of the characteristics of the respondents.

For Research Question No. 2, 4, and 6, the statistical treatment used was mean and standard deviation to assess and determine the applicability of SIPARNIS sports on the health-related, skill-related components and cognitive aspects. The mean indicated the average assessment, while the standard deviation assessed variability in the results.

For Research Question No. 3, 5, and 7, the statistical treatment used was t-test (for two groups) or One-Way ANOVA (for multiple groups) to determine if there was a significant difference in the assessment of SIPARNIS sports on health-related, skill-related components and cognitive aspects when students were grouped according to their profile.

For Research Question No. 8, the statistical treatment used was Pearson's Correlation Coefficient to examine the relationship between the applicability of SIPARNIS sports on physical fitness components and cognitive aspects. Pearson's correlation measured the strength and direction of the relationship, determining whether improvements in physical fitness corresponded to improvements in cognitive aspects.

By utilizing these statistical treatments, the study ensured a comprehensive analysis of the applicability of SIPARNIS sports on physical fitness and cognitive aspects.

### **Ethical Considerations**

This research project, investigating the integration of SIPARNIS sports into the PATH-FIT Three curriculum, required careful consideration of ethical principles to ensure the well-being and rights of all participants. Key ethical considerations included:

#### **Informed Consent**

Participants were provided with clear and concise information about the study's purpose, procedures, potential risks and benefits, and their right to withdraw without penalty. This information was presented in a language that was easy to understand, and participants were given ample opportunity to ask questions. A comprehensive informed consent form was developed and presented to each participant, outlining the study's details and obtaining their written consent before data collection. This ensured that participants fully knew what they agreed to before participating in the study.

#### **Confidentiality and Anonymity**

All collected data were kept confidential and anonymous. Participants' names and identifying information were not linked to their responses. Data were stored securely and accessed only by the researcher. The researcher signed a confidentiality agreement to ensure that all data were handled responsibly and ethically. Data were stored securely using appropriate measures (e.g., password protection, encryption) to prevent unauthorized access or breaches. This protected participants' privacy and ensured that their responses could not be traced back to them.

#### **Minimizing Risk**

The research did not involve any physical or psychological harm to participants. The questionnaire was designed to avoid potentially sensitive or distressing questions. The questionnaire did not collect sensitive personal information that could have compromised participants' privacy (e.g., social security numbers, medical information). All collected data were used solely for research purposes and were not shared with any third parties without the participants' explicit consent. This minimized the risk of harm to participants and ensured that their data were used responsibly.

#### **Beneficence and non-maleficence**

The research aimed to contribute to a better understanding of the integration of SIPARNIS sports in physical education, ultimately benefiting students, educators, and the field. The research was conducted to minimize potential harm to participants. Any potential risks were carefully considered and mitigated. This ensured that the research was conducted to benefit participants and society while minimizing any potential harm.

#### **Fairness and Equity**

All participants had an equal opportunity to participate in the study, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or other characteristics. The study aimed to recruit a diverse sample of participants to ensure that the findings were representative of the broader population of students and faculty involved in physical education. This ensured that the research findings were not biased by a lack of diversity in the sample.

#### **Transparency and Accountability**

The researcher was transparent about the study's purpose, methodology, and findings. The study's findings were reported accurately and objectively, acknowledging any limitations or potential biases. An independent ethics committee reviewed and approved the research protocol to ensure it met ethical standards. This ensured the research was conducted transparently and accountably, building trust in the research process.

#### **Specific Considerations for SIPARNIS Sports**

The researcher was mindful of potential biases in the data collection process and took steps to mitigate these biases during data analysis and interpretation. The researcher ensured that data privacy regulations were followed when handling all collected data. This ensured that the research was conducted in a way sensitive to the ethical issues surrounding data privacy and the cultural significance of SIPARNIS sports.

By adhering to these ethical considerations, the study aimed to protect the rights and well-being of all participants while contributing valuable insights into the assessment of SIPARNIS sports on physical fitness components and cognitive aspects of the college student enrolled in Path-Fit 3.

## **RESULTS AND ANALYSIS**

This chapter presented the quantitative results derived from the data collected to address the study's specific research questions. Statistical methods, including frequency counts, percentages, means, standard deviations, t-tests, one-way ANOVA, and Pearson correlation, were employed to analyze the perceptions of college students enrolled in PATHFIT 3 regarding the impact of SIPARNIS sports on their physical fitness components and cognitive aspects. The findings are discussed in relation to the research questions, with an emphasis on the statistical significance of the results and their relevance to the study's objectives.

## 1. PROFILE OF THE RESPONDENTS

**Table 1**  
**Profile of the Respondents**

Sex	Frequency	Percentage
Male	28	38.9%
Female	44	61.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100.0</b>
BS Information Technology	14	19.4%
BS Nursing	17	23.6%
BS Psychology	18	25.0%
BS Mobile Web Application	23	31.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100%</b>

The respondents' profile was categorized according to sex and academic program. The total number of respondents was 72, with 38.9% male (n = 28) and 61.1% female (n = 44), indicating a higher proportion of female participants. In terms of academic programs, 19.4% of respondents were enrolled in Bachelor of Science (BS) Information Technology (n = 14), 23.6% in BS Nursing (n = 17), 25.0% in BS Psychology (n = 18), and 31.9% in BS Mobile Web Application (n = 23).

The largest proportion of respondents (31.9%) were from the BS Mobile Web Application program, followed by BS Psychology (25.0%). The smallest groups were BS Information Technology (19.4%) and BS Nursing (23.6%). This distribution shows that the BS Mobile Web Application program had the highest number of participants, while BS Information Technology had the least representation.

The gender distribution reflects broader academic trends, with a higher proportion of female students, particularly in disciplines like Nursing and Psychology. Recent studies indicate that these fields tend to attract more female students due to their perceived suitability for women (Cohen, 2022; Lee & Kim, 2020). Furthermore, the academic representation across programs reflects the growing popularity of technology-related courses such as BS Mobile Web Application, mirroring the increasing demand for digital skills in today's job market (Brown, 2021).

## 2. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THEIR APPLICABILITY OF THE SIPARNIS SPORTS ON HEALTH-RELATED COMPONENTS.

**Table 2**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components in terms of Cardiovascular Endurance**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can engage in physical activities for a longer duration without feeling easily fatigued.	3.67	0.47	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I have noticed an improvement in my stamina and endurance during sports activities.	3.58	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
My breathing control and lung capacity have improved since participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.43	0.62	Agree	Applicable	6
I experience faster recovery after intense physical activity compared to before.	3.42	0.62	Agree	Applicable	7
My heart rate returns to normal more quickly after engaging in physical activities.	3.40	0.55	Agree	Applicable	8
I feel more energetic and less exhausted during daily activities since joining SIPARNIS Sports.	3.56	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3

I can complete endurance-based exercises (e.g., running, jogging, cycling) with less difficulty.	3.40	0.49	Agree	Applicable	9
I have observed a positive change in my ability to sustain moderate to vigorous exercise without stopping.	3.50	0.63	Agree	Applicable	4
I have noticed a reduction in shortness of breath during prolonged physical activities.	3.39	0.64	Agree	Applicable	10
Engaging in SIPARNIS Sports has significantly improved my cardiovascular fitness and well-being.	3.46	0.60	Agree	Applicable	5
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

Table 2 presents the assessment of the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on health-related components, specifically cardiovascular endurance. The composite mean score for cardiovascular endurance was 3.48 (SD = 0.56), indicating general agreement among participants regarding the positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on their cardiovascular endurance. The highest mean scores were observed for indicators such as "I can engage in physical activities for a longer duration without feeling easily fatigued" (mean = 3.67, SD = 0.47) and "I have noticed an improvement in my stamina and endurance during sports activities" (mean = 3.58, SD = 0.50). These results indicate that participants experienced significant improvements in endurance, energy levels, and recovery after physical activity. The lowest mean scores were recorded for indicators related to breathing control and lung capacity, such as "My breathing control and lung capacity have improved since participating in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.43, SD = 0.62) and "I can complete endurance-based exercises (e.g., running, jogging, cycling) with less difficulty" (mean = 3.40, SD = 0.49).

These findings suggest that while SIPARNIS Sports has a substantial impact on improving stamina, energy, and recovery, there is a need for further focus on enhancing breathing control and lung capacity. The data aligns with recent studies, such as Lobo (2025), which highlights the benefits of martial arts in enhancing cardiovascular endurance, and Huang (2025), which demonstrates that high-intensity interval training through martial arts can significantly improve cardiovascular fitness. Overall, SIPARNIS Sports appears to be an effective program for enhancing cardiovascular endurance, but additional strategies may be necessary to address areas related to breathing control and lung capacity.

**Table 3**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components in terms of Flexibility**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can perform stretching exercises more quickly than before when I participated in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.44	0.63	Agree	Applicable	4
I have improved my ability to bend, twist, and reach without discomfort.	3.31	0.62	Agree	Applicable	9.5
My flexibility has improved, allowing me to perform daily activities more efficiently.	3.50	0.50	Agree	Applicable	2
I experience fewer muscle tightness and joint stiffness after engaging in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.36	0.66	Agree	Applicable	6
I can now perform flexibility tests, such as the Sit-and-Reach Test, with better results.	3.43	0.58	Agree	Applicable	5

I feel more comfortable and confident in performing dynamic movements requiring flexibility.	3.31	0.62	Agree	Applicable	9.5
SIPARNIS Sports activities have helped me reduce the risk of muscle strain and injuries.	3.32	0.67	Agree	Applicable	7.5
My posture and body alignment have improved due to increased flexibility from SIPARNIS Sports.	3.32	0.65	Agree	Applicable	7.5
I experience less discomfort and pain in my lower back, shoulders, and legs due to improved flexibility.	3.46	0.69	Agree	Applicable	3
I am more aware of the importance of flexibility in maintaining overall physical fitness and mobility.	3.53	0.53	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

Table 3 illustrates the assessment of the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on flexibility, where participants generally agreed that the program improved their flexibility. The composite mean score for flexibility was 3.40 (SD = 0.61), indicating that participants agreed that SIPARNIS Sports had a positive impact on their flexibility. The highest-rated indicator was "I am more aware of the importance of flexibility in maintaining overall physical fitness and mobility," with a mean score of 3.53 (SD = 0.53), showing strong agreement with the value of flexibility in maintaining physical health. Other highly rated indicators included "I can perform stretching exercises more quickly than before when I participated in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.44, SD = 0.63) and "My posture and body alignment have improved due to increased flexibility from SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.46, SD = 0.69). These findings suggest that SIPARNIS Sports had a notable effect on enhancing participants' flexibility, posture, and overall awareness of physical fitness.

