# Tom Tellez – Championship Sprinting 2014 West Coast SuperClinic

# Five basic coaching points for running and sprinting

# A. Body Position:

- 1. Trunk is directly over pelvis in a normal standing position
- 2. Project body into each stride
- 3. Head is held in natural alignment with the shoulders
- 4. Shoulders and pelvis are parallel in direction of the run
- 5. The feet are directly under the C.G. and are for support
- 6. The body undulates each stride
- 7. Function of the quadriceps in running
- 8. Function of the calf in running

### B. Foot and ankle function

- 1. Foot is placed under C.G.
- 2. Ankle is held in a neutral position
- Foot contact is made low on the ball of the foot then the heel touches, or mid-foot contact. The foot must decelerate.
- 4. When foot makes contact with ground, make no effort to pick up the foot
- 5. When heel touches the ground a stretch reflex of the calf is activated and will bring the foot off the ground
- 6. Place foot on ground by using the hip extensors
- 7. The function of the foot and ankle is for supporting the body
- 8. Press ground with foot
- 9. Negative velocity of foot

# C. Hip Extensors

- The hip extensors deliver force to the ground
- 2. By activating the stretch reflex mechanism in the hip extensors, creates more angular velocity of the leg
- 3. The action of the hip extensors is down and back
- 4. Hip rotation is the essence of speed.
- 5. Reaching, by the extension of the knee joint and plantar flexion of ankle joint decreases hip rotation

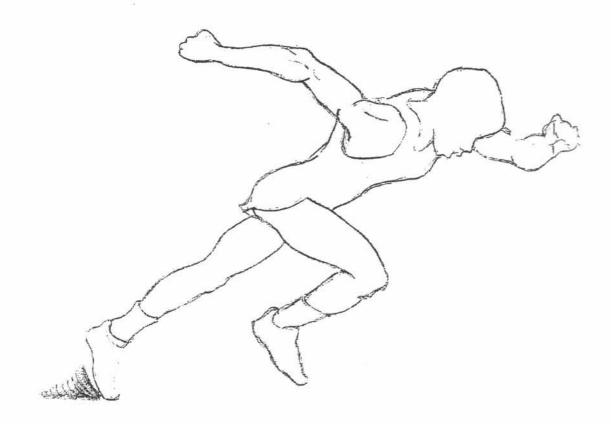
#### D. Arm Stroke

1. The arms control the range of motion and tempo in the stride

- The arms control the action of the extensors and the amount of force applied to ground
- 3. Stretch reflex in shoulder
- 4. The range of motion of the arms should be faster through the same range of motion (not shorter or longer)
- 5. Arms must go through full range of motion faster as speed is increased
- 6. Arms swing from the shoulders independent from the trunk
- 7. Arm action for distance runners
- 8. Hand and wrist function

# E. Relaxation (without tension)

- 1. Relax with effort
- 2. Intensity between practice and competition
- 3. Inverted "U" adrenal gland
- 4. Adrenal gland (adrenal cortex)



200 M RACE STRATEGY

## Tom Tellez Santa Monica Track Club

# 200 Meter Race Strategy

#### **BLOCK PLACEMENT**

- 1. Refer to "Start Paper"
- 2. Fig. 1

#### **REACTION TIME**

1. Refer to "Start Paper"

#### **CLEARING BLOCKS (Fig. 2)**

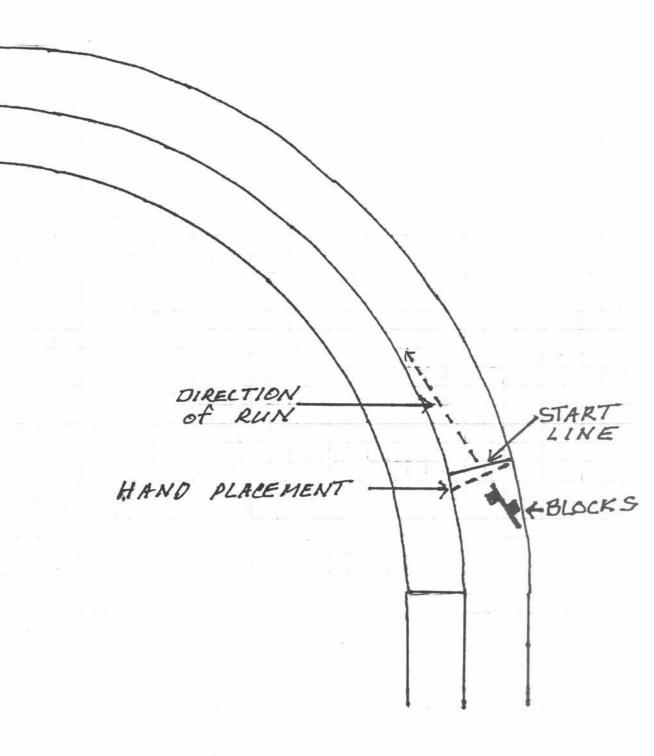
- 1. Refer to "Start Paper"
- 2. Not as aggressive as 100m start (Distribution of Energy)
- 3. Get into full running position sooner
- 4. Get into a position to accelerate

#### ACCELERATION (RUNNING THE CURVE) (Fig. 2)

- 1. Centripetal force Friction
- 2. Tangential Force
- 3. Accelerate the entire curve (first 100m or slightly into the straight-away)
- 4. Maximum relaxed speed as you come off curve.
- 5. Run approximately 8-12 inches outside of lane line.

#### MAINTAINNING AND DECELERATION OF SPEED (Fig 2)

- 1. Maintain speed as long as possible
- 2. Decelerate gracefully
- 3. Arm stroke controls tempo and range of motion of stride
- 4. Sprint mechanics (Refer to sprint papers #1 & 2)
- 5. Relaxation
- 6. Concentration
- 7. Anaerobic conditioning



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