GLIDE SHOT PUT: The Shortest Path to Success

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For athletes who are...

Coordinated
Fast
Short/Small
"Athletic"







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Common question "my athlete does this wrong, I need a drill to fix it."

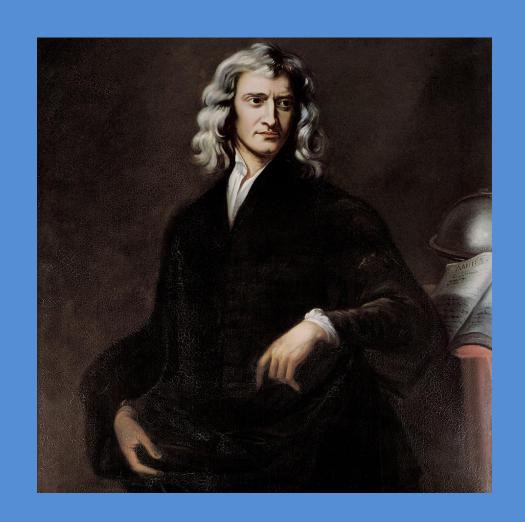
Drills are sold in aisle 6 at Lowes. Coaches fix wrong.

OVERALL GOAL: Keep it linear!



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Newton's 1st Law of Motion





OBJECTIVE 1: Master the Standing Throw



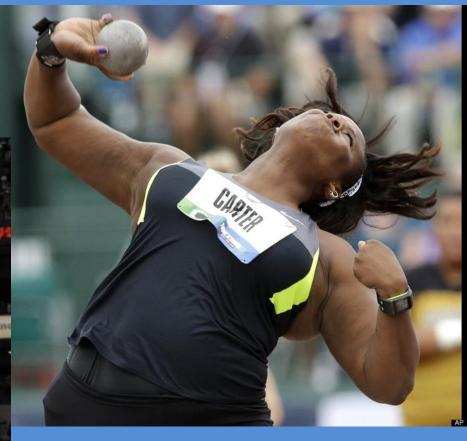


CAN THEY STRIKE?

Elbow out
Thumb down

Fingertips Free arm





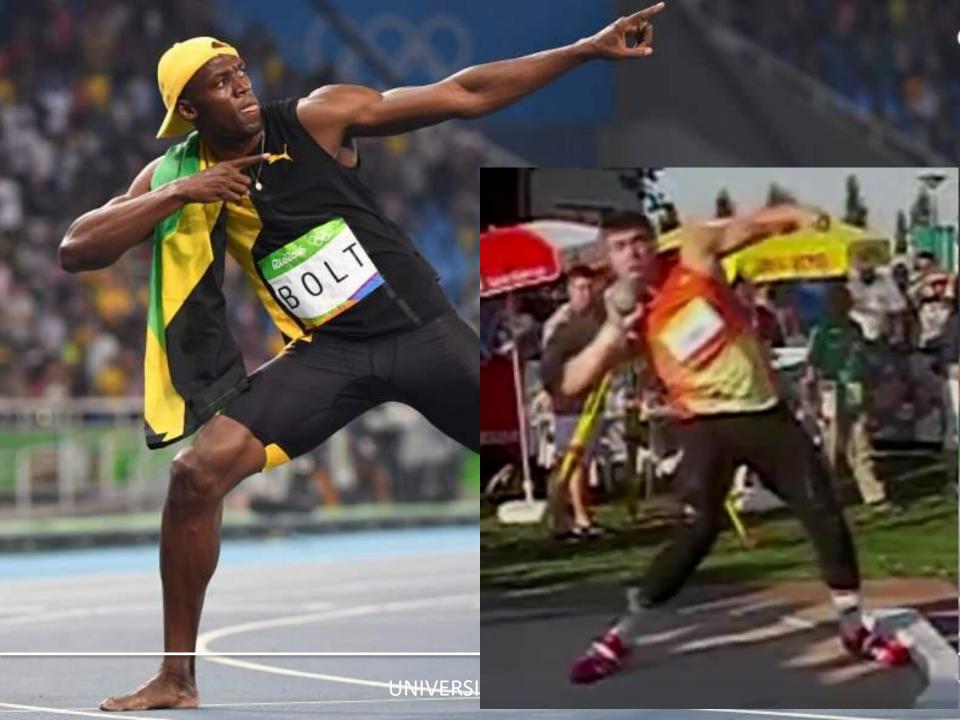
SOME "DRILLS"