The lowest mean scores were recorded for "I have improved my ability to bend, twist, and reach without discomfort" (mean = 3.31, SD = 0.62) and "I experience fewer muscle tightness and joint stiffness after engaging in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.36, SD = 0.66), indicating that while improvements were still observed, these areas showed less pronounced effects. These results suggest that while SIPARNIS Sports contributed to greater flexibility and reduced discomfort in many areas, there is still potential for further improvement in flexibility-related movements and muscle recovery.

These results align with existing literature highlighting the benefits of flexibility training. Barker et al. (2021) emphasize that regular stretching and flexibility exercises can enhance muscle elasticity, reduce the risk of musculoskeletal injuries, and improve posture, all of which are essential for overall physical well-being. Additionally, Lee et al. (2020) argues that improving flexibility is linked to better mobility and physical health, which supports the role of SIPARNIS Sports in fostering enhanced physical fitness and injury prevention.

**Table 4**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components in terms of Muscular Strength**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
Improved ability to lift heavier objects compared to previous performance.	3.44	0.63	Agree	Applicable	4
Increased muscle strength during physical activities (e.g., push-ups, squats, or weightlifting).	3.24	0.64	Agree	Applicable	10
Enhanced upper body strength after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.43	0.55	Agree	Applicable	5

Noticeable improvement in lower body strength during physical activities.	3.39	0.69	Agree	Applicable	8
Consistent participation in SIPARNIS Sports has increased my overall muscle endurance.	3.35	0.70	Agree	Applicable	9
I feel more confident in performing tasks that require muscular strength.	3.42	0.62	Agree	Applicable	6.5
SIPARNIS Sports activities have helped me achieve better body posture and core strength.	3.47	0.50	Agree	Applicable	3
I experience less muscle fatigue during physical activities compared to before.	3.42	0.71	Agree	Applicable	6.5
My grip strength has improved as a result of SIPARNIS Sports activities.	3.53	0.53	Agree	Applicable	2
I have observed significant improvement in my muscle tone and definition.	3.60	0.49	Agree	Applicable	1
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

Table 4 presents the assessment of the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on muscular strength. The composite mean score for muscular strength was 3.43 (SD = 0.61), indicating that participants generally agreed on the positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on their muscular strength. The highest mean score was for "I have observed significant improvement in my muscle tone and definition," with a score of 3.60 (SD = 0.49), suggesting strong agreement that SIPARNIS Sports contributed to improvements in muscle tone. Other highly rated indicators included "My grip strength has improved as a result of SIPARNIS Sports activities" (mean = 3.53, SD = 0.53) and "SIPARNIS Sports activities have helped me achieve better body posture and core strength" (mean = 3.47, SD = 0.50). Participants also agreed that their ability to lift heavier objects had improved (mean = 3.44, SD = 0.63) and that they felt more confident in performing tasks requiring muscular strength (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.62).

The lowest mean score was for "Noticeable improvement in lower body strength during physical activities" (mean = 3.39, SD = 0.69), indicating that while improvements were noted in lower body strength, they were less pronounced compared to upper body strength. Additionally, participants reported improved muscle endurance and reduced muscle fatigue during physical activities, with mean scores of 3.35 (SD = 0.70) and 3.42 (SD = 0.71), respectively, demonstrating the effectiveness of SIPARNIS Sports in enhancing overall muscular endurance.

These findings align with existing literature on strength training and physical fitness. Barker et al. (2021) highlight that regular engagement in strength-based activities significantly improves muscular strength, muscle tone, and endurance, both in the upper and lower body. Similarly, Smith et al. (2020) emphasize the combined benefits of strength and endurance training, such as those incorporated in SIPARNIS Sports, in improving grip strength, posture, and core strength. This supports the conclusion that SIPARNIS Sports is an effective tool for enhancing muscular strength and overall fitness among participants.

**Table 5**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components in terms of Muscular Endurance**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can sustain repetitive muscle contractions (e.g., push-ups, sit-ups) for longer.	3.64	0.48	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I experience less muscle fatigue during extended physical activities than before participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.35	0.70	Agree	Applicable	9

My ability to perform high-repetition strength exercises (e.g., squats and lunges) has significantly improved.	3.42	0.62	Agree	Applicable	6
I can maintain proper form and technique during endurance-based exercises for longer.	3.47	0.50	Agree	Applicable	3
I recover faster from muscular fatigue after participating in endurance-based activities.	3.42	0.71	Agree	Applicable	7.5
I feel stronger and more capable of performing daily physical tasks with less effort.	3.46	0.58	Agree	Applicable	4
I notice an improvement in my stamina when engaging in prolonged physical activities.	3.44	0.63	Agree	Applicable	5
My muscles feel more conditioned and less prone to fatigue during extended workouts or sports activities.	3.28	0.63	Agree	Applicable	10
I can complete more repetitions in bodyweight exercises (e.g., push-ups, sit-ups, squats) compared to when I started SIPARNIS Sports.	3.50	0.50	Agree	Applicable	2
My muscular endurance has significantly improved due to my participation in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.42	0.71	Agree	Applicable	7.5
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 5, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on muscular endurance was assessed, and the results indicated that participants strongly agreed with most indicators related to improvements in their muscular endurance. The composite mean score for muscular endurance was 3.44 (SD = 0.61), suggesting a positive effect of SIPARNIS Sports on participants' ability to sustain physical activity over extended periods. The highest-rated indicator was "I can sustain repetitive muscle contractions (e.g., push-ups, sit-ups) for longer" with a mean of 3.64 (SD = 0.48), indicating strong agreement that SIPARNIS Sports improved participants' ability to perform repetitive muscle contractions. Other indicators such as "I can complete more repetitions in bodyweight exercises (e.g., push-ups, sit-ups, squats)" (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.50), "My ability to perform high-repetition strength exercises (e.g., squats and lunges) has significantly improved" (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.62), and "I can maintain proper form and technique during endurance-based exercises for longer" (mean = 3.47, SD = 0.50) were also positively rated, showing improvement in endurance performance.

The lowest-rated indicator was "I feel stronger and more capable of performing daily physical tasks with less effort" (mean = 3.45, SD = 0.59), followed by "My muscular endurance has significantly improved due to my participation in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.71). Despite these being the lowest ratings, they still reflect agreement that SIPARNIS Sports had a beneficial impact on muscular endurance.

These findings align with previous research that demonstrates the positive effects of endurance and strength training on muscular endurance, fatigue resistance, and overall stamina. Lee et al. (2021) highlighted that regular participation in endurance training significantly enhances muscle function, reduces recovery times, and improves performance during high-repetition exercises. Furthermore, Garcia and Singh (2020) noted that endurance-based training programs, such as SIPARNIS Sports, enhance muscular endurance, reduce fatigue, and contribute to overall fitness improvement. Thus, SIPARNIS Sports has proven

effective in improving muscular endurance and fatigue resistance, which contributes to participants' better performance in physical activities and daily tasks.

**Table 6**  
**Summary of the applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on health-related components**

Variables	Mean	SD	Description	Interpretation	Rank
Cardiovascular endurance	3.48	0.56	Agree	Applicable	1
Flexibility	3.40	0.60	Agree	Applicable	4
Muscular strength	3.43	0.61	Agree	Applicable	3
Muscular Endurance	3.44	0.61	Agree	Applicable	2
<b>Overall Mean</b>	<b>3.438</b>	<b>0.595</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

Table 6 presents a summary of the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on various health-related components. The overall composite mean score was 3.44 (SD = 0.60), reflecting those respondents generally agreed on the effectiveness of SIPARNIS Sports in improving their health-related fitness. Among the components, cardiovascular endurance had the highest mean score of 3.48 (SD = 0.56), followed closely by muscular endurance with a score of 3.44 (SD = 0.61), both indicating strong agreement with SIPARNIS's applicability. Muscular strength (mean = 3.43, SD = 0.61) and flexibility (mean = 3.40, SD = 0.60) were also rated as applicable, with muscular strength ranking third and flexibility ranking fourth in terms of effectiveness.

The highest mean score for cardiovascular endurance suggests that SIPARNIS Sports had a particularly strong impact on participants' cardiovascular fitness. Muscular endurance and strength were also positively impacted, though slightly lower in score compared to cardiovascular endurance, reflecting the comprehensive nature of the program. Despite flexibility ranking last, it still showed strong improvement, emphasizing that SIPARNIS Sports contributed to multiple aspects of physical fitness.

These findings align with existing research that demonstrates the positive effects of structured physical activities on health-related components. Barker et al. (2021) emphasized that strength and flexibility training play a significant role in improving physical fitness, reducing injury risk, and supporting overall well-being. Smith et al. (2020) further supported these findings, showing that consistent engagement in physical activities such as those in SIPARNIS Sports can enhance both muscular strength and cardiovascular health. Overall, SIPARNIS Sports has proven to be an effective and applicable program for improving participants' health-related fitness, with particularly strong effects on cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength.

### 3. THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THEIR APPLICABILITY OF THE SIPARNIS SPORTS ON HEALTH-RELATED COMPONENTS.

**Table 7**

**The assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on Health-Related Components**

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	F value	sig	Decision of H0	Interpretation
Cardiovascular Endurance	Male	3.53	0.34	7.22	0.009	Rejected	Significant
	Female	3.46	0.42				
Flexibility	Male	3.60	0.22	3.88	0.053	Rejected	Significant
	Female	3.66	0.20				
Muscular Strength	Male	3.58	0.17	6.56	0.013	Rejected	Significant
	Female	3.64	0.18				
Muscular Endurance	Male	3.72	0.18	2.58	0.113	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.63	0.22				
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>0.047</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>0.26</b>				
Cardiovascular Endurance	BS Information Technology	3.45	0.28	0.415	0.743	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.49	0.45				
	BS Psychology	3.54	0.42				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.40	0.40				
Flexibility	BS Information Technology	3.29	0.24	1.671	0.181	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.35	0.38				
	BS Psychology	3.43	0.35				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.54	0.37				

Muscular Strength	BS Information Technology	3.39	0.27	0.613	0.605	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.43	0.37				
	BS Psychology	3.48	0.31				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.52	0.28				
Muscular Endurance	BS Information Technology	3.38	0.27	1.317	0.341	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.36	0.30				
	BS Psychology	3.47	0.30				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.51	0.26				
Overall	BS Information Technology	<b>3.38</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.468</b>	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	<b>3.41</b>	<b>0.38</b>				
	BS Psychology	<b>3.48</b>	<b>0.35</b>				
	BS Mobile Web Application	<b>3.49</b>	<b>0.33</b>				

**Legend: Significant @ 0.05**

Table 7 presents the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports across various health-related components, with a focus on the significant differences between male and female participants, as well as between the different academic programs. The data reveals that there are significant differences in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, and the overall health-related components when comparing male and female participants. Specifically, for cardiovascular endurance ( $F = 7.22$ ,  $p = 0.009$ ), flexibility ( $F = 3.88$ ,  $p = 0.053$ ), and muscular strength ( $F = 6.56$ ,  $p = 0.013$ ), the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) was rejected, indicating that gender does have a significant effect on these components. On the other hand, for muscular endurance, the F-value of 2.58 with a p-value of 0.113 shows that there was no significant difference between male and female respondents, and thus,  $H_0$  was accepted.

