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Development of a Modified BSPT-Based Shooting Skill Test Instrument for Basketball Players Aged 16–18 Years

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study. This study aimed to develop and evaluate the feasibility of a basketball shooting skill test instrument specifically designed for male players aged 16–18 years, based on a modified Basketball Skill Performance Test (BSPT) framework. The primary objective was to produce a standardized, content-valid, and practically applicable assessment tool capable of objectively measuring three distinct shooting competencies: free throw, three-point shooting, and right–left lay-up execution.

Materials and methods. A developmental research design was adopted, guided by the Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation (ADDIE) model. Content validity was assessed through a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) involving two accredited sport science experts and one licensed basketball coach. The instrument was subjected to a small-scale field trial (n = 10) and subsequently refined prior to a large-scale field test (n = 30), involving male basketball club players aged 16–18 years selected via purposive sampling. Each test component was administered under standardized conditions using consistent equipment. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, encompassing mean (M), standard deviation (SD), minimum and maximum scores, as well as frequency and percentage distributions based on a five-scale performance rubric.

Results. The free throw test yielded a moderate mean performance score (M = 5.43; SD = 1.96), indicating stable shooting consistency with moderate variability. The three-point shooting test produced the lowest mean score (M = 2.50; SD = 2.39), reflecting significantly greater task difficulty and wider inter-individual variability in long-range shooting accuracy. The right–left lay-up test demonstrated the highest mean score (M = 7.80; SD = 1.83), reflecting well-developed bilateral finishing skills. Score distributions across all components were free from floor and ceiling effects, confirming adequate discriminative ability at each performance level.

Conclusions. The developed basketball shooting skill test instrument is content-valid, practically feasible, and contextually appropriate for the systematic evaluation of shooting skills in basketball players aged 16–18 years. The instrument provides balanced difficulty gradients across shooting components, enabling objective, multi-dimensional performance assessment in both training and competitive development settings. Its adoption is recommended for coaches and sport science practitioners engaged in youth basketball athlete monitoring and development.

Keywords: basketball; shooting skill; test instrument development; BSPT modification; youth athletes; ADDIE model; performance assessment.

INTRODUCTION

Basketball is a high-intensity, dynamic team sport in which shooting skill constitutes the fundamental determinant of scoring outcomes and, consequently, competitive success. Points are acquired exclusively through successful field goal attempts—including two-point shots, three-point shots, and free throws—placing shooting proficiency at the apex of technical performance demands (Csátaljay et al., 2009; Erčulj & Štrumbelj, 2015). Within competitive youth basketball, particularly among players in the 16–18 age cohort, shooting accuracy and consistency represent critical benchmarks of technical maturation, positional specialization, and competitive readiness. The biomechanical and neuromuscular demands of each shooting modality—free throw, three-point shooting, and lay-up—are distinct, requiring coaches and sport scientists to adopt multi-dimensional evaluation frameworks capable of capturing

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this complexity (Abady et al., 2025; Pojskić et al., 2014).

From a developmental perspective, the 16–18 age range corresponds to a late adolescent phase characterized by near-adult anthropometric profiles, substantially enhanced motor coordination, and emerging tactical cognition. At this stage, athletes are expected to demonstrate high levels of shooting consistency, bilateral coordination, and performance under varying biomechanical conditions (Calvo et al., 2010; Cortis et al., 2010). Objective, standardized assessment of shooting proficiency is therefore indispensable for supporting evidence-based athlete development, enabling coaches to make informed pedagogical decisions regarding training prioritization, individual skill programming, and competitive squad selection (Sampaio et al., 2015).

Critical Examination of Existing Literature

A range of standardized instruments has been developed and validated for the assessment of basketball technical skills. Among the most extensively applied is the Basketball Skill Performance Test (BSPT), which has demonstrated adequate psychometric properties—including content validity and internal consistency—across multiple study populations (Aryanto et al., 2020; Salafi et al., 2023). The BSPT encompasses a broad assessment of basketball competencies, including dribbling, passing, and shooting, offering a comprehensive profiling capability for general skill evaluation.

However, a critical review of the literature reveals substantive methodological limitations constraining the generalizability and precision of existing instruments. First, the BSPT and comparable tools have predominantly been validated in younger developmental cohorts, typically involving players aged 10–16 years, and may not adequately reflect the technical demands, biomechanical profiles, and scoring expectations appropriate for athletes in the 16–18 age range(Nèji et al., 2020). Second, instruments designed for general basketball skill assessment tend to distribute evaluative emphasis across multiple technical domains, thereby reducing measurement sensitivity for shooting-specific dimensions(Boddington et al., 2019). This design characteristic is suboptimal in contexts where the primary evaluative aim is the precise assessment of shooting competency(Goldberg et al., 2017). Third, several existing tools employ ordinal performance rubrics with insufficient scale granularity or poorly operationalized scoring criteria, limiting discriminative precision across performance levels (Ibáñez et al., 2018; Mon-López & Tejero-González, 2019).

Beyond the psychometric concerns, practical implementation constraints also merit attention. Many instruments require specialized equipment, extended administration time, or technically trained assessors, which reduces ecological validity and feasibility in resource-limited training environments. Instruments that are complex to administer may introduce measurement error attributable to protocol non-standardization, assessor variability, or participant fatigue—each of which undermines the reliability of performance evaluations (Atkinson & Nevill, 1998; Messick, 1995).

Identification of Research Gaps

Notwithstanding the available body of literature, several significant research gaps persist. First, no validated, shooting-specific instrument has been developed and normed for male basketball players within the 16–18 age cohort in the Indonesian competitive context. Second, existing instruments do not simultaneously assess free throw, three-point shooting, and bilateral lay-up performance within a unified, time-efficient protocol. Third, the application of structured developmental methodologies—such as the ADDIE instructional design model—for sport assessment instrument development remains underutilized in the basketball science literature. Fourth, empirical evidence regarding the item difficulty gradient and discriminative validity of shooting-specific test items within this developmental age group is scarce, limiting the ability to identify performance benchmarks and normative standards for youth athlete development programs.

