



THE GOALS

- Highlight risk factors for stress-related back injuries in young fast bowlers
- Provide pathways in the event of injury
- Encourage
   communication to
   ensure all are acting in
   the best interests of
   the athlete.

### Your Questions

What should bowling workloads look like? Intensity/overs? How much bowling practice is too much? What other sports contribute to more overloading of the bowlers body? Rugby swimming? Injuries and how to overcome them/reduce them Advice around injury prevention, training volumes and loading Bowling action review? What is the ideal load up for a side on fast bowler? Technique that can improve his pace. Pace bowling after stress fractures - playing safely. How does bowling style cause back injury?

# Road Map



- Discussion
- Risks and challenges
- Bowling technique
- Loading
- Spinal stress fractures
- Injury pathways
- Meet/discuss with presenters



• Why do you think you got injured?

 What were your stress fractures like?

 What do you do differently now ?

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Risk Factors

- Pace
- Technique
- Loading
- Health
- Previous injury
- Age





Challenges & Risks

- 1. Scheduling
- 2. Preseason
- 3. Surfaces
- 4. Weather
- 5. Pre-season tours
- 6. The Christmas Period
- 7. Winning (school, coach, parents)

# 2 Questions

What is a good technique look like? How do I bowl fast?















# TECHNIQUE

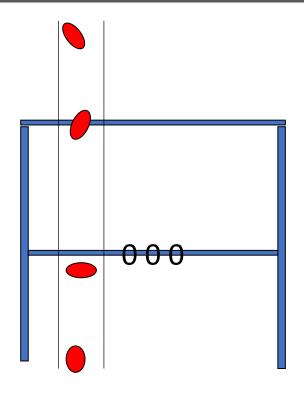
#### Everything in line (towards the target)

- Head
- Run up
- Arms
- Feet (running the tracks)
- Delivery
- Follow through

**Head over feet** (balance, lateral flexion!)

Eyes level

# Technique Basic Principles



# In-Posture?



# Conversation positions Side on Semi open Front on/open









# **Alignment Poles**

Shoulder angle

Hip angle

Combined angles (counter rotation?)

























# Loading!!!



Is it about stopping you bowling?



You must bowl and bowl to get better?



Who decides?





#### Once per week games (e.g. Saturday Cricket)

#### AGE **BOWLING** RESTRICTION 9-10yrs 5 overs per day 2 overs per spell 8 overs per day 11-12yrs 4 overs per spell - 10 overs per day 13yrs 5 overs per spell - 10 overs per day 14yrs 5 overs per spell - 12 overs per day 15yrs 5 overs per spell 14 overs per day 16yrs 6 overs per spell - 16 overs per day 17yrs 6 overs per spell 20 overs per day 18yrs 8 overs per spell

#### The guidelines below are based on junior and youth cricket practice sessions

AGE	SESSIONS PER WEEK / BOWLING RESTRICTION
9-10yrs	1 session per week     4 overs per session
11-12yrs	<ul><li>1 session per week</li><li>4 overs per session</li></ul>
13yrs	2 sessions per week     5 overs per session
14yrs	- 2 sessions per week - 5 overs per session
15yrs	- 2 sessions per week - 5 overs per session
16yrs	2 sessions per week     6 overs per session
17yrs	- 2 sessions per week - 6 overs per session
18yrs	<ul><li>2 sessions per week</li><li>6 overs per session</li></ul>



#### The table below is based on cricketers playing in tournaments that are played for 3 or more days

AGE	SESSIONS PER WEEK / BOWLING RESTRICTION
9-10yrs	4 overs per day     2 overs per spell
	Max 16 overs bowled during the tournament
11-12yrs	8 overs per day     4 overs per spell     Max 20 overs bowled during the tournament
13yrs	10 overs per day     5 overs per spell     Max 32 overs bowled during the tournament
14yrs	10 overs per day     5 overs per spell     Max 32 overs bowled during the tournament
15yrs	10 overs per day     6 overs per spell     Max 38 overs bowled during the tournament
lóyrs	10 overs per day     6 overs per spell     Max 38 overs bowled during the tournament
17yrs	10 overs per day     6 overs per spell     Max 42 overs bowled during the tournament
18yrs	10 overs per day     6 overs per spell     Max 42 overs bowled during the tournament

# 2019/20 Pathway Bowling Guidelines

Bowling Recommendation – simple message

Under 15 and Under 17 bowlers

1

3

5

1,3,5 message [1 day off between bowling session, 3 days per week, 5 overs in a spell]

Under 19 bowlers

2

4

6

2,4,6 message [maximum 2 bowling days in a row , 4 days per week, 6 overs in a spell].