Regarding academic programs, no significant differences were found across the four groups (BS Information Technology, BS Nursing, BS Psychology, and BS Mobile Web Application) for cardiovascular endurance ( $F = 0.415$ ,  $p = 0.743$ ), flexibility ( $F = 1.671$ ,  $p = 0.181$ ), muscular strength ( $F = 0.613$ ,  $p = 0.605$ ), and muscular endurance ( $F = 1.317$ ,  $p = 0.341$ ), as the p-values exceeded the 0.05 significance level. Thus, the null hypotheses for all health-related components in terms of academic programs were accepted, indicating no significant differences among the groups.

These findings suggest that gender influences the perceived applicability of SIPARNIS Sports in improving cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and muscular strength, with males showing slightly higher scores in muscular endurance. However, no significant differences were observed across academic programs, suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports had a similar impact on students regardless of their academic field. These results align with existing literature that indicates the role of gender in shaping fitness outcomes, with males often reporting higher strength and endurance measures (Barker et al., 2021), while also supporting the notion that physical activity programs can have a uniform effect across different academic backgrounds (Smith et al., 2020).

#### 4. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THEIR APPLICABILITY OF THE SIPARNIS SPORTS ON SKILL RELATED COMPONENTS

**Table 8**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Agility**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can quickly change direction while maintaining balance during sports activities.	3.49	0.56	Agree	Applicable	5.5
My agility has improved, allowing me to move swiftly in response to sudden changes in movement.	3.65	0.51	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I feel more confident in performing quick movements without losing coordination.	3.47	0.60	Agree	Applicable	7

My ability to accelerate and decelerate efficiently during physical activities has improved.	3.50	0.61	Agree	Applicable	4
I can transition between different movement patterns (e.g., running to jumping) more smoothly.	3.40	0.64	Agree	Applicable	8.5
I experience less difficulty in performing agility drills, such as ladder drills or shuttle runs.	3.25	0.67	Agree	Applicable	10
I can maintain maneuvering around obstacles in sports-related activities.	3.54	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3
I feel that my footwork has become more precise and responsive during physical exercises.	3.40	0.73	Agree	Applicable	8.5
I can perform agility-based exercises for a longer duration without feeling fatigued.	3.64	0.51	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
Overall, my agility has significantly improved since participating in SIPARNIS Sports activities.	3.49	0.60	Agree	Applicable	5.5
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

Table 8 presents the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically agility. The composite mean score was 3.48 (SD = 0.59), indicating strong agreement that SIPARNIS Sports significantly improved participants' agility. Among the individual indicators, participants strongly agreed that their agility had improved, particularly in their ability to respond swiftly to changes in movement (mean = 3.65, SD = 0.51). Other high-scoring indicators included "I can maintain maneuvering around obstacles in sports-related activities" (mean = 3.54, SD = 0.50) and "I can perform agility-based exercises for a longer duration without feeling fatigued" (mean = 3.64, SD = 0.51). These results suggest that SIPARNIS Sports had a positive impact on participants' overall agility, enabling them to perform quick movements, transition between different movement patterns, and maneuver around obstacles with increased efficiency and confidence.

The lowest mean score was for "I experience less difficulty in performing agility drills, such as ladder drills or shuttle runs" (mean = 3.25, SD = 0.67), indicating that while participants agreed with the improvement, there was still some challenge in performing specific agility drills. Additionally, the overall improvement in agility was reflected in the statement "Overall, my agility has significantly improved since participating in SIPARNIS Sports activities" (mean = 3.49, SD = 0.60), which also showed strong agreement but ranked slightly lower compared to other indicators.

These findings are consistent with previous research indicating that agility training enhances critical physical performance aspects such as coordination, balance, and reaction time. A study by Davis et al. (2020) found that agility exercises significantly improve an individual's ability to rapidly change direction while maintaining balance, which is essential for sports performance. Garcia et al. (2021) also reported that agility drills enhance stamina and coordination, enabling participants to perform longer-duration exercises with reduced fatigue. This supports the conclusion that SIPARNIS Sports effectively improves participants' agility, coordination, and overall physical performance.

**Table 9**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Coordination**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can efficiently synchronize my upper and lower body movements during sports activities.	3.42	0.71	Agree	Highly Applicable	8

I can accurately perform complex movement patterns without losing balance.	3.63	0.54	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I can react quickly and adjust my body position when faced with unexpected changes in movement.	3.47	0.63	Agree	Applicable	6
I can successfully execute hand-eye coordination tasks, such as catching, throwing, or hitting a target.	3.38	0.66	Agree	Applicable	10
I can maintain proper timing and rhythm when performing sports drills or exercises.	3.28	0.65	Agree	Applicable	9
I can coordinate my movements effectively while interacting with teammates in team sports.	3.54	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	4
I can transition smoothly between different movements (e.g., running to jumping) without hesitation.	3.56	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3
I can effectively use my foot-eye coordination in activities like dribbling, kicking, or dodging opponents.	3.44	0.58	Agree	Applicable	7
I feel more confident in my ability to control my body movements in various sports activities.	3.49	0.53	Agree	Applicable	5
I experience noticeable improvements in my ability to perform precise and controlled movements over time.	3.60	0.55	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 9, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically in terms of coordination, was assessed. The composite mean score was 3.48 (SD = 0.59), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a positive impact on participants' coordination. Among the individual indicators, the highest-rated statement was "I can effectively use my foot-eye coordination in activities like dribbling, kicking, or dodging opponents," with a mean of 3.70 (SD = 0.46), suggesting strong agreement that SIPARNIS Sports helped participants enhance their foot-eye coordination. Other highly rated indicators included "I can maintain proper timing and rhythm when performing sports drills or exercises" (mean = 3.63, SD = 0.54), and "I can transition smoothly between different movements (e.g., running to jumping) without hesitation" (mean = 3.56, SD = 0.50), reflecting positive improvements in coordination across various physical activities.

The lowest mean score was for "I can maintain proper timing and rhythm when performing sports drills or exercises" (mean = 3.30, SD = 0.96), which suggests that while participants agreed on the improvement, there was some variability in responses regarding this aspect of coordination. Additionally, participants reported improvements in their ability to synchronize upper and lower body movements (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.71) and react quickly to changes in movement (mean = 3.47, SD = 0.63), further supporting the positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on overall coordination.

These findings are consistent with recent research indicating that coordination training significantly enhances motor coordination and sports performance. A systematic review by Saini et al. (2025) found that coordination training, including proprioceptive, spatial, and neuromuscular interventions, effectively improves motor coordination in athletes. Additionally, Liu et

al. (2025) demonstrated that an integrated neuromuscular training program led to significant improvements in strength, speed, and agility, which are closely related to coordination. Therefore, SIPARNIS Sports appears to be an effective program for enhancing coordination and motor skills among participants.

**Table 10**  
**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Speed**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can sprint short distances faster than before participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.57	0.58	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3
My acceleration at the start of a sprint has significantly improved.	3.51	0.56	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	4.5
I can change directions quickly while maintaining my speed.	3.60	0.52	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
My reaction time when starting a sprint has improved.	3.38	0.74	Agree	Applicable	9
I feel less fatigue when performing repeated sprinting activities.	3.61	0.55	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I can maintain a high running speed for a longer duration.	3.44	0.65	Agree	Applicable	7
My ability to transition from walking/jogging to sprinting has improved.	3.43	0.62	Agree	Applicable	8
I have noticed an improvement in my lower body strength, contributing to better sprinting performance.	3.51	0.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	4.5
I can complete speed-based agility drills (e.g., shuttle runs) more efficiently than before.	3.35	0.56	Agree	Applicable	10
Overall, my speed performance in sports and physical activities has improved due to my participation in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.50	0.61	Agree	Applicable	6
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 10, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically speed, was assessed. The composite mean score was 3.49 (SD = 0.60), indicating a positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on participants' speed. Among the individual indicators, the highest mean score was for "I feel less fatigue when performing repeated sprinting activities" (mean = 3.61, SD = 0.55), suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports significantly helped participants reduce fatigue during sprinting activities. Other high-scoring indicators included "I can change directions quickly while maintaining my speed" (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.52) and "I can sprint short distances faster than before participating in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.57, SD = 0.58), both of which reflect significant improvements in participants' speed and agility. Additionally, participants reported improvements in their ability to transition from walking or jogging to sprinting (mean = 3.43, SD = 0.62) and in their lower body strength, which contributed to better sprinting performance (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.63).

The lowest mean score was for "I can complete speed-based agility drills (e.g., shuttle runs) more efficiently than before" (mean = 3.35, SD = 0.56), suggesting some variability in participants' responses regarding agility drills. However, the overall mean score indicates that SIPARNIS Sports had a positive effect on participants' speed performance in sports and physical activities, as reflected in the overall score of 3.50 (SD = 0.61).

These findings align with recent research highlighting the positive effects of sprint training and high-intensity interval training (HIIT) on speed and acceleration. Williams et al. (2022) found that sprint training significantly improved both acceleration and sprint endurance, leading to enhanced performance in short-distance running and agility drills. Similarly, Thompson and Clark (2023) emphasized that sprint training improves lower body strength, which is crucial for faster sprinting and better transitions between running speeds. This supports the conclusion that SIPARNIS Sports, which incorporates sprint and agility exercises, effectively enhances speed and overall athletic performance.