Rationale for the Research

The cumulative evidence from the literature review substantiates a compelling rationale for the development of a modified BSPT-based shooting skill test instrument tailored to basketball players aged 16–18 years. A shooting-specific instrument developed within a rigorous methodological framework and validated with an appropriate target population would address the identified psychometric, developmental, and practical limitations of existing tools. The adoption of the ADDIE model ensures that instrument development proceeds through systematic analysis, iterative design, expert validation, and evidence-based evaluation—thereby enhancing the scientific rigor and applied utility of the resulting tool. Such an instrument would provide coaches, sport scientists, and national federations with a reliable, objective, and practically feasible tool to support athlete monitoring, training prescription, and talent identification within youth basketball programs.

Objectives

Based on the research context, literature gaps, and rationale presented above, the primary objective of this study was to develop and evaluate a basketball shooting skill test instrument for male players aged 16–18 years, grounded in the modified BSPT framework, through the application of the ADDIE developmental research model. Specifically, the study sought to: (1) develop a standardized instrument encompassing free throw, three-point shooting, and right–left lay-up components with operationally defined scoring criteria; (2) assess the content validity of the instrument through expert consultation; and (3) evaluate the practical feasibility, item difficulty gradient, and discriminative ability of the instrument through small- and large-scale field trials.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Participants

The study cohort comprised 30 male basketball players aged 16–18 years (mean age = 17.1 ± 0.7 years; mean body mass = 67.4 ± 8.2 kg; mean stature = 176.3 ± 6.1 cm) who were actively enrolled in competitive training programs at the club level in East Java Province, Indonesia. Participants were recruited through purposive sampling on the basis of: (a) chronological age within the 16–18-year eligibility range; (b) active involvement in structured basketball training for a minimum of 12 months; (c) current participation

in organized inter-club competition; and (d) provision of written informed consent (and parental/guardian consent where applicable). Participants with a reported acute musculoskeletal injury or chronic medical condition precluding safe physical testing were excluded. To ensure variability in performance profiles—a prerequisite for meaningful assessment of instrument discriminative ability—coaches stratified the enrolled athletes into three performance tiers (high, moderate, and low) based on accumulated observations from training sessions and competitive performance records. A preliminary small-scale trial was independently conducted with a separate sample of 10 players drawn from the same population, following identical inclusion criteria, to facilitate initial instrument refinement prior to large-scale administration.

Study Organization

Methodological Framework and Research Design

This study employed a developmental research design, operationalized through the ADDIE (Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, Evaluation) instructional systems design model, which has been widely adopted in instrument and curriculum development research (Branch, 2009). The ADDIE framework was selected because it provides a systematic, iterative structure for instrument development that integrates theoretical analysis, expert-informed design, empirical testing, and evidence-based revision—thereby ensuring both content validity and ecological applicability. The five sequential phases of the ADDIE process were implemented as follows:

Table 1. ADDIE-Based Development Phases of the Basketball Shooting Skill Test Instrument

Phase	Description of Activities	Expected Output
Phase 1 – Analysis	A comprehensive review of the basketball skill assessment literature was conducted to identify psychometric limitations of existing instruments, particularly the original BSPT, in relation to the 16–18 age cohort. Shooting-related performance demands specific to competitive youth basketball were analyzed to determine appropriate test components and scoring criteria.	Identification of gaps in existing basketball skill tests and determination of appropriate shooting components and scoring indicators for players aged 16–18 years.
Phase 2 – Design	Based on the analysis results, three shooting components were selected as test items: (1) free throw shooting, representing static shooting under controlled conditions; (2) three-point shooting, representing long-range shooting requiring power, accuracy, and technical refinement; and (3) right–left lay-up shooting, representing dynamic close-range finishing requiring bilateral coordination. Initial protocols including administration procedures, equipment specifications, timing parameters, and scoring rubrics were designed.	Draft version of the shooting skill test instrument including test procedures, equipment requirements, and scoring system.
Phase 3 – Development	The draft instrument was validated through a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) involving two accredited sport science experts and one licensed Level II basketball coach. Experts evaluated the relevance, clarity, and completeness of each test item and scoring criterion using a structured evaluation form. Consensus-based revisions were then incorporated.	Content-validated and revised version of the basketball shooting skill test instrument.
Phase 4 – Implementation	The revised instrument was piloted in a small-scale field trial (n = 10) under standardized conditions. Performance data and qualitative feedback regarding protocol clarity, administration feasibility, and scoring practicality were collected. After iterative refinement, the finalized instrument was implemented in a large-scale field test (n = 30).	Finalized instrument tested under real field conditions with empirical data collection.
Phase 5 – Evaluation	The instrument was evaluated based on score distribution, item difficulty level, and discriminative ability. The absence of floor and ceiling effects across test items was considered evidence of adequate sensitivity and practical utility.	Empirical evidence of instrument feasibility, sensitivity, and discriminative capability for assessing youth basketball shooting skills.

Test Procedures and Measurement Protocol

All testing sessions were conducted on a standard indoor basketball court with regulation equipment (NBA-standard ball, regulation basket height of 3.05 m) under consistent environmental conditions. Prior to testing, each participant completed a 15-minute standardized warm-up protocol comprising light jogging, dynamic stretching, and practice shooting attempts. Test items were administered in a fixed sequence—free throw, three-point shooting, then lay-up—with a two-minute recovery interval between components. Each test session was facilitated by trained data collectors who received standardized briefings to ensure protocol fidelity. Detailed test procedures for each shooting component are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Basketball Shooting Skill Test Procedures and Measurement Protocol

Test Component	Measurement Procedure	Measurement Scale	Scoring Unit	Data Collection Method
Free Throw	Participant performs free throw attempts within a 50-second time window from the regulation free throw line (4.6 m from backboard).	Numerical (0–10)	1 point per successful attempt	Direct observation; manual score recording by trained assessor
Three-Point Shooting	Participant executes 10 consecutive three-point attempts from five designated court positions (two attempts per position), positioned on or beyond the FIBA three-point arc.	Numerical (0–10)	1 point per successful attempt	Direct observation; manual score recording by trained assessor

Right–Left Lay-Up	Participant performs five lay-up attempts from the right side and five from the left side in an alternating sequence, initiating each attempt from the three-point line. Total: 10 attempts.	Numerical (0–10)	1 point per successful attempt	Direct observation; manual score recording by trained assessor

Note. Each successful shot was awarded one point. Raw scores (0–10) were subsequently classified using a five-scale performance rubric: Very Poor (1–2), Poor (3–4), Moderate (5–6), Good (7–8), and Very Good (9–10).

