ALL AGES TABLE

First quotation tables were established for decathlon and concerned exclusively adult athletes. The first table which had serious statistic basis was the Finnish one before the war. Perhaps the portuguese was the best one but all had insufficient basis to compare low level performances (it is ridiculous to attribute more points to "perform" 0,80 M in high jump than to perform fewer than 30" in 110 M hurdles with ten jumps over 1,06 M). The one and only criterion to evaluate one performance is statistic frequency. At each level the performances which have the same rarity or frequency should have the same quotation. We use school, military and veterans statistics to evaluate low level performances to reduce as much as possible part of arbitrariness in this marking and we extend the curves down to absolute zero point. Improvement of statistics and technical evolution need a frequent revision of these tables (every five years at least).

Tables for young people are unfrequent and have not the same range as adult's tables and not the same basis (we had already tried to perform these tables from ten to adult forty years ago only for classification of athletes of our club). The veteran's tables in use for pentathlon or by adaptation of adult's table were useful: the veteran's available statistics in many countries are now adequate to perform all ages tables from 9 to more than 90 years of age with many allowed possibilities (match ranking between mixed age and sex teams, athletes ranking in categories at all ages).

The chosen model of progression curves resulting is not too far from existing tables. To avoid benefit for specialist, curves are not so far from the straight line in some field events. Parabolic curves in running are not parallel: more curved if distance is greater and more curved if the age is more far from adult (younger or older).

To compare with existing adult's tables, we keep the range of quotation from 0 to 1500 points for decathlon adult events: this detailed table (available for all ages and all events on request: two thousand pages booklett) do not seem necessary for normal use: we adopt divided by 5 marking from 0 (or -48 = no one performance) to 300 (quotation over all world marks). If in decathlon an injured athlete courageously finishes his run, he must have more points than any one who did not run. The quotation for one event missing would be -200 - 300 in detailed precedent tables.

In directions for use you will find all informations to adapt more accurate quotation according to - age: years for old people, months for young people;
- back or front wind in running;
- indoors events;
- altitude.

Also you will find all informations about elaboration of these tables. Your remarks will be welcome and useful for next edition.

Translation will be improved in final edition.

All ages 300 points table (and decathlon 1500) 100 great pages (400 normal pages)
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Guess which event is on the back?