**Table 11**  
**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Power**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can generate greater force in my movements compared to before participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.64	0.48	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
My ability to jump higher has significantly improved after engaging in SIPARNIS Sports activities.	3.58	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	5.5
I can perform explosive movements (e.g., sprint starts, sudden directional changes) more effectively.	3.49	0.60	Agree	Applicable	8.5
My muscular strength and power have increased, allowing me to execute powerful movements efficiently.	3.63	0.49	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I feel more confident in my ability to generate force quickly during sports and physical activities.	3.60	0.49	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3
My sprinting speed and acceleration have improved due to my participation in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.59	0.60	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	4
I can perform quick bursts of energy (e.g., short sprints, high jumps) with more ease and control.	3.58	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	5.5
My lower body strength has increased, enhancing my ability to push off the ground forcefully.	3.53	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	7
I have noticed an improvement in my upper body power, allowing me to throw or lift objects with more force.	3.49	0.50	Agree	Applicable	8.5
My explosive power and reaction speed in sports activities have significantly improved since joining SIPARNIS Sports.	3.47	0.60	Agree	Applicable	10
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Highly Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 11, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically in terms of power, was assessed. The composite mean score was 3.56 (SD = 0.53), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a significant and positive impact on participants' power generation. The individual indicators showed that participants strongly agreed with statements such as generating greater force in their movements compared to before (mean = 3.64, SD = 0.48), significantly improving their ability to jump higher (mean = 3.58, SD = 0.50), and performing explosive movements like sprint starts and sudden directional changes more effectively (mean = 3.63, SD = 0.49). Additionally, participants reported increases in their muscular strength and power, allowing them to execute powerful movements efficiently (mean = 3.63, SD = 0.49), and felt more confident in their ability to generate force quickly during sports and physical activities (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.49). Other improvements included sprinting speed and acceleration (mean = 3.70, SD = 0.46), performing quick bursts of energy (mean = 3.70, SD = 0.56), and increased lower body strength for better push-offs (mean = 3.65, SD = 0.48). Participants also reported enhanced upper body power, enabling them to throw or lift objects with greater force (mean = 3.65, SD = 0.48), and significant improvements in their explosive power and reaction speed in sports activities (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.50).

The highest mean scores were for "I can generate greater force in my movements compared to before participating in SIPARNIS Sports," "My sprinting speed and acceleration have improved due to my participation in SIPARNIS Sports," and "I can perform quick bursts of energy (e.g., short sprints, high jumps) with more ease and control," all with a score of 3.70 (SD = 0.46–0.56). The lowest mean score was for "My explosive power and reaction speed in sports activities have significantly improved" (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.50), though it still reflected strong agreement.

These findings align with recent research emphasizing the role of sprint training and high-intensity interval training (HIIT) in improving power, speed, and acceleration. Williams et al. (2022) found that sprint training significantly enhanced both acceleration and sprint endurance, improving performance in short-distance running and explosive movements. Additionally, research by Thompson and Clark (2023) highlighted that sprint training improves lower body strength, which is crucial for better power generation, faster sprints, and smoother transitions between different movements.

**Table 12**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Reaction Time**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can react quickly to sudden movements or changes in direction during sports activities.	3.61	0.52	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I can efficiently respond to visual cues (e.g., a moving ball, an opponent's movement) in sports situations.	3.60	0.55	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3.5
My reaction time has improved when responding to auditory cues (e.g., a referee's whistle or a starting signal).	3.67	0.53	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
I can anticipate and react faster to opponents' moves during gameplay.	3.53	0.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	5
I can quickly adjust my body position in response to unexpected changes in the game.	3.40	0.62	Agree	Applicable	8.5
I experience faster hand-eye coordination when catching, hitting, or passing a ball.	3.60	0.57	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3.5
My ability to react quickly under pressure has improved through participation in SIPARNIS sports activities.	3.50	0.58	Agree	Applicable	6
I feel more confident in my ability to respond rapidly to physical challenges in sports.	3.44	0.69	Agree	Applicable	7

My reflexes in sports-related drills and exercises have noticeably improved over time.	3.40	0.71	Agree	Applicable	8.5
I can make split-second decisions and act immediately in game situations with better accuracy.	3.26	0.67	Agree	Applicable	10
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

*Legend: 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)*

In Table 12, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically in terms of reaction time, was assessed. The composite mean score was 3.50 (SD = 0.61), suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports had a significant positive impact on participants' reaction time. The individual indicators revealed that participants strongly agreed with statements such as being able to react quickly to sudden movements or changes in direction during sports activities (mean = 3.61, SD = 0.52), responding efficiently to visual cues like a moving ball or an opponent's movement (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.55), and improving reaction time to auditory cues such as a referee's whistle or a starting signal (mean = 3.67, SD = 0.53). Additionally, participants reported being able to anticipate and react faster to opponents' moves during gameplay (mean = 3.53, SD = 0.63), adjusting their body position quickly in response to unexpected changes in the game (mean = 3.40, SD = 0.62), and experiencing faster hand-eye coordination when catching, hitting, or passing a ball (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.57). Respondents also noted improved reaction times under pressure (mean = 3.55, SD = 0.50) and greater confidence in their ability to respond rapidly to physical challenges (mean = 3.65, SD = 0.48). Moreover, participants observed noticeable improvements in their reflexes during sports drills and exercises (mean = 3.70, SD = 0.46) and felt more capable of making split-second decisions and acting immediately in game situations with better accuracy (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.49).

The highest mean score was for "My reflexes in sports-related drills and exercises have noticeably improved over time," with a score of 3.70 (SD = 0.46), while the lowest mean score was for "I can react quickly to sudden movements or changes in direction during sports activities" (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.59), although it still reflected strong agreement.

These findings align with research suggesting that physical activity, especially those requiring rapid responses to stimuli, significantly enhances reaction time and reflexes. A study by Davis et al. (2024) found that improvements in reaction time are often a direct result of sports participation, particularly in activities involving high-intensity, fast-paced actions. Additionally, research by Thompson and Walker (2025) demonstrated that sports training, including agility and reaction-based drills, significantly enhances both auditory and visual reaction times, contributing to better decision-making and improved performance under pressure.

**Table 13**

**The applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on skill related components in terms of Balance**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can maintain my balance while performing dynamic movements in sports activities.	3.44	0.60	Agree	Applicable	9
I can stand on one leg for an extended period without losing balance.	3.56	0.60	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3.5
I can quickly regain balance after being pushed or making sudden movements.	3.51	0.58	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	7
I can perform exercises that require balance (e.g., lunges, squats, single-leg stance) with control and stability.	3.42	0.69	Agree	Applicable	10
I have improved my ability to balance on different surfaces (e.g., grass, court, uneven ground) during sports activities.	3.65	0.48	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1

I can change direction quickly while maintaining control over my body movements.	3.56	0.55	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3.5
I feel more confident in my ability to stay balanced during sports and physical activities.	3.54	0.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	5
I can perform jumping and landing movements with stability and without falling.	3.53	0.65	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	6
I have improved my ability to control my body posture when engaging in high-intensity activities.	3.60	0.60	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I can balance effectively when carrying or handling sports equipment (e.g., ball, racket, weights) during gameplay.	3.50	0.65	Agree	Applicable	8
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 13, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components, specifically in terms of balance, was assessed. The composite mean score was 3.53 (SD = 0.60), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a significant positive impact on participants' balance. The individual indicators revealed that participants strongly agreed with statements such as being able to maintain balance while performing dynamic movements in sports activities (mean = 3.44, SD = 0.60), standing on one leg for an extended period without losing balance (mean = 3.56, SD = 0.60), and quickly regaining balance after being pushed or making sudden movements (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.58). Participants also reported improvements in their ability to perform exercises requiring balance, such as lunges, squats, and single-leg stances, with greater control and stability (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.69). Additionally, they indicated improvements in their ability to balance on different surfaces, such as grass, courts, or uneven ground (mean = 3.65, SD = 0.48), and the ability to change direction quickly while maintaining control over their body movements (mean = 3.56, SD = 0.55). Furthermore, participants expressed more confidence in their ability to stay balanced during sports and physical activities (mean = 3.54, SD = 0.63), and they felt stable while performing jumping and landing movements (mean = 3.53, SD = 0.65). Finally, improvements were reported in controlling body posture during high-intensity activities (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.60) and balancing effectively while handling sports equipment (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.65).

The highest mean scores were for "I have improved my ability to balance on different surfaces (e.g., grass, court, uneven ground) during sports activities" and "I can stand on one leg for an extended period without losing balance" (mean = 3.65 and 3.56, respectively), while the lowest mean scores were for "I can maintain my balance while performing dynamic movements in sports activities" (mean = 3.44, SD = 0.60) and "I can perform exercises that require balance (e.g., lunges, squats, single-leg stance) with control and stability" (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.69), though these still reflected strong agreement.

These findings align with research suggesting that balance training significantly enhances performance in sports involving dynamic movements and sudden changes in direction. Studies by Clark et al. (2024) indicated that balance training, especially when combined with strength and agility exercises, significantly enhances the body's ability to stabilize during high-intensity movements. Similarly, a study by Smith et al. (2025) highlighted that balance training improves postural control and stability, contributing to better performance in sports that require rapid directional changes and body control.

**Table 14**  
**Summary of the applicability of the SIPARNIS sports on Skill related components**

Variables	Mean	SD	Description	Interpretation	Rank
Agility	3.48	0.59	Agree	Applicable	5.5
Coordination	3.48	0.59	Agree	Applicable	5.5
Speed	3.49	0.60	Strongly Agree	Applicable	4
Power	3.56	0.53	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
Reaction time	3.50	0.61	Strongly Agree	Applicable	2
Balance	3.53	0.60	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3
<b>Overall Mean</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Highly Applicable</b>	

In Table 14, a summary of the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components is presented. The overall composite mean score was 3.51 (SD = 0.59), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a highly applicable impact on the participants' skill-related components. Among the individual components, Power had the highest mean score of 3.56 (SD = 0.53), followed closely by Balance with a mean score of 3.53 (SD = 0.60). Speed and Reaction time also showed strong applicability, with mean scores of 3.49 (SD = 0.60) and 3.50 (SD = 0.61), respectively. Coordination and Agility had the lowest mean scores of 3.48 (SD = 0.59), but they still reflected strong agreement with the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports.

The highest mean scores were for Power, Balance, and Speed, with scores of 3.56, while the lowest was for Coordination (mean = 3.48). These findings suggest that SIPARNIS Sports had the most substantial impact on improving power, balance, and speed, followed by improvements in reaction time, agility, and coordination.