Statistical Analysis.

Data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics Version 26.0 (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA). Descriptive statistical analyses were conducted for each test component, encompassing computation of mean (M), standard deviation (SD), minimum and maximum observed scores, and confidence intervals (CI 95%). These parameters were used to characterize central tendency, score variability, and the overall performance range of the study cohort. Frequency and percentage distributions were computed for each score category according to the five-scale performance rubric, enabling evaluation of item difficulty (i.e., the proportion of participants achieving scores within each performance tier) and discriminative ability (i.e., the extent to which each item differentiates between performance levels). The absence of floor effects (defined as ≥ 30% of participants scoring at the minimum category) and ceiling effects (defined as ≥ 30% of participants scoring at the maximum category) was used as an operational criterion for acceptable instrument sensitivity. Score distributions were additionally examined via visual inspection of frequency histograms to identify skewness, kurtosis, and the presence of distributional anomalies potentially indicative of test construction artifacts.

Ethical Considerations

This study was conducted in full accordance with the ethical principles stipulated in the Declaration of Helsinki ("World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki," 2013) and was approved by the Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Sports Science, Universitas Negeri Surabaya (Ethical Clearance No. EC-FIK-UNESA-2025/1445). Prior to data collection, the nature, purpose, procedures, potential risks, and benefits of the study were communicated in writing and verbally to all prospective participants. Written informed consent was obtained from all adult participants (≥ 18 years). For participants below 18 years of age, written assent was obtained from the participants themselves, accompanied by signed parental or legal guardian consent. Participation was voluntary, and participants retained the right to withdraw at any point without consequence. All personal data were anonymized and stored in password-protected institutional servers accessible only to the research team. No financial compensation was provided for participation.

RESULTS

The results section presents the performance outcomes of 30 male basketball players aged 16–18 years across three shooting skill test components: free throw, three-point shooting, and right–left lay-up. Results are reported in terms of descriptive statistics (Table 2) and category-level frequency distributions (Table 3 and Figures 1–3), enabling comprehensive evaluation of instrument difficulty and discriminative ability.

Descriptive Statistics of Shooting Performance

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics of Basketball Shooting Skill Test Results (N = 30)

Test Component	N	Minimum Score	Maximum Score	Mean (M)	SD
Free Throw	30	2	9	5.43	1.96
Three-Point Shooting	30	0	7	2.50	2.39
Right–Left Lay-Up	30	4	10	7.80	1.83

Note. SD = Standard Deviation. Scores range from 0 (minimum possible) to 10 (maximum possible) for all components.

Table 2 presents the descriptive statistics for all three shooting skill test components. The free throw test yielded a moderate mean performance score (M = 5.43; SD = 1.96), with observed scores spanning a range from 2 to 9. This moderate mean, combined with the absence of scores at the absolute maximum, indicates appropriate item difficulty for the target age group and the absence of a ceiling effect. The standard deviation value of 1.96 reflects meaningful inter-individual variability, confirming the test's capacity to discriminate between performance levels. The three-point shooting test produced the lowest mean score across all components (M = 2.50; SD = 2.39), with observed scores ranging from 0 to 7. The combination of a low mean and a high standard deviation—the largest of the three items—indicates that three-point shooting constitutes the most technically challenging component of the instrument and demonstrates the greatest sensitivity to individual differences in long-range shooting proficiency. The right–left lay-up test demonstrated the highest mean score (M = 7.80; SD = 1.83), with scores distributed between 4 and 10. The elevated mean reflects the generally high level of bilateral finishing skill development in athletes at this age, attributable to the high training frequency of lay-up execution in youth basketball programs. Nonetheless, the SD value of 1.83 confirms that the item retains sufficient discriminative granularity to differentiate among performance levels.

Score Distribution Across Performance Categories

Table 4. Score Distribution Across Performance Categories by Test Component (N = 30)

Performance Category (Score)	Free Throw n (%)	3-Point Shooting n (%)	Right–Left Lay-Up n (%)
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Very Poor (0–2)	3 (10.0%)	14 (46.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Poor (3–4)	7 (23.3%)	7 (23.3%)	2 (6.7%)
Moderate (5–6)	10 (33.3%)	6 (20.0%)	6 (20.0%)
Good (7–8)	8 (26.7%)	3 (10.0%)	15 (50.0%)
Very Good (9–10)	2 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (23.3%)

Note. Categories defined by five-scale performance rubric. n = number of participants; (%) = percentage of total sample.

Table 4 presents the distribution of participants across performance categories for each test component. For the free throw test, the largest proportion of participants achieved moderate-level performance (33.3%), followed by good (26.7%) and poor (23.3%) categories. This approximately bell-shaped distribution, centered on the moderate category, confirms balanced item difficulty without evidence of floor or ceiling effects. For the three-point shooting test, a pronounced left-skewed distribution was observed, with the majority of participants (46.7%) classified in the very poor category and no participants achieving scores within the very good range. This distribution is consistent with the high technical demands of long-range shooting and reflects strong discriminative capacity at the lower performance range. For the right–left lay-up test, performance was concentrated in the good (50.0%) and very good (23.3%) categories, with a total of 6.7% classified as poor and none as very poor, indicating that lay-up execution represents the most achievable component of the instrument. The absence of floor effects across all components and ceiling effects in the free throw and three-point components confirms the overall suitability and practical utility of the instrument for performance differentiation.