#### Elite v Community Cricket recommendations

#### Elite Recommendations

Elite Recommendations relate to bowlers in the elite pathways (state squads etc..) who have access to coaches, fitness and medical staff to help manage their training programs and injury concerns.

Weekly bowling volume targets are included as they have access to tools and resources to monitor this.

#### Community Recommendations

Community Recommendations target the broader cricket community. The bowling guidelines are available via the Cricket Australia Well-Played document

https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/running-yourclub/well-played

#### Common sense Approach

The guidelines are general in nature and every bowler needs to be managed on an individual basis. Some will cope with more or less load as there are other important variables other than age (e.g. physical maturity, technique, bowling speed, fitness, previous injury etc..) that are also important factors.





Summary

• 2-4 Bowling sessions per week

• 20-30 overs per week

 Rest in between bowling sessions



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Frequency

Intensity

Rest

**S**urface

Type (of training)

# **CHRONIC (long term)LOAD:**

28 day (4 week) average. It is a rolling average.

## **ACUTE LOAD( short term):**

What has been bowled in the last 7 days

#### **SPIKE:**

A jump in the chronic load of more than 150%

### LEVELS OF INTENSITY



- -1 Seam release drills, step and release into the mitt
- O Bowl ½ way down pitch off a couple of steps into back of the net
- 1 Bowl full pitch length at low intensity (seam/technique)
- 2 Full run up, 80% intensity (skills/target)
- 3 Full intensity, including bouncers and yorkers

# Graph Key



LEVEL 1: BLUE

LEVEL 2: ORANGE

LEVEL 3: GREEN

SPIKE: RED

MATCH: GREY

# 16-year old fast bowler

Match – 14 Overs/day (6 overs per spell)

Training – 6 overs per session (2 sessions per week)

Ideal overs – 26

Tournament (3+ days) – 10 overs per day/6 overs per spell/38 total overs

Date	Load	<b>Chronic Load</b>	Acute Load	Spike	Weekly (sum)
10/08/20	0	0	0	#N/A	
11/08/20	0	0	0	#N/A	
12/08/20	6	2	6	400%	
13/08/20	0	2	6	400%	
14/08/20	6	3	12	400%	
15/08/20	0	3	12	400%	
16/08/20	0	3	12	400%	12
17/08/20	0	3	12	400%	
18/08/20	7	5	19	400%	
19/08/20	0	5	13	274%	
20/08/20	7	7	20	308%	
21/08/20	0	7	14	215%	
22/08/20	0	7	14	215%	
23/08/20	7	8	21	255%	21
24/08/20	0	8	21	255%	
25/08/20	9	11	23	219%	
26/08/20	0	11	23	219%	
27/08/20	0	11	16	152%	
28/08/20	9	13	25	196%	
29/08/20	0	13	25	196%	
30/08/20	0	13	18	#N/A	18
31/08/20	0	13	18	#N/A	
1/09/20	8	15	17	#N/A	
2/09/20	0	15	17	#N/A	
3/09/20	8	17	25	#N/A	
4/09/20	0		16	#N/A	
5/09/20	6	17	22	#N/A	
6/09/20	0	18	22	#N/A	22

**WEEK 1-4** 

Date	Load	Chronic Load	Acute Load	Spike	Weekly (sum)	
7/09/20	0	18	22	#N/A		
8/09/20	7	20	29	#N/A		ļ
9/09/20	0	19	21	#N/A		
10/09/20	7	20	20	#N/A		
11/09/20	7	21	27	#N/A		ļ
12/09/20	0	21	21	#N/A		ļ
13/09/20	0	21	21	#N/A	2	21
14/09/20	0	21	21	#N/A		
15/09/20	8	21	22	#N/A		ļ
16/09/20	0	21	22	#N/A		ļ
17/09/20	9	21	24	#N/A		ļ
18/09/20	0	21	17	#N/A		ļ
19/09/20	8	23	25	#N/A		ļ
20/09/20	0	22	25	#N/A	2	25
21/09/20	0	22	25	#N/A		
22/09/20	0	19	17	#N/A		
23/09/20	10	22	27	#N/A		ļ
24/09/20	0	22	18	#N/A		ļ
25/09/20	8	22	26	#N/A		ļ
26/09/20	0	22	18	#N/A		ļ
27/09/20	0	22	18	#N/A	1	18
28/09/20	0	22	18	#N/A		
29/09/20	9	24	27	#N/A		
30/09/20	4	23	21	#N/A		
1/10/20	0	21	21	#N/A		
2/10/20	0	21	13	#N/A		
3/10/20	7	21	20	#N/A		
4/10/20	0	21	20	#N/A	2	20