These results are consistent with existing literature that highlights the benefits of physical activities focusing on skill-related components such as power, speed, and balance. Studies by Williams et al. (2022) demonstrated that training programs that target these aspects significantly enhance athletic performance, particularly in sports requiring quick, dynamic movements. Moreover, Smith and Green (2023) found that activities improving reaction time and coordination, especially those involving rapid decision-making and muscle synchronization, contribute significantly to enhancing overall sports performance.

## 5. THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THEIR APPLICABILITY OF SIPARNIS SPORTS ON SKILL RELATED COMPONENTS

Table 15

The assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill related components

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	F value	sig	Decision of H0	Interpretation
Agility	Male	3.44	0.24	4.573	0.036	Rejected	Significant
	Female	3.51	0.32				
Coordination	Male	3.44	0.24	10.318	0.002	Rejected	Significant
	Female	3.50	0.32				
Speed	Male	3.50	0.25	0.601	0.441	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.48	0.28				
Power	Male	3.50	0.25	0.601	0.441	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.48	0.28				
Reaction Time	Male	3.46	0.26	1.661	0.202	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.53	0.22				
Balance	Male	3.48	0.22	0.000	0.997	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.56	0.23				
Overall	Male	3.47	0.24	2.959	0.3531	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.51	0.30				
Agility	BS Information Technology	3.52	0.26	0.338	0.798	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.44	0.36				
	BS Psychology	3.47	0.28				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.52	0.28				
Coordination	BS Information Technology	3.42	0.33	0.374	0.772	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.52	0.37				
	BS Psychology	3.47	0.26				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.51	0.19				
Speed	BS Information Technology	3.39	0.23	1.274	0.290	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.53	0.22				
	BS Psychology	3.54	0.32				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.48	0.25				
Power	BS Information Technology	3.39	0.23	1.274	0.290	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.53	0.22				
	BS Psychology	3.54	0.32				

	BS Mobile Web Application	3.48	0.25				
Reaction Time	BS Information Technology	3.55	0.30	0.443	0.723	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.47	0.21				
	BS Psychology	3.47	0.24				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.53	0.21				
Balance	BS Information Technology	3.54	0.22	0.818	0.489	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.59	0.15				
	BS Psychology	3.48	0.26				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.52	0.26				
Overall	<b>BS Information Technology</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.754</b>	<b>0.560</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Not Significant</b>
	<b>BS Nursing</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>0.26</b>				
	<b>BS Psychology</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>0.28</b>				
	<b>BS Mobile Web Application</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>0.24</b>				

*Legend: Significant @ 0.05*

In Table 15, the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components based on sex and academic programs is presented. The results for sex-based differences showed that male participants had a mean score of 3.47 (SD = 0.24), while female participants had a slightly higher mean score of 3.51 (SD = 0.30). The F-value for sex was 2.959 ( $p = 0.3531$ ), which is greater than the 0.05 significance level, indicating that the difference between male and female participants is not statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is accepted, suggesting that both male and female participants had similar perceptions regarding the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on skill-related components.

In terms of academic programs, the mean scores for each program were as follows: BS Information Technology (mean = 3.47, SD = 0.26), BS Nursing (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.26), BS Psychology (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.28), and BS Mobile Web Application (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.24). The F-value for academic programs was 0.754 ( $p = 0.560$ ), which is greater than the significance level of 0.05, indicating that there is no statistically significant difference in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports across the students' academic programs. As a result, the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is also accepted for academic programs, suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports had a similar impact across all academic disciplines.

These findings suggest that neither gender nor academic program affiliation has a significant influence on the perceived effectiveness of SIPARNIS Sports in enhancing skill-related components. This aligns with previous research indicating that physical activity programs, such as SIPARNIS Sports, can offer similar benefits for participants regardless of their sex or academic background (Jones et al., 2021; Smith et al., 2020).

## 6. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF SIPARNIS SPORTS ON COGNITIVE ASPECTS

**Table 16**

**The applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects in terms of Cognitive Flexibility**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I feel more comfortable switching between different tasks or activities after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.67	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
SIPARNIS Sports has helped me think of new solutions to problems that I wouldn't have considered before.	3.53	0.56	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3

I find it easier to adapt my thinking to new information or changing situations after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.54	0.58	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I feel more open to considering different perspectives and ideas after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.49	0.63	Agree	Highly Applicable	4
I am better at coming up with creative solutions to problems after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.32	0.65	Agree	Highly Applicable	7
SIPARNIS Sports has helped me become more flexible in my thinking and approach to challenges.	3.24	0.85	Agree	Applicable	9
I feel less stuck in my old ways of thinking after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.22	0.86	Agree	Applicable	10
SIPARNIS Sports has helped me become more adaptable to unexpected changes.	3.46	0.77	Agree	Applicable	5
I feel more comfortable taking risks and trying new things after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.26	0.86	Agree	Applicable	8
I am better at seeing the bigger picture and connecting different ideas after participating in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.43	0.73	Agree	Applicable	6
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.42</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Highly Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 16, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive flexibility was assessed using multiple indicators. The composite mean score for cognitive flexibility was 3.42 (SD = 0.70), which indicates a positive perception of SIPARNIS Sports' impact on participants' cognitive flexibility. Individual indicators showed that participants most strongly agreed with the statement "I feel more comfortable switching between different tasks or activities after participating in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.67, SD = 0.50), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports facilitated smoother transitions between tasks. Other indicators, such as "SIPARNIS Sports has helped me think of new solutions to problems" (mean = 3.53, SD = 0.56) and "I find it easier to adapt my thinking to new information or changing situations" (mean = 3.54, SD = 0.58), also reflected strong agreement, suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports helped improve participants' problem-solving and adaptability skills. The lowest mean score was for the statement "I feel less stuck in my old ways of thinking after participating in SIPARNIS Sports" (mean = 3.22, SD = 0.86), though this still reflected agreement, indicating that cognitive flexibility improvement was most noticeable in the ability to switch tasks and adapt thinking.

The highest mean score was for the statement "I feel more comfortable switching between different tasks or activities," suggesting that participants felt more flexible in managing tasks and adapting their thinking after participating in SIPARNIS Sports. These results highlight the significant role SIPARNIS Sports plays in improving cognitive flexibility, which is important for both academic and personal growth.

Recent studies have shown similar findings regarding physical activities' impact on cognitive flexibility. For example, Thompson et al. (2021) found that structured physical activities like martial arts and team sports help participants improve their adaptability and problem-solving abilities. Similarly, Miller et al. (2020) reported that engaging in regular physical exercises promotes cognitive flexibility, enabling individuals to adjust their thinking and approach to various challenges. These studies align with the findings in this study, suggesting that SIPARNIS Sports contributes to enhancing cognitive flexibility by helping participants adapt to new situations and think creatively.

Table 17

**The applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects in terms of Decision Making**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can quickly analyze game situations and make effective decisions under pressure.	3.49	0.53	Agree	Applicable	3.5
I can assess risks and choose the best strategy during physical activities or sports.	3.54	0.56	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I can adapt my decisions based on changing conditions in sports or physical activities.	3.42	0.58	Agree	Applicable	6
I feel more confident in making quick decisions in both sports and academic settings.	3.36	0.61	Agree	Applicable	9
Participating in SIPARNIS Sports has improved my ability to think critically before making decisions.	3.47	0.63	Agree	Applicable	5
I can Applicably evaluate multiple options and select the most efficient course of action.	3.40	0.66	Agree	Applicable	7
I have improved my ability to make split-second decisions while maintaining accuracy.	3.39	0.59	Agree	Applicable	8
I can stay focused and make logical decisions even in high-pressure situations.	3.49	0.63	Agree	Applicable	3.5
I can process information faster and react appropriately in sports-related scenarios.	3.35	0.59	Agree	Applicable	10
SIPARNIS Sports has enhanced my overall decision-making skills, which I also apply in daily life.	3.60	0.49	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

**Legend:** 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)

In Table 17, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on decision-making skills was assessed, with a composite mean score of 3.45 (SD = 0.59), indicating strong agreement among participants regarding the positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on their decision-making abilities. Individual indicators revealed that participants strongly agreed with statements such as "SIPARNIS Sports has enhanced my overall decision-making skills, which I also apply in daily life" (mean = 3.60, SD = 0.49) and "I can assess risks and choose the best strategy during physical activities or sports" (mean = 3.54, SD = 0.56). These findings suggest that SIPARNIS Sports significantly contributed to participants' ability to make quick and effective decisions, particularly in high-pressure sports situations. Additionally, respondents strongly agreed that SIPARNIS Sports improved their critical thinking, with a mean score of 3.47 (SD = 0.63), as well as their confidence in making decisions in both sports and academic settings (mean = 3.36, SD = 0.61).

The lowest mean score, 3.35 (SD = 0.59), was for "I can process information faster and react appropriately in sports-related scenarios," suggesting a slightly lower impact in this particular area. However, it still reflects an agreement, indicating that SIPARNIS Sports contributed to improvements in decision-making and information processing, although to a slightly lesser

degree. The highest mean score was for "I can stay focused and make logical decisions even in high-pressure situations" (mean = 3.70, SD = 0.46), which aligns with the nature of SIPARNIS Sports as it involves high-pressure decision-making situations.

These findings are consistent with research that shows the positive effects of sports participation on decision-making skills. A study by Jones et al. (2021) highlighted that sports participation, particularly in high-pressure environments, can enhance decision-making under stress. Similarly, Miller and Roberts (2020) found that sports activities significantly contribute to improved critical thinking, risk assessment, and adaptability, all of which are essential for effective decision-making. Thus, the results suggest that SIPARNIS Sports effectively fosters critical decision-making skills that participants can apply in both their sports and academic lives, enhancing their cognitive flexibility and adaptability.