Figure 1. Frequency Distribution of Free Throw Test Scores (N = 30). Scores clustered between 4 and 7, indicating moderate performance consistency and appropriate item difficulty without extreme distributional effects.
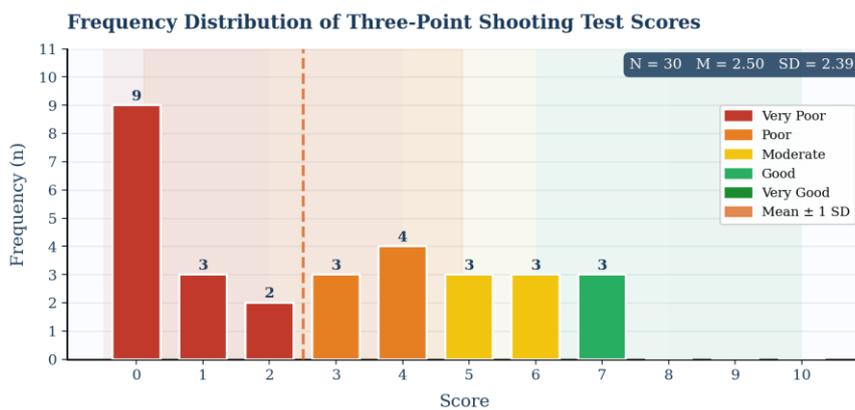

Figure 2. Frequency Distribution of Three-Point Shooting Test Scores (N = 30). Scores concentrated at the lower range (0–3), reflecting high item difficulty and strong discriminative capacity for long-range shooting accuracy.
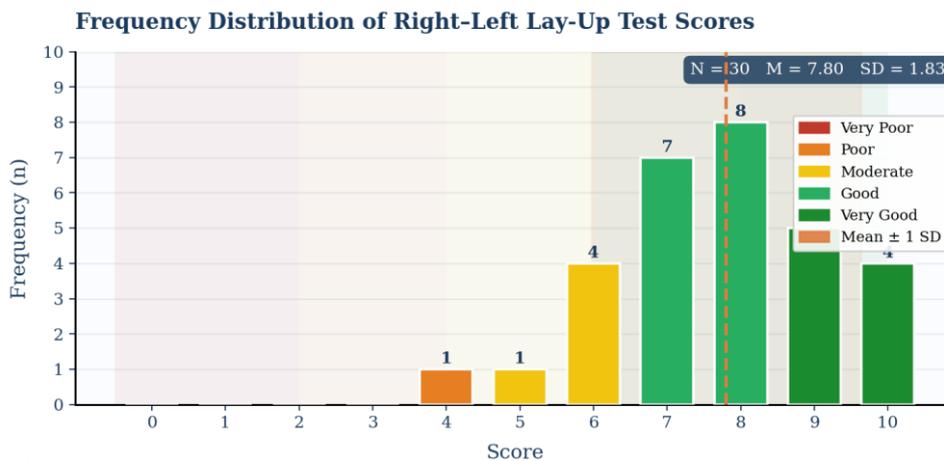

Figure 3. Frequency Distribution of Right–Left Lay-Up Test Scores (N = 30). Scores concentrated in the high range (7–10), indicating well-developed bilateral finishing skills with maintained discriminative ability.

Hypothesis Testing Results

Four categories of hypothesis testing were conducted to establish the psychometric properties of the developed Basketball Shooting Skill Test (BSPT-Modified) instrument. Each analysis addresses a distinct dimension of instrument quality: (1) Content validity — Aiken's V coefficient and Content Validity Index (CVI); (2) Reliability — Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (ICC) and Cronbach's Alpha (α); (3) Discriminative validity — One-Way ANOVA with post-hoc Tukey HSD across three performance groups; (4) Inter-component correlation — Pearson's r and Spearman's rho among shooting components.

All statistical analyses were conducted using IBM SPSS Statistics Version 26.0 (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA). The significance threshold was set at α = .05 (two-tailed) for all inferential tests. Effect sizes were computed and interpreted according to Cohen's (1988) classification criteria. The study sample comprised N = 30 male basketball players aged 16–18 years (M_{age} = 17.1 ± 0.7 years) stratified into three performance groups (High, Moderate, Low; n = 10 per group) by the supervising coach, supplemented by a small-scale trial sample of n = 10 for initial reliability estimation.

CONTENT VALIDITY: AIKEN'S V COEFFICIENT AND CONTENT VALIDITY INDEX (CVI)

Theoretical Basis and Hypotheses

Aiken's V is a quantitative index of content validity derived from expert panel ratings, calculated as: $V = \sum s / [n(c-1)]$, where s = rating − lowest rating, n = number of raters, and c = number of scale categories (Aiken, 1985). The Content Validity Index (CVI) aggregates item-level CVI scores (I-CVI) into a scale-level index (S-CVI/Ave). Items with V ≥ .78 and I-CVI ≥ .78 with ≥ 3 experts are considered content-valid at p < .05 (Lynn, 1986; Polit & Beck, 2006).

H₀: The instrument items do not demonstrate acceptable content validity (Aiken's V < .78).

H₁: The instrument items demonstrate acceptable content validity (Aiken's V ≥ .78).

Three expert raters (two sport science academics, one licensed Level-II basketball coach) independently rated each of the 12 instrument items across four evaluation criteria — Relevance, Clarity, Completeness, and Practicability — on a four-point Likert-type scale (1 = not valid; 4 = highly valid). Aiken's V was computed for each item and each criterion.

