PART A

SMALL SIDED GAMES



- For the first 5 to 10 minutes of training, while players arrive, use small-sided games to get players moving, keep them warm and to act as a pulse raise
- · Groups should be no larger than 6 per side.







SNAKE RUNS

5 TO 10 MINUTES

- · Players run in channel 20m long x 5m wide
- · Swerve run using full width
- · Backward skip (alternate 2 left, 2 right) to start
- · Always face forwards
- · Increase effort each rep: 30%, 50%, 70%

- · Head neutral
- Chest up





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PART B

FORWARD LUNGE & REACH







- Lunge forwards, reaching arms above head
- · Knee over toes on landing leg
- · Rear knee does not touch ground
- Bring rear leg straight through to next lunge

Key Activate 8:

- Head neutral
- · Chest up
- · Engage core

HEEL TO TOE WALK WITH KNEE RAISE







- Walk forward pulling leading knee up
- · Step into calf raise on planted leg
- Hold each calf raise for 2 seconds Step forward and repeat with

opposite leg **Key Activate 8:**

- Head Neutral
- · Chest up
- Hip knee ankle in line on planted leg

SINGLE LEG BALANCE WITH EYES CLOSED







- · Balance on one leg
- Establish balance for 1-2 seconds
- · Close eyes for 30 second hold

- Head neutral
- Chest up
- Hip-knee-ankle in line on planted foot
- · Knee over toes on planted leg



SHOULDER STATIC RESISTED LATERAL RAISE





- Hold arms 10 degrees away from side of body
- Attempt to raise straight arms
- Partner resists to maintain statichold at 10 degrees
- 80% effort

Key Activate 8:

- Head neutral
- Chest up
- Shoulder pinch

SHOULDER STATIC RESISTED EXTERNAL ROTATION



2 X 15

SECS EACH PLAYER



- Bend elbows at 90 degrees Elbows touching side
 - (maintain throughout exercise)
- Attempt to move lower arms outwards (external rotation)
- Partner resists this movement to maintain static hold
- 80% effort

Key Activate 8:

- Head neutral
- Chest up
- Shoulder pinch

STATIC NORDIC HAMSTRING HOLD





- · Kneel on ground with partner holding ankles
- Control to lowest point where hold can be maintained for 15 seconds
- After 15 seconds, lower to ground and return to start
 • Use arms to land and return to

- Head Neutral
- Chest up
- Engage Core
- Shoulder-hip-knee in line







PART C

POGO JUMP FORWARD







- · Bound forward through ankles
- Push explosively through ball of foot
- Maintain straight legs throughout

Key Activate 8:

- Head neutral
- Chest up
- · Hip-knee-ankle in line
- · Engage core

DOUBLE HOP AND STICK FORWARD

2 LENGTHS OF 15M CHANNEL



- Hop forwards twice on one leg
- Hold for 1 second after first hop
- Hop as far as possible to maintain a stable landing
- Balance for 4 seconds on landing second hop

Key Activate 8:

- Head Neutral
- Chest up
- · Soft knees on landing leg
- · Hip Knee Ankle in line
- Knee over toes

'POP' PRESS-UPS NEAR-FAR

1 SET OF 15 REPS





- Press up position
- Start with both hands in front of head
- Push explosively through shoulders with minimal arm bend
- Quickly move arms to land in under chest
- Push again to return hands in front of head
- Perform repitions with minimal arm bend

- Head neutral
- Shoulder-hip-ankle in line
- · Engage core







FORWARD LUNGE JUMPS





- Start in lunge position
- · Jump powerfully, driving arms up
- · Return arms to sides on landing
- · Knee over toes on landing
- Rear knee does not touch around

Key Activate 8:

- · Head neutral
- Chest up
- · Engage core
- · Hip-knee-ankle inline







FIGURE OF 8

SECOND MAXIMUM

1 SET OF

- · Work in imaginary 2m x 1m grid
- · Skip forward, laterally & backwards in figure 8 movement
- · Always face forwards

Key Activate 8:

- Head neutral
- · Chest up
- · Soft knees

SHOULDER WALK-OUT

2 SETS OF





- Start with legs straight & hands on floor
- · Walk hands out as far as possible
- Engage core
- Hold at full extension for 2 seconds
- · Walk hands back towards feet
- · Out and In = 1 repetition

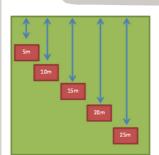
- Head neutral
- · Engage core





PART D

5M SHUTTLE -REPEATED SPRING CONDITIONING



- Mark course of 25m with cones every 5m
- · Split players into two groups
- One group sprints out and back for 30s: 5m, 10m, 15m, 20m, 25m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 5m
- · Other group performs neck strengthening
- · Groups swap exercises

ONE GROUP COMPLETES NECK STRENGTH EXERCISES WHILE OTHER GROUPS RUN.

STATIC NECK CONTRACTIONS



- Perform during recovery from Repeated sprint conditioning
- · Use hand to apply force to head in different directions



Direction of forces applied:

- Flexion (look down hand to forehead)
- · Extension (look up hand to back of head)
- · Lateral Flexion Left and Right (ear towards shoulder - hand to side of head)



- · Resist force to maintain head neutral position
- · Effort at 100%



- · Head neutral
- Chest up
- · Engage core