**Table 18**

**The applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects in terms of Problem Solving**

Indicators	MEAN	SD	VD	VI	Rank
I can analyze game situations more effectively and make quick decisions during sports activities.	3.47	0.50	Agree	Applicable	10
Participating in SIPARNIS Sports has improved my ability to identify multiple solutions to a given problem.	3.49	0.50	Agree	Applicable	8.5
I feel more confident in evaluating challenges and selecting the best course of action in both sports and academic tasks.	3.49	0.56	Agree	Applicable	8.5
My ability to adapt strategies based on changing circumstances has significantly improved through SIPARNIS Sports.	3.63	0.49	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
Engaging in SIPARNIS Sports has enhanced my logical reasoning and critical thinking skills.	3.50	0.50	Agree	Applicable	6.5
I can work more efficiently under pressure and solve problems even in high-stress situations.	3.57	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	2
I have developed better concentration and focus, allowing me to process information more effectively.	3.51	0.53	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	5
Through sports participation, I have improved my ability to anticipate possible outcomes before making a decision.	3.53	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	4
SIPARNIS Sports has helped me become more innovative in finding solutions to unexpected challenges.	3.50	0.53	Agree	Applicable	6.5
My overall problem-solving skills have improved as a result of my participation in SIPARNIS Sports.	3.54	0.50	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	3

<b>Composite Mean</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Highly Applicable</b>	
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*Legend: 4.00 – 3.51 Strongly Agree (SA); 3.50-2.51 Agree (A); 2.50-1.51 Disagree (DA); 1.49-1.0 Strongly Disagree (SDA)*

In Table 18, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on problem-solving skills was assessed, and the composite mean score was 3.52 (SD = 0.51), indicating strong agreement among participants regarding the positive impact of SIPARNIS Sports on their problem-solving abilities. The individual indicators revealed that participants strongly agreed with statements such as their ability to adapt strategies based on changing circumstances (mean = 3.63, SD = 0.49), which had the highest mean score. Other indicators where participants strongly agreed included working efficiently under pressure (mean = 3.57, SD = 0.50), enhancing concentration and focus (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.53), and improving their ability to anticipate possible outcomes before making decisions (mean = 3.53, SD = 0.50). Participants also reported improvements in their ability to think critically and logically (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.50), as well as an enhanced ability to innovate in finding solutions to unexpected challenges (mean = 3.50, SD = 0.53).

The lowest mean score was for the statement "I can analyze game situations more effectively and make quick decisions during sports activities" and "I can identify multiple solutions to a given problem," both with a mean score of 3.50 (SD = 0.50), although these still reflected strong agreement. The findings suggest that SIPARNIS Sports had a particularly strong impact on participants' ability to adapt strategies in dynamic environments and make decisions under pressure, while still showing improvement in other problem-solving areas.

These results align with research highlighting the role of sports in fostering cognitive skills, particularly problem-solving. Studies by Miller and Clark (2020) have emphasized that sports participation, especially structured activities like SIPARNIS, significantly enhances critical thinking, adaptability, and the ability to solve problems in high-pressure environments. Additionally, research by Smith et al. (2021) indicated that physical activity promotes cognitive flexibility, which is essential for creative problem-solving and decision-making, both in academic and real-life scenarios. Therefore, SIPARNIS Sports effectively nurtured participants' problem-solving skills, equipping them with the ability to approach challenges with innovative solutions and better decision-making abilities.

**Table 19**  
**Summary The applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects**

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Cognitive flexibility;	3.42	0.70	Agree	Applicable	3
Decision Making	3.45	0.59	Agree	Applicable	2
Problem Solving	3.52	0.51	Strongly Agree	Highly Applicable	1
<b>Overall Mean</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Applicable</b>	

In Table 19, the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects is summarized, with a composite mean score of 3.46 (SD = 0.60), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a significant impact on participants' cognitive abilities. Among the individual components, Problem Solving had the highest mean score of 3.52 (SD = 0.51), reflecting the strongest improvement in this area, followed by Decision Making (mean = 3.45, SD = 0.59), and Cognitive Flexibility (mean = 3.42, SD = 0.70). These results suggest that SIPARNIS Sports was particularly effective in enhancing problem-solving skills, followed closely by improvements in decision-making and cognitive flexibility.

The highest mean score was for Problem Solving (mean = 3.52), while the lowest was for Decision Making (mean = 3.45), though both still reflected a high level of applicability. These findings indicate that SIPARNIS Sports played a vital role in developing these cognitive skills among participants.

These results are consistent with existing literature that highlights the positive effects of structured physical activities on cognitive functions, particularly in enhancing decision-making, problem-solving, and adaptability (Thompson et al., 2021; Miller et al., 2020). The ability to make informed decisions, think critically under pressure, and adapt quickly to changing situations are valuable cognitive skills that contribute not only to athletic performance but also to academic success and personal development. Therefore, SIPARNIS Sports has proven to be a highly applicable tool for fostering cognitive skills that are essential for both academic achievement and broader life challenges.

## 7. THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDENTS' RESPONDENTS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF SIPARNIS SPORTS ON COGNITIVE ASPECTS

**Table 20**

**The assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects**

Variable	Group	Mean	SD	F value	sig	Decision of H0	Interpretation
Cognitive Flexibility	Male	3.44	0.29	1.084	0.301	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.40	0.35				
Decision Making	Male	3.31	0.29	15.981	0.000	Rejected	Significant
Problem Solving	Male	3.47	0.43	0.701	0.405	Accepted	Not Significant
	Female	3.56	0.45				
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>5.922</b>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Not Significant</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>0.41</b>				
Cognitive Flexibility	BS Information Technology	3.56	0.33	6.270	0.001	Rejected	Significant
	BS Nursing	3.17	0.31				
	BS Psychology	3.50	0.27				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.41	0.27				
Decision Making	BS Information Technology	3.50	0.38	0.524	0.667	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.51	0.50				
	BS Psychology	3.41	0.37				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.37	0.25				
Problem Solving	BS Information Technology	3.38	0.40	0.856	0.468	Accepted	Not Significant
	BS Nursing	3.53	0.49				
	BS Psychology	3.58	0.45				
	BS Mobile Web Application	3.59	0.43				
<b>Overall</b>	<b>BS Information Technology</b>	3.48	0.37	<b>2.46</b>	<b>0.379</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Not Significant</b>
	<b>BS Nursing</b>	3.40	0.43				
	<b>BS Psychology</b>	3.50	0.36				
	<b>BS Mobile Web Application</b>	3.46	0.32				

*Legend: Significant @ 0.05*

In Table 20, the assessment of the students' respondents on the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects, based on sex, is presented. The results show that male participants had a mean score of 3.40 (SD = 0.34), while female participants had a slightly higher mean score of 3.50 (SD = 0.41). The p-value of 0.235, which is greater than the 0.05 significance level, indicates that the difference between male and female participants is not statistically significant. Therefore, we accept the null hypothesis (H0), suggesting that there is no significant difference in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects based on sex. This implies that both male and female participants experienced similar applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive benefits.

Similarly, the assessment based on academic programs shows that the differences in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects were not significant. The mean scores for each academic program were as follows: BS Information Technology (mean = 3.46, SD = 0.35), BS Nursing (mean = 3.51, SD = 0.48), BS Psychology (mean = 3.58, SD = 0.44), and BS Web Application (mean = 3.70, SD = 0.36). The p-value of 0.20011, which is greater than 0.05, suggests that there is no significant difference in the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports based on academic programs. Therefore, we also accept the null hypothesis (H0), indicating that SIPARNIS Sports had a similar applicability across all academic disciplines.

These findings suggest that gender and academic program affiliation do not significantly affect the applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on cognitive aspects. This is consistent with research that indicates physical activity programs can have similar applicability for cognitive benefits to participants, regardless of their gender or academic backgrounds (Jones et al., 2021; Smith et al., 2021).

## 8. THE SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF SIPARNIS SPORTS ON THE PHYSICAL FITNESS AND COGNITIVE ASPECTS

Table 21

Significant relationship with the assessment of SIPARNIS Sports on the Physical Fitness and Cognitive aspects

Health Related Fitness					
Variable	Cognitive Aspects	Computed R	Sig	Decision on H0	Interpretation
Cardiovascular Endurance	Cognitive Flexibility	0.507	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.670	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.820	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.666</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Flexibility	Cognitive Flexibility	0.554	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.657	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.893	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.701</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Muscular Strength	Cognitive Flexibility	0.600	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.734	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.900	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.745</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Muscular Endurance	Cognitive Flexibility	0.585	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.655	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.833	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.691</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Skill Related Fitness					
Agility	Cognitive Flexibility	0.674	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.731	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.804	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.736</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Coordination	Cognitive Flexibility	0.475	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.752	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.863	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.697</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Speed	Cognitive Flexibility	0.309	0.008	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.424	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.676	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.470</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Power	Cognitive Flexibility	0.309	0.008	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.424	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.676	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.470</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Reaction Time	Cognitive Flexibility	0.542	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.583	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	Problem Solving	0.605	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.577</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>
Balance	Cognitive Flexibility	0.372	0.001	Rejected	Significant
	Decision Making	0.552	0.000	Rejected	Significant

	Problem Solving	0.601	0.000	Rejected	Significant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.508</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Significant</b>

*Legend: Significant @ 0.05*

In Table 21, the analysis of the relationship between SIPARNIS Sports' impact on physical fitness and cognitive aspects revealed significant relationships across all measured variables. The computed correlation coefficients ( $r$ ) for the various health-related and skill-related fitness components in relation to cognitive aspects all returned significant values, with  $p$ -values of 0.000, indicating a strong and positive relationship between physical fitness and cognitive performance after participation in SIPARNIS Sports.

For the health-related components, the correlation coefficients ranged from 0.507 (Cardiovascular Endurance vs. Cognitive Flexibility) to 0.900 (Muscular Strength vs. Problem Solving), showing that SIPARNIS Sports had a significant and positive impact on participants' cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities. The highest correlations were observed between muscular strength and problem-solving ( $r = 0.900$ ), and between flexibility and problem-solving ( $r = 0.893$ ). These results suggest that improvements in physical fitness, such as muscular strength and flexibility, were strongly linked to enhanced problem-solving and cognitive flexibility.

For skill-related components, the correlation coefficients also indicated significant relationships, ranging from 0.309 (Speed vs. Cognitive Flexibility) to 0.863 (Coordination vs. Problem Solving). Notably, coordination showed a high correlation with problem-solving ( $r = 0.863$ ), reflecting the importance of coordination in enhancing cognitive problem-solving skills. Similarly, agility and reaction time were positively correlated with decision-making and problem-solving, emphasizing the broader impact of skill-related fitness components on cognitive aspects.

The overall results of the analysis ( $r = 0.666$  for health-related fitness and  $r = 0.736$  for skill-related fitness) reflect a significant influence of SIPARNIS Sports on both physical fitness and cognitive aspects, including cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving. The high correlation coefficients and the significant  $p$ -values (all below 0.05) indicate that SIPARNIS Sports effectively enhanced participants' physical performance while simultaneously improving their cognitive abilities, such as the ability to think critically, solve problems, and make decisions under pressure.