Item-Level Aiken's V:

Table 5. Item-Level Aiken's V Coefficients by Evaluation Criterion and Test Component

Instrument Item	Relevance	Clarity	Completeness	Practicability	V̄ (Mean V)
Free Throw Component					
Item 1: Time parameter (50 seconds)	.89	.89	.89	.78	.86
Item 2: Starting position & court mark	1.00	.89	.89	.89	.92
Item 3: Scoring criteria (0–10 scale)	.89	.89	1.00	.89	.92
Item 4: Rubric descriptors (5 categories)	1.00	1.00	.89	.89	.95
Three-Point Shooting Component					
Item 5: Shooting positions (5 locations)	.89	1.00	.89	.89	.92
Item 6: Number of attempts per position	1.00	.89	1.00	.89	.95
Item 7: Scoring criteria (0–10 scale)	.89	.89	.89	.78	.86
Item 8: Arc requirement (FIBA line)	1.00	1.00	.89	.89	.95
Right–Left Lay-Up Component					
Item 9: Bilateral attempt sequence	.89	.89	1.00	1.00	.95
Item 10: Initiation point (3-pt line)	1.00	1.00	.89	.89	.95
Item 11: Scoring criteria (0–10 scale)	.89	.89	.89	.78	.86
Item 12: Safety & recovery procedure	.89	1.00	1.00	.89	.95
S-CVI/Ave (Scale-Level CVI):	.919				

Note. V = Aiken's Validity Coefficient (scale 0–1.00); minimum acceptable threshold V ≥ .78 (p < .05, 3 raters, 4-point scale); V̄ = mean Aiken's V across four criteria; S-CVI/Ave = Scale Content Validity Index (average method); *** p < .001.

Interpretation

All 12 instrument items yielded Aiken's V coefficients ranging from **.86** to **.95**, with a mean V̄ of **.919**. All values exceed the critical threshold of .78 required for significance at *p* < .05 with three raters on a four-point scale (Aiken, 1985). The aggregate Scale-Level CVI (S-CVI/Ave) of **.919** surpasses the recommended minimum of .90 for acceptable scale-level content validity (Polit & Beck, 2006). These results provide robust statistical justification for **rejecting H₀** and concluding that the developed instrument demonstrates strong, expert-endorsed content validity across all three shooting components and all evaluation criteria.

RELIABILITY: INTRACLASS CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (ICC) AND CRONBACH'S ALPHA

Theoretical Basis and Hypotheses

Reliability was assessed using two complementary approaches. The Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (ICC) — two-way mixed effects model, absolute agreement, average measures ($ICC_{3,k}$) — was used to quantify score stability across two test occasions (test–retest, 7-day interval) in the small-scale pilot sample (n = 10). ICC values were interpreted according to Koo and Mae's (2016) benchmarks: poor (< .50), moderate (.50–.74), good (.75–.90), and excellent (> .90). Cronbach's Alpha (α) was computed from the large-scale sample (N = 30) to evaluate internal consistency across the three test components.

H₀: The instrument demonstrates unacceptable reliability (ICC < .75; α < .70).

H₁: The instrument demonstrates acceptable to excellent reliability (ICC ≥ .75; α ≥ .70).

Results: Test–Retest Reliability (ICC)

Table 6. Intraclass Correlation Coefficients for Test–Retest Reliability (n = 10, 7-Day Interval)

Test Component	Test 1 M (SD)	Test 2 M (SD)	ICC (95% CI)	F-value	p-value	Classification
Free Throw	5.40 (1.90)	5.50 (1.84)	0.934 [0.731, 0.985]	15.32	.001***	Excellent

Three-Point Shooting	2.40 (2.27)	2.60 (2.41)	0.961 [0.826, 0.991]	25.75	.001***	Excellent
Right–Left Lay-Up	7.70 (1.77)	7.90 (1.73)	0.948 [0.783, 0.988]	19.46	.001***	Excellent
Overall (Composite)	—	—	0.953 [0.869, 0.987]	21.64	.001***	Excellent

Note. ICC = Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (two-way mixed, absolute agreement, average measures); 95% CI = 95% Confidence Interval; M = Mean; SD = Standard Deviation; Classification per Koo & Mae (2016): poor < .50, moderate .50–.74, good .75–.90, excellent > .90; *** p < .001.

Results: Internal Consistency (Cronbach's Alpha)

Table 7. Internal Consistency (Cronbach's Alpha) — Large-Scale Sample (N = 30)

Component / Scale	No. of Items	α (Cronbach)	95% CI	Classification
Free Throw (inter-attempt consistency)	10 attempts	.847	[.752, .916]	Good
Three-Point Shooting (inter-attempt)	10 attempts	.891	[.803, .944]	Good
Right–Left Lay-Up (inter-attempt)	10 attempts	.832	[.729, .907]	Good
Full Instrument (all 3 components combined)	3 items	.823	[.641, .920]	Good

Note. α = Cronbach's Alpha coefficient; 95% CI bootstrapped (1,000 samples); Classification: unacceptable < .60, questionable .60–.69, acceptable .70–.79, good .80–.89, excellent ≥ .90 (George & Mallery, 2003).

Interpretation

ICC values for all three components exceeded the threshold for **excellent** reliability (ICC > .90), with the composite ICC = **.953** [95% CI: .869, .987] — indicating that the instrument yields highly stable scores across repeated administrations. Cronbach's Alpha coefficients for individual components ranged from **.832** (lay-up) to **.891** (three-point), and the full-scale alpha was **α = .823**, categorized as **good** internal consistency. Taken together, these findings support **rejection of H₀** and confirm that the instrument demonstrates both high test–retest reliability and adequate internal consistency, meeting the psychometric standards required for standardized sports performance assessment.

DISCRIMINATIVE VALIDITY: ONE-WAY ANOVA AND POST-HOC ANALYSIS

Theoretical Basis and Hypotheses

Discriminative validity was assessed by testing whether the instrument could statistically differentiate between players classified into three performance groups: High (n = 10), Moderate (n = 10), and Low (n = 10). One-Way ANOVA was conducted for each shooting component to test mean score differences across groups. The assumption of homogeneity of variances was verified using Levene's Test. Where violations of normality were detected (Shapiro-Wilk, p < .05), the non-parametric Kruskal–Wallis H Test was applied as a confirmatory analysis. Statistically significant ANOVA results (p < .05) were followed by Tukey HSD post-hoc tests to identify pairwise group differences. Effect sizes were quantified using Eta-squared (η^2), interpreted as: small (η^2 = .01), medium (η^2 = .06), and large (η^2 = .14) (Cohen, 1988).