**WEEK 5-8** 

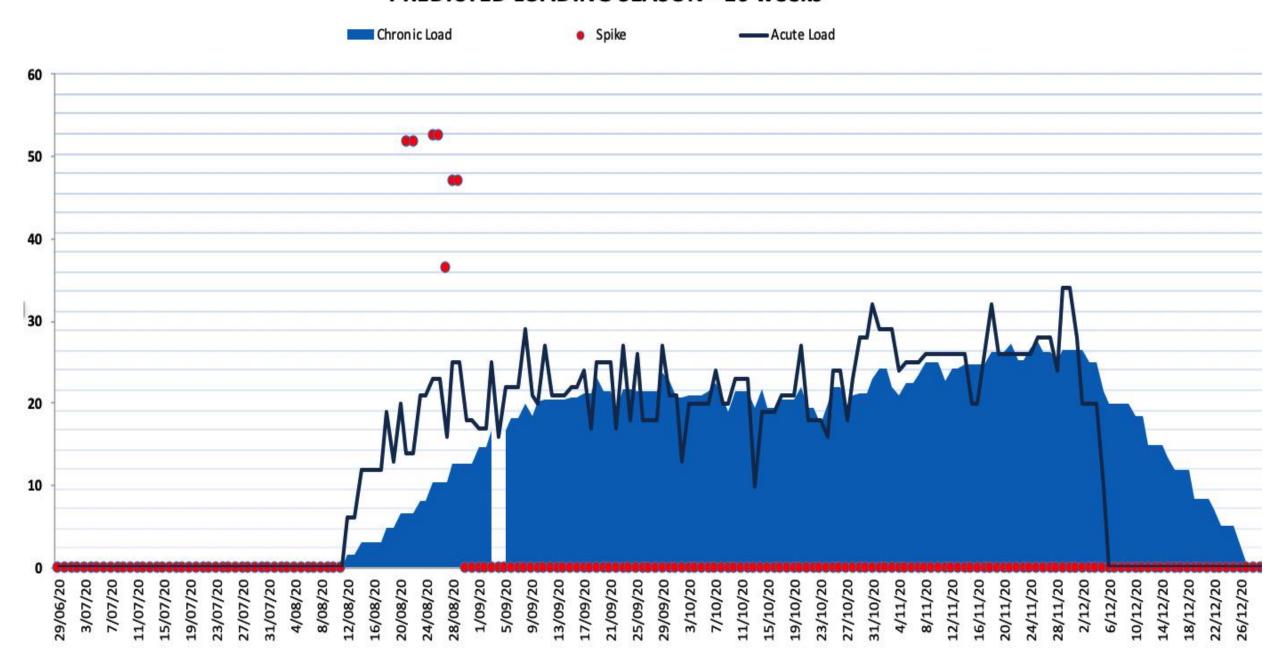
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5/10/20	0	21	20	#N/A	
6/10/20	9	22	20	#N/A	
7/10/20	4	23	24	#N/A	
8/10/20	0	21	20	#N/A	
9/10/20	0	19	20	#N/A	
10/10/20	10	22	23	#N/A	
11/10/20	0	22	23	#N/A	23
12/10/20	0	22	23	#N/A	
13/10/20	0	20	10	#N/A	
14/10/20	9	22	19	#N/A	
15/10/20	0	20	19	#N/A	
16/10/20	0	20	19	#N/A	
17/10/20	12	21	21	#N/A	
18/10/20	0	21	21	#N/A	21
19/10/20	0	21	21	#N/A	
20/10/20	6	22	27	#N/A	
21/10/20	0	20	18	#N/A	
22/10/20	0	20	18	#N/A	
23/10/20	0	18	18	#N/A	
24/10/20	10	20	16	#N/A	
25/10/20	8	22	24	#N/A	24
26/10/20	0	22	24	#N/A	
27/10/20	0	20	18	#N/A	
28/10/20	5	21	23	#N/A	
29/10/20	5	21	28	#N/A	
30/10/20	0	21	28	#N/A	
31/10/20	14	23	32	#N/A	
1/11/20	5	24	29	#N/A	29

