# **COMPONENTS OF A CONDITIONING PROGRAM**

## WARM UP and COOL DOWN

Warming up and cooling down are very important parts of the exercise routine. There are physical and psychological benefits to both these components that can be as simple as a slow walk before and after your exercise program.

Benefits of warming up	Benefits of cooling down
<ul> <li>Increases the temperature in the muscles, which increases the speed of contraction and relaxation.</li> <li>Reduces premature lactic acid build up and fatigue during high level exercises.</li> <li>Increases speed of nerve impulse conduction.</li> <li>Increases elasticity of connective tissues</li> <li>Increases muscle metabolism and oxygen consumption that enhances aerobic performance.</li> <li>Alert for potential muscle injury that may arise during higher intensities.</li> <li>Increases endorphins.</li> <li>Allows the heart rate to get to a workable rate for beginning exercise.</li> <li>Increases production of synovial fluid located between the joints to reduce friction.</li> <li>Psychological warm up to mentally focus on training and competition.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prevents venous blood pooling at the extremities, which reduces chance of dizziness or fainting.</li> <li>Reduces the potential for Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness (DOMS).</li> <li>Aids in removing waste products in muscles, such as lactic acid.</li> <li>Reduces the level of adrenaline and other exercise hormones in the blood to lower the chance of post-exercise disturbances in cardiac rhythm.</li> <li>Allows the heart to return back safely to resting rate.</li> </ul>

## Start out every routine with a warm up first. Here are some suggestions

- Walking or outside
- Running up and down some stairs
- Jumping jacks
- Running in place
- Dynamic stretching

#### Equipment

- Treadmill
- Stationary or Recumbent bike
- Stair climber or Elliptical
- Mini trampoline

## **Duration, Frequency, Intensity and Movement Patterns**

Intensity:		
How <i>much</i> mental and physical <i>effort</i> it takes to sustain an activity.	This can be done using the target heart rate range THR (optimum exercise intensity levels through beats per minute, talk test or rate of perceived exertion.	
<b>Duration:</b> How <i>long</i> the training lasts.	The higher the intensity, the shorter the duration. The American College of Sports Medicine guidelines recommends all healthy adults aged 18–65 yr should participate in moderate intensity aerobic physical activity for a minimum of 30 min on five days per week, or vigorous intensity aerobic activity for a minimum of 20 min on three days per week.	
<b>Frequency:</b> How <i>often</i> the training occurs.	Training should be performed at least every other day or three days a week. Cardiac/aerobic conditioning can be done daily, although you may want to vary exercises. Regarding strength training, it is important to give each muscle group 48 hours to recover. Alternate upper and lower body with isolated abdomen/core exercises every other day. For those working out several days a week, find a schedule that works for you as long as you give each muscle group 48 hours of recovery time.	
Movement Patterns and Examples Basic movements that help to increase overall body strengthening	<ul> <li>Bend and Lift: Squats, Dead Lifts and Leg presses         <ul> <li>Picking up item off floor</li> </ul> </li> <li>Single Leg: Step ups, Single leg stance, Lunges         <ul> <li>Walking up steps</li> </ul> </li> <li>Push: Shoulder press, Bench press, Push up             <ul> <li>Pushing Shopping cart or Lawn mower</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pull: Lat pull downs, Seated rows         <ul> <li>Vacuuming, Raking</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rotational         <ul> <li>Shoveling snow</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Diaphragmatic Breathing		
<ul> <li>Lie either on your back knees bent or sit up</li> <li>Inhale through your nos do so, allow your stoma Limit movement in your Attempt to push your bo out to the side as you b</li> <li>Exhale through your mo you do so, allow your st fall. Limit movement in</li> <li>Repeat for at least 10 c</li> </ul>	with your se; as you ich to rise. chest. bottom ribs reathe in. buth; as tomach to your chest. ycles.	
	Pursed Lip Breathing	

(PLB) is a breathing technique that consists of inhaling through the nose with the mouth closed and then exhaling through tightly pressed (pursed) lips. This technique is frequently in those with cardiac or respiratory issues. *"Smell the Roses then Blow Out the Candle".* 

#### **Breathing with Exercise**

Exhale on the exertion. For example exhale when you are lying on your back and pushing a weight up or when bending your arm doing a bicep curl. Inhale as you bring the weight slowly to your chest or when you straighten your arm with a bicep curl.

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