1. Kneeling presses with free arm action

Progress to:

- 2. "Free Throws"
 - 3. + Twist
 - 4. + Stagger
- 5. "Usain Bolts"





WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Setup

Heel-toe alignment
Wide Base
Left foot closed
Right foot open
Shot behind foot
Head looking back



WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Strike

Focal point
"Clear the path"
Right side:
"Lift, then turn"
or "Knee first"
"Finish vertical (like a layup)"



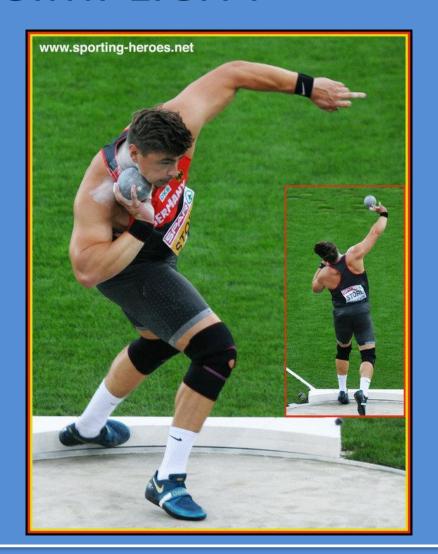
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STANDING THROW SIMPLICITY

Competition Ready

Promotes aggression early

Only limited by strength and reps



OBJECTIVE 2: Get to the Standing Throw





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Unseating ("Roller Coaster effect")

Drop Hips & Fall
Drop Hips & Catch
Drop Hips & Kick

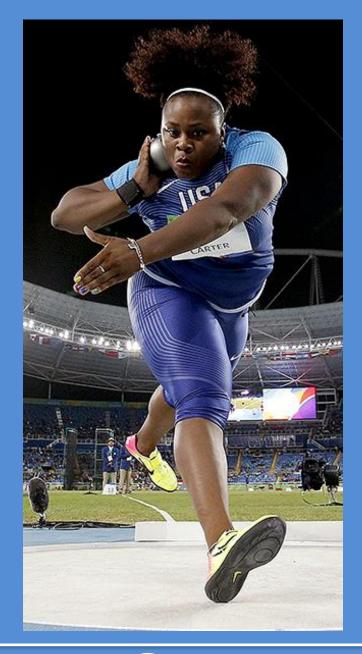


THE A-FRAME

Sit & Kick to splits (Try to drag the heel)

Can "Pull-under" into standing throw

Full Glide: Add right leg!





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WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Unseating
Left leg first
Left leg extension
Leaving from heel
Stable free arm



CONCEPT 3: Optimize speed





OPTIMIZE, THEN MAXIMIZE

Optimize:
Mini Glide
Double Glides (R-R-RL)



Maximize:
Weight Room
Speed and/or height of unseat



TRAINING CONCEPTS:



EARLY SEASON/BEGINNERS

Prioritize grip, strike, and standing throw

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Reps: As many as they can handle

MID-SEASON/STILL DEVELOPING

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Typical practice (20 throws):

Standing throws x5

Drill 1 x5

Full Glide x10

Finish with:

Standing throws x10-15

LATE SEASON/EXPERIENCED

Typical practice (20 throws):
Standing throws x3-5
Full Glide x15

Finish with:

Standing throws x10-15 or other drill as needed

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QUESTIONS?

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