**WEEK 9-12** 

Date	Load	Chronic Load	Acute Load	Spike	Weekly (sum)	
2/11/20	0	24	29	#N/A		
3/11/20	0	21	29	#N/A		
4/11/20	0	21	24	#N/A		
5/11/20	6	23	25	#N/A		
6/11/20	0	23	25	#N/A		
7/11/20	14	24	25	#N/A		
8/11/20	6	25	26	#N/A		26
9/11/20	0	25	26	#N/A		
10/11/20	0	25	26	#N/A		
11/11/20	0	23	26	#N/A		
12/11/20	6	24	26	#N/A		
13/11/20	0	24	26	#N/A		
14/11/20	14	25	26	#N/A		
15/11/20	0	25	20	#N/A		20
16/11/20	0	25	20	#N/A		
17/11/20	6	25	26	#N/A		
18/11/20	6	26	32	#N/A		
19/11/20	0	26	26	#N/A		
20/11/20	0	26	26	#N/A		
21/11/20	14	27	26	#N/A		
22/11/20	0	25	26	#N/A		26
23/11/20	0	25	26	#N/A		
24/11/20	6	27	26	#N/A		
25/11/20	8	28	28	#N/A		
26/11/20	0	26	28	#N/A		
27/11/20	0	26	28	#N/A		
28/11/20	10	25	24	#N/A		
29/11/20	10	27	34	#N/A		34

**WEEK 13-16** 

#### **PREDICTED LOADING SEASON - 16 weeks**



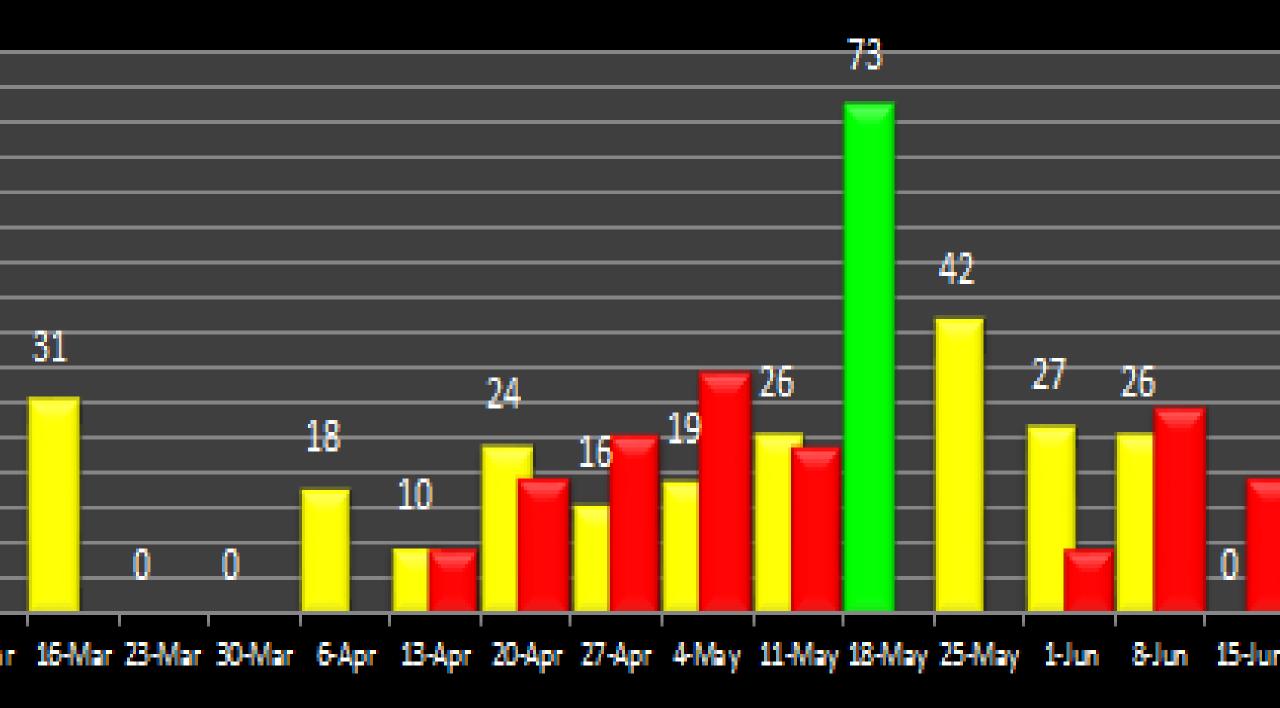
### What can I do?



