

INFORMATION FOR THE PHYSICIAN - CONTINUED

Physical Fitness Requirements

The Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training (BLEOST), in recognizing the importance of physical fitness for academy performance and subsequent job performance, has established physical fitness training standards that must be achieved in order to successfully complete the training program. The board has established a test that effectively measures cardiovascular endurance and strength. An additional component of fitness, body weight and composition (% of body fat), has a great impact on the examinee's ability to perform the other tests. The evaluation of the candidate's fitness begins with a physician's examination and a determination of the ratio of fat to lean tissue. If an individual's weight exceeds the threshold weight, then a skinfolds caliper measurement should be taken to determine body fat percentage.

Beginning July 1, 1995, the BLEOST will require all board-approved training academies to administer an entry physical fitness test for those students reporting to the 10-week basic training program. The examination will be given immediately upon reporting for training and will determine whether a student can remain in the program. This test is an eligibility requirement. A passing score of 50% must be achieved. Those students who fail the examination must leave the academy. They may, however, resubmit their application to attend a future training class.

The test is comprised of four components: Flexibility, agility run, push-ups, and a 1 ½ mile run. It is the same test administered at the end of the program with one exception: The entry examination requires 50% to pass while the final test mandates 70%. This new requirement does not relieve students from participating in P.T. training once they pass the entry requirement. Trainees will continue to participate in scheduled P.T. training and must also pass a final P.T. test with a minimum score of 70% in order to graduate. It is important that all students understand this since even a physically fit person who has engaged in poor eating or drinking habits before reporting could fail the test.

Physical fitness can only be achieved over time. It requires a commitment to regular exercise and good eating habits. Thus it is important to disseminate this information so that all impacted personnel can prepare ahead of time. Scores needed to enter training and to graduate are as follows:

AGE GROUPS ►		20-29		30-39		40-50+	
	Score	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
AGILITY RUN (maximum allowed times for each group measured in seconds)	100%	15:90	17:80	16:40	18:90	17:35	20:55
	70%	18:60	21:10	19:10	22:20	20:05	23:85
	50%	20:40	23:30	20:90	24:40	21:85	26:05
TRUNK FLEXION (minimum required flexion for each group measured in inches)	100%	25	26	24	25	23	24
	70%	11	12	10	11	9	10
	60%*	3	4	2	3	1	2
1.5 MILE RUN (maximum allowed times for each group measured in minutes)	100%	9:00	10:48	10:00	12:00	11:00	13:12
	70%	14:30	17:18	15:30	18:30	16:30	19:42
	50%	18:10	21:38	19:10	22:50	20:10	24:02

* There are no 50% measurements for the trunk flexion event.

AGE GROUPS ►		17-21		22-26		27-31		32-36		37-41		42-46		47-51		52 +	
	Score	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
PUSH-UPS (minimum required in a two minute time limit)	100%	82	58	80	56	78	54	73	52	72	48	66	45	62	41	56	40
	70%	52	28	50	26	48	24	43	22	42	18	36	17	32	13	26	12
	50%	32	13	30	11	28	10	23	9	22	8	18	7	17	6	12	6