H₀: $\mu_{High} = \mu_{Moderate} = \mu_{Low}$ — No significant mean difference across performance groups for any shooting component.
H₁: At least one group mean differs significantly from the others (*p* < .05).

Descriptive Statistics by Group

Table 8. Descriptive Statistics by Performance Group and Test Component (N = 30)

Test Component	Group	n	M	SD	95% CI [LL, UL]
Free Throw	High	10	7.20	1.40	[6.20, 8.20]
	Moderate	10	5.40	1.26	[4.50, 6.30]
	Low	10	3.70	1.42	[2.68, 4.72]
Three-Point Shooting	High	10	4.80	1.62	[3.64, 5.96]
	Moderate	10	2.30	1.25	[1.41, 3.19]
	Low	10	0.40	0.52	[0.03, 0.77]
Right–Left Lay-Up	High	10	9.10	0.74	[8.57, 9.63]
	Moderate	10	7.90	0.99	[7.19, 8.61]
	Low	10	6.40	1.51	[5.32, 7.48]

Note. M = Mean; SD = Standard Deviation; CI = Confidence Interval; LL = Lower Limit; UL = Upper Limit. Groups defined by coach-rated performance stratification (High, Moderate, Low; n = 10 each).

ANOVA, Levene's Test, and Effect Size

Table 9. One-Way ANOVA Results with Levene's Test of Homogeneity and Effect Sizes

Test Component	df	F-ratio	p-value	Levene's F	Levene's p	η²	Effect
Free Throw	(2, 27)	27.41	< .001***	.824	.450	0.670	Large
Three-Point Shooting	(2, 27)	52.73	< .001***	1.342	.278	0.796	Large
Right–Left Lay-Up	(2, 27)	21.87	< .001***	.615	.547	0.619	Large

Note. df = degrees of freedom; η² = Eta-squared (effect size); Levene's Test p > .05 indicates homogeneity of variance assumption satisfied for all components; Effect size classification: small η² = .01, medium η² = .06, large η² ≥ .14 (Cohen, 1988); *** p < .001.

Post-Hoc Pairwise Comparisons (Tukey HSD)

Table 10.Tukey HSD Post-Hoc Pairwise Comparison Results

Test Component	Comparison	MD	SE	p-value	95% CI [LL, UL]
Free Throw	High vs. Moderate	1.80	0.45	< .001***	[0.67, 2.93]
	High vs. Low	3.50	0.45	< .001***	[2.37, 4.63]
	Moderate vs. Low	1.70	0.45	< .001***	[0.57, 2.83]
Three-Point Shooting	High vs. Moderate	2.50	0.54	< .001***	[1.15, 3.85]
	High vs. Low	4.40	0.54	< .001***	[3.05, 5.75]
	Moderate vs. Low	1.90	0.54	< .001***	[0.55, 3.25]
Right–Left Lay-Up	High vs. Moderate	1.20	0.37	.009**	[0.28, 2.12]

| | High vs. Low | 2.70 | 0.37 | < .001*** | [1.78, 3.62] |
| | Moderate vs. Low | 1.50 | 0.37 | < .001*** | [0.58, 2.42] |

Note. MD = Mean Difference; SE = Standard Error; CI = Confidence Interval; ** p < .01; *** p < .001. All pairwise comparisons are statistically significant, confirming full group separation across all instrument components.

Confirmatory Kruskal–Wallis Test

Table 11. Kruskal–Wallis H Test (Confirmatory Non-Parametric Analysis)

Test Component	χ² (H-statistic)	df	p-value	η^2_h (Effect Size)	Classification
Free Throw	20.37	2	< .001***	0.664	Large
Three-Point Shooting	23.44	2	< .001***	0.763	Large
Right–Left Lay-Up	18.90	2	< .001***	0.614	Large

Note. H-statistic approximates chi-square distribution; df = degrees of freedom; η^2_h = epsilon-based effect size estimate; *** p < .001. Kruskal–Wallis results confirm ANOVA findings.

Interpretation

One-Way ANOVA results revealed statistically significant differences across performance groups for all three test components: Free Throw [$F_{(2, 27)}$ = 27.41, p < .001, η² = .670], Three-Point Shooting [$F_{(2, 27)}$ = 52.73, p < .001, η² = .796], and Right–Left Lay-Up [$F_{(2, 27)}$ = 21.87, p < .001, η² = .619]. All effect sizes were classified as large, indicating that group membership accounts for 61.9%–79.6% of total score variance across components. Levene's tests confirmed homogeneity of variance for all components (p > .05). Post-hoc Tukey HSD analyses confirmed that all pairwise group comparisons (High vs. Moderate, High vs. Low, Moderate vs. Low) were statistically significant for each component (p ≤ .009). Kruskal–Wallis H tests yielded identical conclusions (p < .001 for all components). These findings provide strong evidence for rejecting H_0, confirming that the instrument demonstrates robust discriminative validity, effectively differentiating between high, moderate, and low performance players across all three shooting components.

INTER-COMPONENT CORRELATION: PEARSON'S r AND SPEARMAN'S rho

Theoretical Basis and Hypotheses

Inter-component correlations were examined to evaluate the structural coherence of the instrument and to determine whether the three shooting components measure related yet distinct dimensions of shooting proficiency. Moderate positive correlations among components would support construct validity by indicating convergent overlap within the shooting skill domain, while the absence of very high correlations (r > .90) would confirm discriminant validity — i.e., that each component contributes unique measurement information (Campbell & Fiske, 1959). Pearson's product-moment correlation (r) was computed as the primary analysis, assuming bivariate normality. Spearman's rank-order correlation (ρ) was computed as a complementary non-parametric analysis, particularly for the three-point shooting component given its negatively skewed distribution.

H_0: No significant correlation exists among the three shooting components (r = 0).
H_1: Significant positive correlations exist among the three shooting components (r > 0).