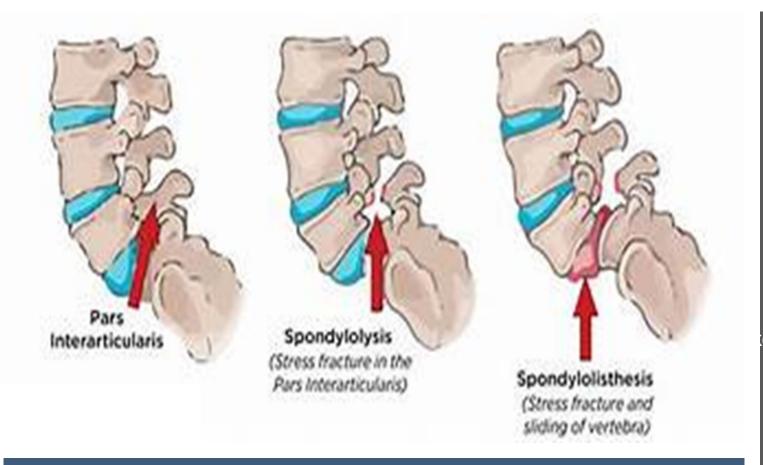
- Keep a diary
- Ask the player/ coach
- Pre plan
- Individualise

# I TALK TO MYSELF BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO LISTENS!









Lumbar Spine Stress Fracture

• Where does a stress fracture occur?

• Why does it occur?

Why is it so important to prevent?

