*Vision Statement*

**Project goal/scope:**

As a part of the study conducted by Dr. Amit Abraham (Department of Physical Therapy, Ariel University) it was proved that mental imagery training improves actual performance.

Dancers of all ages and levels or expertise regularly use mental imagery to better the outcome of their performance. Although the great use of this type of training, to date there is no system that provides trainees with accurate feedback and that quantitatively assess their level of precision in timing during the mental imagery process (aka chronometry), which is a key element for assessment of the mental imagery training and its beneficial effect.

Our proposed project is designed to answer these gaps by collecting these data that will allow researchers and trainees alike to gain knowledge on precise participants were in the mental imagery process in regard to timing. We will build a platform that will measure and display quantitative outcomes of the mental imagery training.

**High-level features or requirements:**

Our program will include two main ways of performing the training and measurement: Automatic and Manual.

In both modes the user will need to enter the length of the dance and times in the dance which the gymnast needs to be on point.

1. **Training** – The user (Olympic gymnast, in our case) will be given an auditory cue (“beep”) that signifies the beginning of the imaged movement sequence. Next, the user will be imaging the whole movement sequence while given several auditory cues to signify agreed-upon points throughout the sequence. That will allow the user to get online feedback about their self-perceived timing precision in comparison to the original timing (e.g., whether the user was accurate with their timing assessment or not).
2. **Assessment** – The user will be given the same auditory cue to signify the beginning of the imaged sequence of movements. Then, they will press a clicker (provided with the software) every time they mentally reach each of the agreed-upon points throughout the movement sequence. The program will record and save the exact time (millisecond-level precision) the user clicked and compare it to the pre-programmed desired time. At the end, the user will be able check if they were accurate with their judgement, and to what degree.

The program will be designed so that the user will be able to execute it in several positions (standing, sitting, eyes opened/closed etc.) either at choice or randomly selected.

**Milestones:**

* Create a full detailed plan with the main goals of the project and coordinating expectations.
* Create an interface in Java
* Create a dynamic/generate program
* Create an efficient and easy platform to receive/access their data

**Summary:**

For gymnasts and dancers of all levels of expertise who want to include mental imagery training as part of their physical practice, this platform will help them train in a more efficient and comprehensive way. Unlike the methods used today, our platform will give the trainees online feedback for cognitive functions. This will overall eliminate the dependence gymnasts and dancers have in their trainers to make sure they are precise.