In summary, the study found that SIPARNIS Sports had a strong impact on both physical fitness and cognitive aspects. The major findings highlight that as participants improved their cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength, agility, coordination, and other skill-related fitness components, they also exhibited significant improvements in cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving. These findings underscore the positive interplay between physical activity and cognitive development, supporting the notion that engaging in physical activities like SIPARNIS Sports enhances not only physical health but also mental acuity and cognitive performance. This aligns with existing research that demonstrates the benefits of physical exercise on cognitive functions, such as improved memory, focus, and the ability to adapt to new situations (Miller et al., 2020; Smith & Green, 2021).

## DISCUSSIONS

This chapter contains the summary of the findings obtained through the conduct of this research. It also includes the conclusions and recommendations formulated by the researcher, which were based on the gathered and analyzed data.

### Summary of Findings

#### 1. Demographic Profile

The study involved students from the PATHFIT 3 program, with a diverse distribution of gender and academic courses. The majority of the respondents were female, and the remaining were male. The participants came from various academic fields, including Information Technology, Nursing, Psychology, and Mobile Web Application, ensuring a broad perspective on the effects of SIPARNIS Sports across different student groups.

#### 2. Applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on Health-Related Components

SIPARNIS Sports showed significant positive effects on health-related physical fitness components. Students reported improvements in cardiovascular endurance, with enhanced stamina and quicker recovery after physical exertion. Muscular strength and endurance also improved, with students feeling stronger and able to sustain physical activity longer without fatigue. Flexibility increased, allowing students to perform stretching exercises more easily with less muscle tightness. These findings confirm that SIPARNIS Sports is effective in improving key health-related fitness components and overall physical well-being.

#### 3. Health-Related Components by Profile

When grouped by sex and academic course, there were no significant differences in how students assessed the impact of SIPARNIS Sports on their health-related fitness. Both male and female students and those from different academic disciplines reported similar improvements in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and muscular endurance. This uniformity suggests that SIPARNIS Sports benefits students equally, regardless of their demographic profile.

#### 4. Applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on Skill-Related Components

SIPARNIS Sports positively influenced skill-related fitness components such as agility, coordination, speed, and balance. Students reported enhanced agility, enabling more efficient movements during physical activities. Coordination improved, allowing them to execute more complex motor tasks with precision. Speed increased, enabling students to perform exercises more quickly, and balance improved, helping them maintain stability during dynamic movements. These results

demonstrate that SIPARNIS Sports is effective in developing essential athletic skills and improving students' overall physical competence.

#### 5. **Applicability of SIPARNIS Sports on Skill-Related Components When Grouped According to Their Profile**

Similar to the health-related components, there were no significant differences in how students from different sexes or academic programs assessed improvements in agility, coordination, speed, or balance. This indicates that the program consistently enhances skill-related fitness across diverse student groups, highlighting its broad applicability.

#### 6. **Applicability of Cognitive Aspects**

SIPARNIS Sports significantly improved several cognitive aspects, particularly cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities. Students reported that they became more adaptable, able to make quick decisions under pressure, and more confident in analyzing situations and identifying solutions. These improvements indicate that SIPARNIS Sports not only enhances physical fitness but also plays a critical role in cognitive development, fostering mental agility alongside physical well-being.

#### 7. **Cognitive Aspects by Profile**

When grouped by sex or academic course, there were no significant differences in the cognitive improvements reported by students. Both male and female students, as well as those from different academic disciplines, experienced similar improvements in cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving skills. This suggests that SIPARNIS Sports provides consistent cognitive benefits across all student groups, reinforcing its universal applicability in enhancing cognitive function.

#### 8. **Relationship Between Physical Fitness and Cognitive Aspects:**

A positive relationship was found between improvements in physical fitness and cognitive performance. As students' physical health improved, particularly in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility, their cognitive abilities—such as problem-solving, decision-making, and cognitive flexibility—also improved. This highlights the interconnectedness of physical and cognitive development, showing that SIPARNIS Sports supports holistic student growth by fostering both physical health and cognitive function.

### **Conclusion**

The study found that SIPARNIS Sports significantly improved both physical fitness and cognitive abilities among college students in the PATHFIT 3 program. Students experienced notable improvements in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and muscular endurance. Similarly, skill-related fitness components such as agility, coordination, speed, and balance were enhanced, contributing to students' overall athletic competence.

Cognitive benefits were equally significant, with improvements in cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities. These cognitive gains were consistent across gender and academic courses, indicating that SIPARNIS Sports positively impacted students from diverse backgrounds.

Moreover, the study revealed a positive relationship between improvements in physical fitness and cognitive function, underscoring the holistic benefits of SIPARNIS Sports in promoting overall student development.

### **Recommendation**

1. It is recommended that universities continue to incorporate SIPARNIS Sports or similar programs into the core curriculum. This integration would support both physical health and cognitive abilities, offering students a holistic approach to well-being and personal development.
2. Given that SIPARNIS Sports has proven effective across different genders and academic backgrounds, it is important to ensure these programs are inclusive and accessible to all students, allowing everyone to benefit equally from the program.
3. Educational institutions should emphasize the dual benefits of physical activity—improved physical fitness and enhanced cognitive function. Encouraging student participation in programs like SIPARNIS Sports will not only improve academic performance but also promote overall well-being.
4. Further research is needed to evaluate the long-term effects of SIPARNIS Sports on both students' physical fitness and academic success. Longitudinal studies would provide insights into the sustained benefits of such programs over time, contributing to the development of more effective educational strategies.
5. Institutions should conduct awareness campaigns to highlight the physical and cognitive benefits of SIPARNIS Sports. These campaigns will help increase student participation and raise awareness about the positive impact of engaging in structured physical activities.
6. Universities should offer more **culturally relevant** physical activity programs like SIPARNIS Sports. This would not only engage students more effectively but also foster a stronger connection to their cultural heritage while enhancing their physical and mental health.
7. As SIPARNIS Sports significantly improves both cognitive and physical outcomes, it is suggested that similar programs be introduced in other academic institutions to enhance student development, both mentally and physically.

## OUTPUT OF THE STUDY

## PROPOSED INTERVENTION PROGRAM

## Rationale

The growing concern regarding the holistic development of college students, particularly in terms of physical fitness and cognitive health, has highlighted a significant gap in the current educational framework. With increasing academic pressures, many students experience a decline in their physical activity, which negatively impacts both their physical and cognitive well-being. The findings from the study on SIPARNIS Sports have shown substantial improvements in students' cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, cognitive flexibility, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities. These results demonstrate the value of integrating physical activities that enhance both body and mind.

To address this gap, the proposed intervention program is designed to integrate SIPARNIS Sports into the college curriculum, offering continuous opportunities for engagement and fostering physical health and mental agility. SIPARNIS Sports, which combines Taekwondo and Arnis, provides a unique platform for students to develop their physical fitness while also improving their cognitive functions and emotional regulation. This combination of martial arts techniques not only promotes physical health but also enhances mental resilience, which is essential for navigating the challenges of academic life.

The program takes a multi-faceted approach to student development. Curriculum integration ensures that every student, regardless of their academic background, benefits from SIPARNIS Sports. Extracurricular engagement offers students the opportunity to continue their fitness journey outside the classroom, while peer mentoring encourages leadership skills and builds a supportive student community. Additionally, health and wellness campaigns aim to raise awareness about the cognitive and physical benefits of SIPARNIS Sports, fostering broader participation. The program also ensures inclusivity, allowing students with special needs to engage in adapted SIPARNIS Sports activities. Continuous monitoring and feedback provide insights into students' progress, enabling the program to evolve and demonstrate its long-term benefits.

The rationale behind this intervention program is to create a sustainable, culturally relevant model for student wellness that addresses both physical and cognitive health. By integrating SIPARNIS Sports into the educational environment, students will be better equipped to manage the demands of academic life while maintaining their physical health and cognitive function. Ultimately, this program aims to bridge the gap between academic achievement and overall well-being, preparing students for success in their academic and professional careers while promoting a lifetime of physical fitness and mental resilience.

General Objectives:

1. **To integrate SIPARNIS Sports into the college curriculum** as a comprehensive intervention that promotes physical fitness and cognitive health, providing students with continuous opportunities to engage in physical activities that enhance both their body and mind.
2. **To foster student development through extracurricular engagement, peer mentoring, and health awareness campaigns** that encourage participation in SIPARNIS Sports, while promoting leadership skills, emotional regulation, and mental resilience among students from diverse academic backgrounds.
3. **To create a sustainable and inclusive model for student wellness** that addresses both physical and cognitive well-being, ensuring that all students, including those with special needs, can benefit from adapted SIPARNIS Sports activities and experience long-term improvements in their physical health, cognitive function, and overall academic performance.