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Osteoblasts build bone

Normal bone

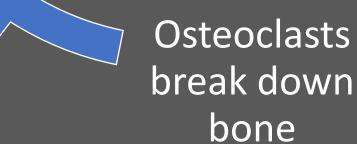


The cycle of Bone stress

Bone stress/loading

Recovery

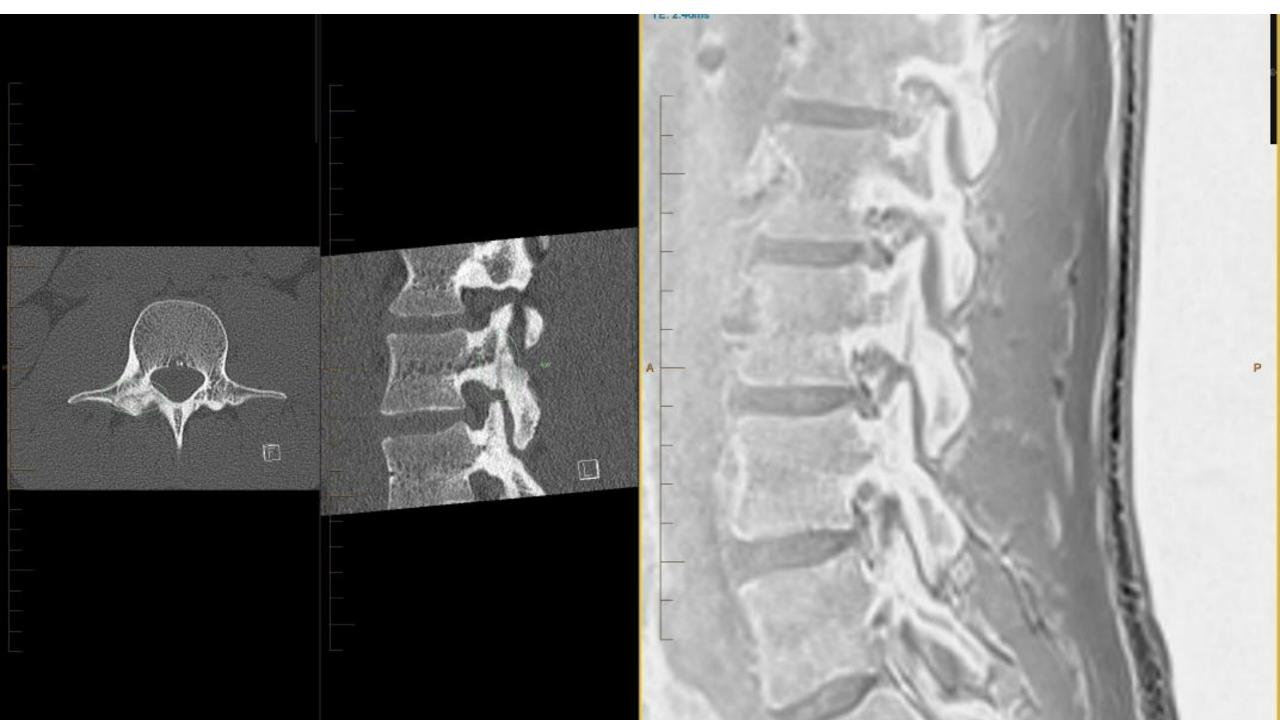
& Rest

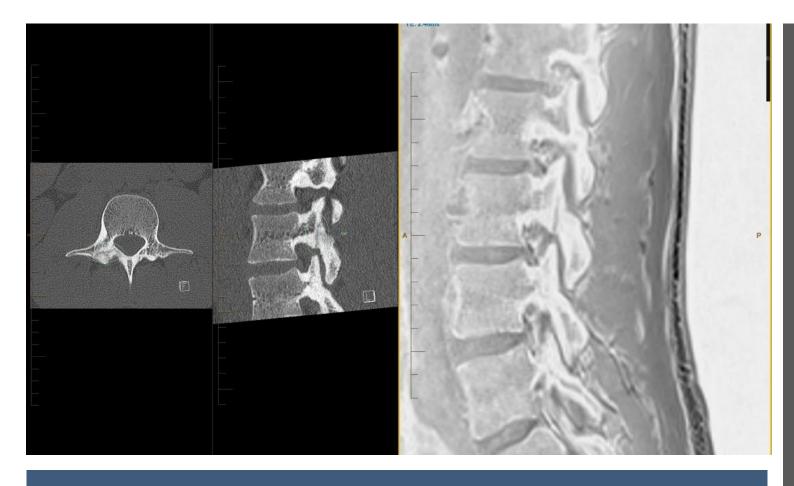




#### Back pain from bowling **Back Pain Pathway** Stop bowling! Return to bowling once improves Review with Physio, Sports pain free Doctor Same/ worse Build up bowling Pain Review with Sports Doctor load returns Investigate for stress fracture Return to play Painfree rehab Rest Review and **Stress** Technique/ Review scans No Stress injury injury rehab rehab



