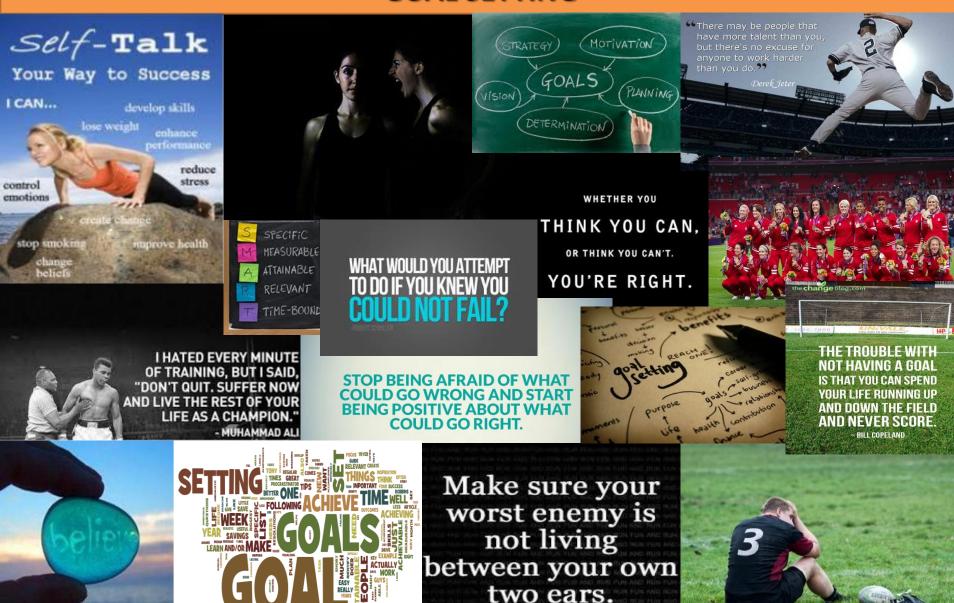
SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

GOAL SETTING



4. Goal Setting

Goal setting is the process of deciding on something you want to achieve, planning the steps to follow that will help reach the goal, and then working towards achieving the goal.

Use of Goal Setting

Goal setting can be used;

- Before performance
- During performance
- After performance



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There are **3** types of goals that can be set:

Outcome

Focuses on the outcome of performance e.g. making the finals, winning a particular game.

Performance

Personal targets that an athlete sets for himself to achieve during the performance e.g. complete a round of golf with only 3 bogeys, kick 3 goals in a game of soccer

Process

Focus on specific aspect of a performance e.g. keep head down when batting in cricket, and or follow through after a free throw in basketball

4 KINDS OF GOALS

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Outcome

Short-Term Outcome Goals

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Long-Term Process Goals

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- *The process
- *All factors are under your control

Long-Term Outcome Goals

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Reviewed – Goals are monitored and adjustment made if necessary

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Controllable – The goal must be under the athlete's sole control and not dependent on others.

Attainable – The goal should be realistically attainable.

Measurable – Progress can be measured eg improved times, distances.

Personal - Goals are set based on the ability, confidence and motivation of the individual.

