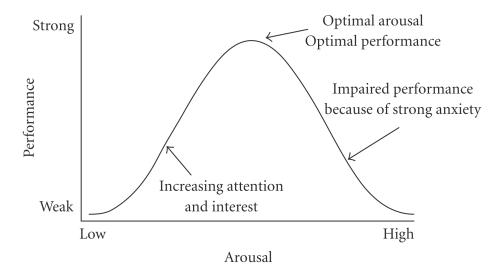


The Champion's Mindset: Session 4: Champion's Arousal

• **Yerkes Dodson Law** –there is a relationship between physiological arousal (as measured by heart rate, breathing, muscle tension) and performance.



- Neuropsychology finds brain function also changes with arousal (Hanson 2013)
- **Summary**: there is an optimal zone of arousal for performance (green zone)
 - Very under or over aroused is problematic (red zones)
 - o Managing arousal becomes essential for peak performance
 - o Noticing right when you leave your optimal zone (yellow zone) is key
- <u>Stoplight Exercise</u> Fill in the signals of each zone (thoughts, emotions and physical symptoms) and how can you effectively respond in each zone (red, yellow, green).