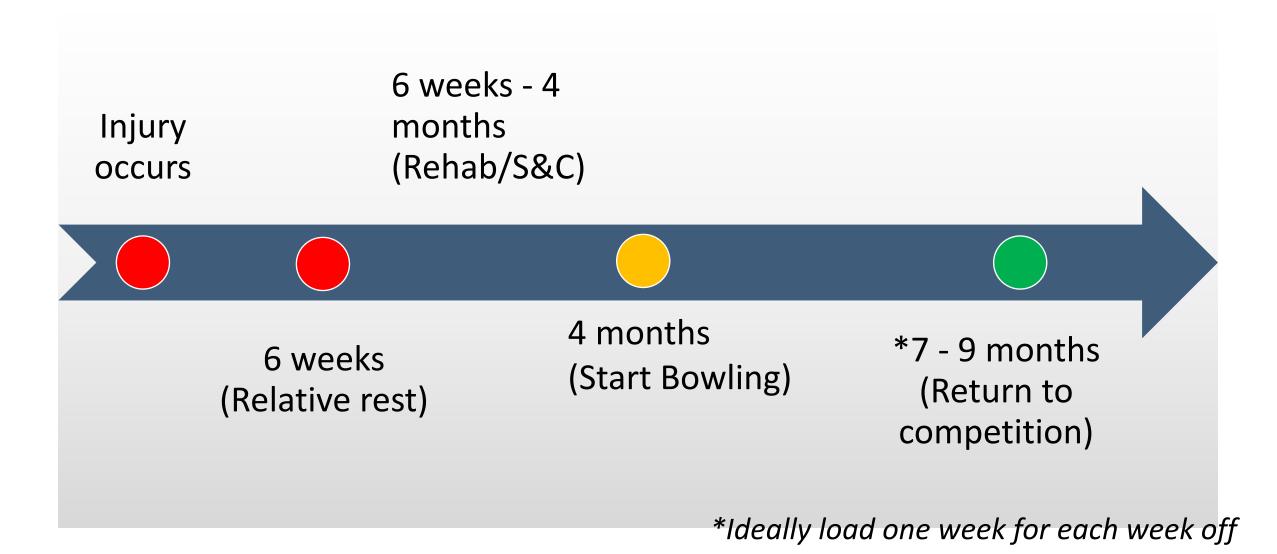




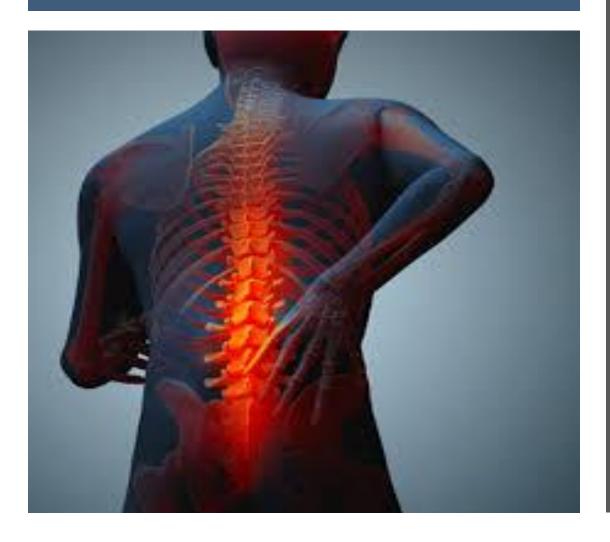
Stress fracture rehab

- No bowling for at least 4 months.
- No running/swimming or painful activities for at least 6 weeks.
- Physiotherapy led rehabilitation programme always painfree.
- Review of contributing factors including technique.
- Return to bowling over minimum 8-10 weeks after 4 month rest. The longer the better.
- Consideration of surgery if persistent pain and complete fracture is present.

## Timeline – Stress fracture



# Physio considerations

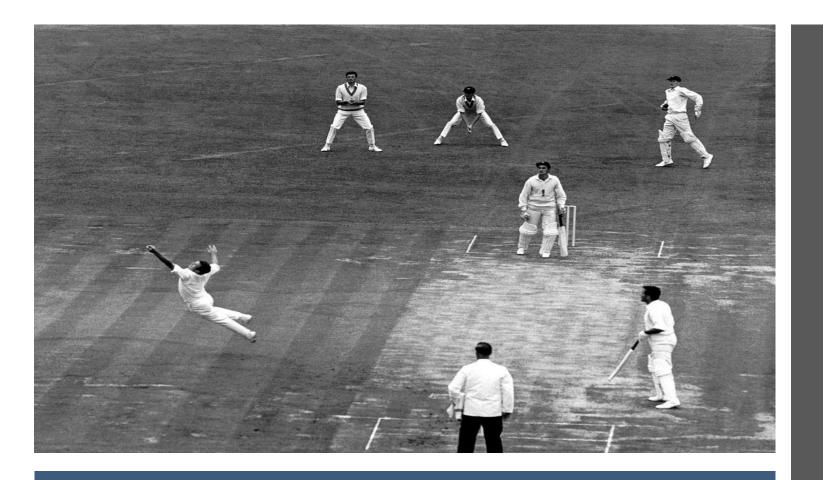


- Back pain = High suspicion of stress fracture
- Previous bowling load
- Winter sports load
- What do I do physically to prepare my athlete

## S&C

- No competition
- High reps 10+
- Not to Failure
- Good technique
- Supervised if possible
- Related to training age/ cricket specific





Conclusions

- Loading 2-4 sessions per week
- Rest after bowling
- 20-30 overs
- Keep bowling diary
- Back pain suspect a stress fracture see a physio/doctor
- Communication



Resources

Bowling Guidelines

Medical + Physio support

Specialist bowling

coaches

Bowling loading templates