

# How does Newton's Three Laws of Motions apply to sports?

## What are Newton's Three Law of Motion?



# Newton's 1st Law of Motion

An object at rest will stay at rest, unless an outside force is placed on it.

Commonly known as Inertia

### How does Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Law apply to sports?

### **Sport examples:**

- Statics athlete/object is motionless
  - Olympic lifter
  - Diver before a dive
  - Gymnast after the landing
- Dynamics athlete/object is in motion.
  - Cyclist coasting at a constant velocity
  - Skier coasting at a constant velocity





- ✤ Is the most complicated of the laws
- The acceleration of an object as produced by a net force is directly proportional to the magnitude of the net force, in the same direction as the net force, and inversely proportional to the mass of the object.
- The change of motion of an object is proportional to the force impressed; and is made in the direction of the straight line in which the force is impressed.

### Newton's 2nd Law of Motion



### Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Motion

### What is a Force?

- ✤ A vector defined by the size and direction
- A → to the right (+) or a ← left (-). The length = the force. The longer the line the greater the force, and vice versa on shorter
- → The same for the Up  $\uparrow$  (+) and the down  $\downarrow$  (-) arrow.

### There are different types of force:

- Tensile Force (Pulling a rope)
- Compressive Force (Pushing together)
- Non contact forces Gravity, magnetic forces, electricity

### Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Motion



- $\Rightarrow \quad \sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F1} + \mathbf{F2} + \mathbf{F3} + \dots$
- Statics Bodies at rest equal zero
  - $\bullet \quad \sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$
- Collinear forces in the same line, maybe in the same or opposite direction and may be added to determine resultant force.

#### **Example:**

✤ Tug –of – War Team 1 has 3 members exerting the following forces: 100N, 200N, 400N and team 2 has 3 members exerting the following forces: 200N, 300N, 500N; who will win?



✤ Team 2 is the winner due to 300N more force.

### How does Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law apply to sports?

Pitching a baseball
How fast is the ball moving?

# Weightlifting How much force do I need to lift this weight?

### Track and Field

→How fast is that person running?

How much force is needed to throw the shot-put 50 feet?

### Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Motion

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
Action equals Reaction



## How does Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law apply to sports?

#### Hitting a baseball



#### **Kicking a Football**



### All sports use one of Newton's laws

- Baseball
- Football
- Basketball
- Track
- **O** Gymnastics

### All Sports use Newton's Laws