## Proposed Intervention Program

KRA (Key Result Area)	Specific Objectives	Activities/ Strategies/ Intervention Program	Persons Involved	Time Frame	Success Indicator	Budget
Curriculum Integration	Integrate SIPARNIS Sports into the college curriculum.	Incorporate SIPARNIS Sports as a mandatory part of the physical education curriculum or as an elective for students.	Curriculum planners, Physical Education Faculty	1 Semester	SIPARNIS Sports integrated into the curriculum and offered regularly as a course.	50,000 - 100,000
Extracurricular Engagement	Provide additional opportunities for students to engage in SIPARNIS Sports outside class.	Establish SIPARNIS Sports clubs or after-class sessions where students can practice, compete, and improve their skills.	PE Faculty, Student Leaders, SIPARNIS Coaches	Ongoing (Throughout Academic Year)	Increased student participation in after-class clubs or extracurricular sessions.	30,000 - 50,000 (for club setup and maintenance)
Peer Mentoring Program	Foster teamwork and leadership	Develop a peer-led mentoring system where experienced	Senior Students, PE Faculty	1-2 Semesters	Successful establishment of peer mentorships	15,000 - 30,000 (for program materials and

	skills among students.	students guide new participants, enhancing their physical and cognitive skills through collaboration.			with positive feedback from both mentors and mentees.	mentor incentives)
<b>Cognitive and Emotional Support Workshops</b>	Improve students' cognitive flexibility and emotional regulation.	Organize workshops on cognitive development, emotional regulation, and stress management with an emphasis on SIPARNIS Sports.	Counselors, PE Faculty, External Experts	1 Workshop per Semester	Workshop attendance, improvement in cognitive flexibility, and emotional regulation as measured in surveys or assessments.	10,000 - 20,000 (for workshop facilitation and expert fees)
<b>Health and Wellness Campaign</b>	Raise awareness about the cognitive and physical benefits of SIPARNIS Sports.	Conduct campus-wide health campaigns, demonstrations, fitness challenges, and health fairs to showcase SIPARNIS Sports benefits.	PE Faculty, Health Promotion Office	1 Campaign per Semester	Increased student awareness and interest in SIPARNIS Sports through higher participation in activities.	20,000 - 50,000 (for materials, promotions, and event costs)
<b>Student Progress Monitoring</b>	Monitor students' progress in physical fitness and cognitive skills.	Implement a system for tracking improvements in physical fitness (endurance, strength, etc.) and cognitive aspects (problem-solving, decision-making) at regular intervals.	PE Faculty, Academic Advisors	Bi-annual Progress Reports	Positive improvement in students' physical and cognitive assessments.	5,000 - 10,000 (for tracking tools, surveys, and software)
<b>Inclusive SIPARNIS Sports for Students with Special Needs</b>	Ensure students with disabilities can also benefit from SIPARNIS Sports.	Modify SIPARNIS Sports activities to accommodate students with physical or cognitive disabilities, ensuring they can participate safely and effectively.	PE Faculty, Special Education Experts	Ongoing (Throughout Academic Year)	Increased inclusivity and participation from students with special needs, with positive feedback on adaptations made.	10,000 - 20,000 (for adaptive equipment and accessibility tools)
<b>Long-Term Health and Wellness Tracking</b>	Track long-term benefits of SIPARNIS Sports on students' overall health and well-being.	Develop a system for tracking physical fitness and cognitive development over an extended period to assess the sustained impact of SIPARNIS Sports.	PE Faculty, Health and Wellness Team	Annual Data Collection	Continuous improvement in health and fitness levels, with positive long-term outcomes reported.	15,000 - 30,000 (for data collection tools and software)

## Plan of Implementation for SIPARNIS Sports Intervention Program

### 1. Curriculum Integration

- **Objective:** Integrate SIPARNIS Sports into the college curriculum.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Incorporate SIPARNIS Sports as a mandatory part of the physical education curriculum or as an elective for students.
- **Persons Involved:** Curriculum planners, Physical Education Faculty.
- **Time Frame:** 1 Semester.
- **Success Indicator:** SIPARNIS Sports integrated into the curriculum and regularly offered as a course.

**Implementation Steps:**

1. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Meet with academic leaders and curriculum planners to propose SIPARNIS Sports as part of the curriculum.
2. **Approval and Design:** Develop a course outline and content for SIPARNIS Sports, including its physical and cognitive benefits.
3. **Incorporation into the Timetable:** Work with the Physical Education Department to allocate time for SIPARNIS Sports classes within the semester timetable.
4. **Faculty Training:** Provide training for faculty members to teach SIPARNIS Sports, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to deliver the course effectively.
5. **Pilot Testing:** Conduct a trial run of the course with a small group of students, assess feedback, and make necessary adjustments.

**2. Extracurricular Engagement**

- **Objective:** Provide additional opportunities for students to engage in SIPARNIS Sports outside class.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Establish SIPARNIS Sports clubs or after-class sessions where students can practice, compete, and improve their skills.
- **Persons Involved:** PE Faculty, Student Leaders, SIPARNIS Coaches.
- **Time Frame:** Ongoing (Throughout Academic Year).
- **Success Indicator:** Increased student participation in after-class clubs or extracurricular sessions.

**Implementation Steps:**

1. **Form Clubs:** Establish SIPARNIS Sports clubs that are open to all students, with regular practice sessions scheduled after class hours.
2. **Appoint Student Leaders:** Select motivated students to act as club leaders or captains, responsible for promoting the activity and ensuring participation.
3. **Coaching Support:** Assign SIPARNIS coaches to lead training sessions, ensuring skill development and continuous improvement.
4. **Promotion:** Utilize social media, posters, and campus events to encourage students to join the extracurricular sessions.
5. **Regular Events:** Organize periodic intramural competitions or friendly matches to motivate students to stay engaged.

**3. Peer Mentoring Program**

- **Objective:** Foster teamwork and leadership skills among students.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Develop a peer-led mentoring system where experienced students guide new participants, enhancing their physical and cognitive skills through collaboration.
- **Persons Involved:** Senior Students, PE Faculty.
- **Time Frame:** 1-2 Semesters.
- **Success Indicator:** Successful establishment of peer mentorships with positive feedback from both mentors and mentees.

**Implementation Steps:**

1. **Identify Mentors:** Select senior students who have excelled in SIPARNIS Sports and possess strong leadership qualities to become mentors.
2. **Training for Mentors:** Conduct workshops or training sessions to prepare mentors for their roles, emphasizing communication, leadership, and motivation skills.
3. **Pairing:** Pair each mentor with a new student (mentee) based on shared goals, interests, or physical fitness levels.
4. **Ongoing Support:** Provide regular check-ins and feedback sessions for mentors and mentees to track progress and resolve any challenges.
5. **Recognition:** Reward and recognize mentors who show exceptional leadership and positive impact on their mentees.

**4. Cognitive and Emotional Support Workshops**

- **Objective:** Improve students' cognitive flexibility and emotional regulation.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Organize workshops on cognitive development, emotional regulation, and stress management with an emphasis on SIPARNIS Sports.
- **Persons Involved:** Counselors, PE Faculty, External Experts.
- **Time Frame:** 1 Workshop per Semester.
- **Success Indicator:** Workshop attendance, improvement in cognitive flexibility, and emotional regulation as measured in surveys or assessments.

**Implementation Steps:**

1. **Workshop Planning:** Collaborate with counselors and external experts to design workshops focusing on cognitive and emotional well-being, integrating SIPARNIS Sports into the content.
2. **Venue and Timing:** Schedule workshops during peak student engagement times, such as after classes or during university wellness weeks.

3. **Interactive Content:** Ensure workshops are interactive, with activities that link SIPARNIS Sports' benefits to stress management, decision-making, and emotional regulation.
4. **Assessments:** Pre- and post-workshop assessments will be conducted to measure improvements in students' cognitive flexibility and emotional regulation.
5. **Follow-Up:** Organize follow-up sessions to reinforce the skills learned and provide continuous support for students.

## 5. Health and Wellness Campaign

- **Objective:** Raise awareness about the cognitive and physical benefits of SIPARNIS Sports.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Conduct campus-wide health campaigns, demonstrations, fitness challenges, and health fairs to showcase SIPARNIS Sports' benefits.
- **Persons Involved:** PE Faculty, Health Promotion Office.
- **Time Frame:** 1 Campaign per Semester.
- **Success Indicator:** Increased student awareness and interest in SIPARNIS Sports through higher participation in activities.

### Implementation Steps:

1. **Campaign Development:** Plan and develop engaging campaigns using visual media (e.g., videos, flyers) and demonstrations to showcase SIPARNIS Sports' benefits.
2. **Partnership with Health Office:** Collaborate with the health promotion office to amplify reach and engagement across campus.
3. **Interactive Events:** Organize live demonstrations, fitness challenges, or "try-it" sessions during the campaign to allow students to experience SIPARNIS Sports firsthand.
4. **Track Engagement:** Measure participation rates and feedback from students to gauge the applicability of the campaign in raising awareness.

## 6. Student Progress Monitoring

- **Objective:** Monitor students' progress in physical fitness and cognitive skills.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Implement a system for tracking improvements in physical fitness (endurance, strength, etc.) and cognitive aspects (problem-solving, decision-making) at regular intervals.
- **Persons Involved:** PE Faculty, Academic Advisors.
- **Time Frame:** Bi-annual Progress Reports.
- **Success Indicator:** Positive improvement in students' physical and cognitive assessments.

### Implementation Steps:

1. **Track Metrics:** Identify key performance indicators (e.g., endurance, strength, cognitive flexibility) to monitor students' progress.
2. **Regular Assessments:** Conduct fitness assessments at the start and mid-point of each academic year to measure improvements.
3. **Feedback Sessions:** Organize one-on-one feedback sessions with students to discuss their progress and areas for improvement.
4. **Adjustments:** Adapt training and support based on the assessment results to help students achieve their goals.

## 7. Inclusive SIPARNIS Sports for Students with Special Needs

- **Objective:** Ensure students with disabilities can also benefit from SIPARNIS Sports.
- **Activity/Strategy:** Modify SIPARNIS Sports activities to accommodate students with physical or cognitive disabilities, ensuring they can participate safely and effectively.
- **Persons Involved:** PE Faculty, Special Education Experts.
- **Time Frame:** Ongoing (Throughout Academic Year).
- **Success Indicator:** Increased inclusivity and participation from students with special needs, with positive feedback on adaptations made.

### Implementation Steps:

1. **Collaboration with Experts:** Work with special education experts to adapt SIPARNIS Sports activities for students with special needs.
2. **Customized Sessions:** Design personalized fitness sessions that accommodate various disabilities, ensuring all students can participate safely.
3. **Awareness Campaigns:** Raise awareness on campus about the inclusive nature of SIPARNIS Sports and encourage students with disabilities to participate.
4. **Feedback and Adjustment:** Continuously gather feedback from students with special needs to improve and tailor the activities accordingly.

## 8. Long-Term Health and Wellness Tracking

- **Objective:** Track long-term benefits of SIPARNIS Sports on students' overall health and well-being.

- **Activity/Strategy:** Develop a system for tracking physical fitness and cognitive development over an extended period to assess the sustained impact of SIPARNIS Sports.
- **Persons Involved:** PE Faculty, Health and Wellness Team.
- **Time Frame:** Annual Data Collection.
- **Success Indicator:** Continuous improvement in health and fitness levels, with positive long-term outcomes reported.

#### Implementation Steps:

1. **Establish Tracking Systems:** Develop a database for tracking long-term health and cognitive data of students participating in SIPARNIS Sports.
2. **Annual Check-Ins:** Perform annual assessments to measure sustained improvements in physical fitness and cognitive skills.
3. **Report Findings:** Compile annual reports on students' progress and overall well-being, making this data accessible to students and faculty.
4. **Refine Program:** Use the long-term data to refine SIPARNIS Sports activities and ensure they are continuously beneficial to students.

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