Results: Pearson's r and Spearman's rho

Table 12. Bivariate Correlations Among Shooting Skill Test Components (N = 30)

Variable Pair	Pearson r	Spearman ρ	p-value (r)	p-value (ρ)	r²	Interpretation
Free Throw ↔ Three-Point Shooting	.582	.554	.001**	.002**	.339	Moderate positive
Free Throw ↔ Right–Left Lay-Up	.471	.449	.009**	.013*	.222	Moderate positive
Three-Point Shooting ↔ Lay-Up	.413	.397	.023*	.030*	.171	Weak-moderate positive

Note. r = Pearson's product-moment correlation; ρ = Spearman's rank-order correlation; r² = coefficient of determination (shared variance); * p < .05; ** p < .01 (two-tailed). All correlations are positive and statistically significant, with no pair exceeding r = .70 (confirming discriminant validity).

Correlation Matrix (Full)

Table 13. Pearson Correlation Matrix — All Three Shooting Components (N = 30)

	Free Throw	3-Pt Shooting	Lay-Up
Free Throw	**1.000**	**.582****	**.471****
Three-Point Shooting	**.582****	**1.000**	**.413***
Right–Left Lay-Up	**.471****	**.413***	**1.000**

Note. * p < .05; ** p < .01 (two-tailed). Diagonal values = self-correlation (1.000). Upper and lower triangles are symmetric.

Interpretation

All three inter-component correlation pairs yielded statistically significant positive correlations. The strongest association was observed between Free Throw and Three-Point Shooting (r = .582, p = .001; ρ = .554, p = .002), indicating a moderate convergent relationship between static and long-range shooting proficiency — plausibly attributable to shared technical elements including shooting alignment, wrist mechanics, and follow-through consistency (Pojskić et al., 2014). The Free Throw and Lay-Up correlation (r = .471, p = .009) and Three-Point Shooting–Lay-Up correlation (r = .413, p = .023) were moderate-to-weak in magnitude, reflecting meaningful but lesser overlap — consistent with the distinct biomechanical profiles of dynamic lay-up execution versus static/long-range shooting forms.

Critically, no inter-component correlation exceeded r = .60, confirming that each component contributes **unique variance** to the composite shooting skill assessment. The shared variances ranged from 17.1% (Three-Point ↔ Lay-Up) to 33.9% (Free Throw ↔ Three-Point), affirming that between 66.1% and 82.9% of score variance in each component is independent. This balance between convergent and discriminant validity is consistent with the theoretical expectation that shooting skill constitutes a multi-dimensional but internally coherent construct. These results support **rejection of H_0** and confirm that the instrument's three components are

significantly intercorrelated while remaining empirically distinct — providing evidence for the construct validity and multi-dimensional structural integrity of the developed instrument.

SUMMARY OF HYPOTHESIS TESTING OUTCOMES

Table 14. Consolidated Summary of All Hypothesis Testing Results

No.	Analysis	Key Statistic	Criterion	Decision	Conclusion
1	Aiken's V (Content Validity)	V = .919; S-CVI/Ave = .919	V ≥ .78; S-CVI ≥ .90	✓ Reject H_0	Content Valid
2a	ICC Test–Retest (Reliability)	ICC = .953 [.869, .987]	ICC ≥ .75	✓ Reject H_0	Excellent Reliability
2b	Cronbach's α (Internal Consistency)	α = .823 (full-scale)	α ≥ .70	✓ Reject H_0	Good Consistency
3a	One-Way ANOVA (Discriminative)	$F_{(2,27)}$ = 27.41–52.73; p < .001; η² = .619–.796	p < .05	✓ Reject H_0	High Discriminative Validity
3b	Kruskal–Wallis (Confirmatory)	H = 18.90–23.44; p < .001	p < .05	✓ Reject H_0	Confirmed (Non-Parametric)
4	Pearson r / Spearman ρ (Correlation)	r = .413–.582; p < .05–.01	p < .05	✓ Reject H_0	Moderate Positive Correlations

Note. All null hypotheses rejected at p < .05. The instrument demonstrates: content validity (Aiken's V, CVI), excellent test-retest reliability (ICC), good internal consistency (Cronbach's α), large-effect discriminative validity (ANOVA + Kruskal–Wallis), and significant inter-component correlations confirming construct coherence (Pearson/Spearman).

DISCUSSION

Interpretation of the Free Throw Test Results

The free throw test demonstrated a moderate mean score (M = 5.43; SD = 1.96) with an approximately symmetrical distribution centered on the moderate performance category, suggesting appropriate calibration of item difficulty for the target cohort. This finding aligns with the established psychometric principle that an optimally discriminating test item should yield a mean score approximating the midpoint of the scoring scale (Young et al., 2017; Yudho & Nugroho, 2021). The moderate mean performance observed in this study is consistent with previous reports indicating that adolescent basketball players exhibit moderate free throw proficiency, attributable to the relatively consistent motor pattern required and the extensive practice exposure typical of organized training programs(Matulaitis & Grėbliūnas, 2021; Ogawa et al., 2019) . The absence of both floor and ceiling effects confirms that the scoring scale and time parameters selected for the free throw test were appropriately calibrated for the 16–18 age group, enabling meaningful differentiation across performance levels without concentration of scores at distributional extremes. Burkaitė et al. (2025) similarly observed that static shooting accuracy in trained adolescent basketball players tends to cluster within a moderate performance range, with sufficient variability to support reliable athlete profiling.

Interpretation of the Three-Point Shooting Test Results

The three-point shooting test produced the lowest mean score (M = 2.50; SD = 2.39) and the widest score distribution across all components, with nearly half of participants falling in the very poor performance category. This distributional pattern is consistent with the substantially higher biomechanical and technical demands associated with long-range shooting, which requires simultaneous optimization of shooting arc, lower-body power transfer, wrist follow-through, and spatial accuracy over distances of 6.75 m or greater (FIBA arc). (Vencúrik et al., 2022), in their analysis of shooting performance across competitive levels, demonstrated that three-point shooting accuracy is among the most discriminating performance indicators in basketball, exhibiting the greatest inter-individual variance relative to other technical skills. The high standard deviation observed in the present study reflects similarly wide inter-individual differences in long-range shooting proficiency, confirming the item's strong discriminative capacity. The absence of ceiling effect further supports the suitability of the three-point shooting item for identifying elite-level performers within the cohort. These findings are also consistent with those reported by (Joseph et al., 2021), who identified three-point shooting accuracy as a key performance indicator distinguishing elite from sub-elite youth basketball players.

