

Università degli Studi di Padova

HOW TO BE A SPORTS CHAMPION USING MATHS

An accessible lecture in Mathematics and Computer Science

ABSTRACT

WHY DO WE LEAN INTO CURVES? WHY DOES A SPRINTER SLOW DOWN JUST BEFORE THE FINISH LINE? WHY DO GOLF BALLS HAVE DIMPLES? WHY IS SWIMMING EASIER JUST BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER? WHY DOES A BICYCLE BECOME MORE STABLE THE FASTER YOU GO? AND WHY SHOULDN'T WE RELY TOO MUCH ON ANTI-DOPING TESTS? THESE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AMANDINE AFTALION EXPLORES IN THIS LECTURE-THROUGH THE LENS OF MATHEMATICS.

MAY 29TH 3:00-4.00 PM



REGISTRATION

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