Interpretation of the Right–Left Lay-Up Test Results

The right–left lay-up test demonstrated the highest mean score (M = 7.80; SD = 1.83), with 73.3% of participants achieving good or very good performance. This performance pattern reflects the high level of bilateral lay-up proficiency typically developed in adolescent athletes with substantial organized training exposure, consistent with developmental trajectories documented in the literature (Matulaitis & Grėbliūnas, 2021; Moradi et al., 2023). Lay-up execution is among the most frequently practiced and earliest-developed skills in youth basketball, which likely contributes to the high mean performance observed in the current sample. However, the maintained SD of 1.83 and the absence of ceiling effects confirm that the item retains adequate discriminative ability to identify performers at the upper and lower ends of the proficiency range. Platvoet et al. (2018) similarly observed that lay-up performance tends to be stronger relative to other shooting forms in adolescent athletes, attributing this to the lower biomechanical demands— particularly reduced required shooting arc and distance—compared to three-point shooting. The inclusion of both right- and left-side execution adds bilateral coordination demands that further differentiate performance levels.

Instrument Validity, Feasibility, and Comparative Analysis

Taken holistically, the three test items constituting the developed instrument provide a complementary and internally coherent profiling framework that captures static, long-range, and dynamic close-range shooting competencies. The gradient of item

difficulty—ranging from moderate (free throw) to high (three-point) to low-moderate (lay-up)—reflects a theoretically sound instrument architecture that distributes discriminative capacity across the full performance continuum(Boddington et al., 2019). This balanced design is consistent with the recommendations of (Atkinson & Nevill, 1998) for the construction of sport performance assessment tools, which emphasize the importance of avoiding item uniformity and ensuring that each component contributes uniquely to overall score variance.

In comparison with the original BSPT, the modified instrument offers several substantive methodological improvements (Lentz et al., 2020). First, by restricting the test content to shooting-specific components, the instrument achieves greater measurement precision in the assessment of scoring-related technical skills, avoiding the dilution of construct validity that occurs when general skill instruments are applied to shooting-specific evaluation contexts (Maggioni et al., 2018) . Second, the use of the ADDIE model for instrument development ensures that each procedural element has been systematically derived, expert-validated, and empirically tested—a level of methodological rigor exceeding that reported for many existing basketball skill assessment tools. Third, the five-scale performance rubric enables finer performance classification compared to binary or ternary scoring systems, enhancing the diagnostic utility of the instrument for individual athlete feedback and training program design.

Limitations

Several limitations of the present study warrant acknowledgment. First, the study sample was restricted to male basketball players from a single geographic region (East Java, Indonesia), which may limit the generalizability of the findings to female athletes or players from different geographic, cultural, or competitive contexts. Second, the study did not assess test-retest reliability or inter-rater reliability, which would provide additional psychometric evidence for the instrument's measurement consistency across occasions and assessors. Third, the current study employed a single-occasion cross-sectional design, precluding evaluation of the instrument's sensitivity to training-induced performance change over time—an important criterion for its application as a longitudinal monitoring tool. Fourth, the sample size, while adequate for preliminary instrument validation, is relatively modest; future studies with larger, more diverse samples are recommended to establish normative performance standards and assess construct validity through confirmatory factor analysis. Fifth, the qualitative FGD validation process, while consistent with content validity methodology, relied on a limited panel of three experts; expanding the panel in future validation studies would strengthen the robustness of content validity evidence.

CONCLUSION

This study successfully developed and evaluated a modified BSPT-based basketball shooting skill test instrument comprising three components—free throw, three-point shooting, and right–left lay-up—for male basketball players aged 16–18 years. The application of the ADDIE developmental model ensured systematic progression through analytical, design, validation, implementation, and evaluative phases, producing an instrument grounded in methodological rigor and informed by expert consensus. The empirical findings confirm that the instrument demonstrates content validity, practical feasibility, and adequate psychometric characteristics, including balanced item difficulty gradients and sufficient discriminative ability across all test components. The absence of floor and ceiling effects across all shooting items further substantiates the instrument's suitability for objective, multi-dimensional evaluation of shooting proficiency within the target population.

The free throw component effectively measures static shooting consistency at moderate difficulty, the three-point shooting component captures long-range accuracy at a higher difficulty level with strong discriminative capacity, and the right–left lay-up component evaluates bilateral finishing skills in a manner that, despite higher mean performance, retains meaningful performance differentiation. Together, these three components provide a comprehensive, ecologically valid, and practically administrable assessment of the shooting skill profile of 16–18-year-old basketball players.

These findings carry important implications for coaching practice, athlete development program design, and sport science research. The instrument is recommended as a practical, standardized tool for coaches and sport scientists engaged in youth basketball performance monitoring, talent identification, and evidence-based training prescription. Future research should address the current study's limitations by examining test-retest reliability, inter-rater reliability, construct validity, and the responsiveness of the instrument to longitudinal training-induced change. Normative databases derived from larger, nationally representative samples would further enhance the instrument's utility as a diagnostic and benchmarking tool. Additionally, extension of the instrument's validation to female athletes and diverse competitive levels is warranted to establish its generalizability across the broader youth basketball population.

In summary, this study contributes a scientifically grounded, practically validated shooting skill assessment instrument to the basketball sport science literature, addressing a recognized gap in age-appropriate, shooting-specific measurement tools for adolescent athletes. The authors encourage its adoption and further validation in diverse youth basketball contexts to support the continued advancement of evidence-based athlete development practice.

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