6-Week Introductory Aerial Conditioning Program

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Disclaimer

- This program is not intended to treat, diagnose or eliminate any pre-existing injury or deficit.
- As this program is not individually tailored, stop and contact your physician/physical therapist if you experience pain at any time. You know yourself best - modify when necessary!
- As this program is designed as an introductory strength program, we recognize that it may not challenge everyone.
- If uncertain about an exercise, ask! Tag us with a post on Instagram @acrophysicaltherapy or email us at <u>frontdesk@acropt.com</u> and we can help clarify.

Dosage

 Choose the intensity (level) of the exercise that best suits your current fitness level.

Example: Push up (1) vs Push up (2);

Rows with or without the bonus

- Focus on *quality* over *quantity*. Fewer repetitions are always better when compared with compensations and form breaks to do more.
- Move through all the exercises in a slow and controlled fashion to get the most out of them. Take rest as needed.
- This is designed to work with someone training aerial I or 2 times per week. Try to shift the "OFF" days around to allow your aerial days to be those days. If you must workout on the same day that you train, always do the exercises after.

Program Modification

- If the number of repetitions or the duration of an exercise is too *difficult*, it is completely appropriate to do LESS. If that's the case, no big deal! Better safe than sorry. That said, **do not move on** to the next week's calendar until you can complete the previous week's routine in it's entirety! (aka repeat the week!)
- If the number of repetitions is too *easy*, focus on moving more slowly through the exercise. Be cautious with increasing the number of repetitions. We'd recommend using heavier bands or adding a weight vest as the preferred option.

Week 1 & 2 Calendar

Day 1 &8	Day 2 & 9	Day 3 & 10	Day 4 & 11	Day 5 & 12	Day 6 & 13	Day 7 & 14
Core Workout A	Arm Workout A	Core Workout A	OFF	Whole Body Workout A	Core Workout A	OFF

Week 3 & 4 Calendar

Day 15 & 22	Day 16 & 23	Day 17 & 24	Day 18 & 25	Day 19 & 26	Day 20 & 27	Day 21 & 28
Core Workout B	Arm Workout B	Core Workout B	OFF	Whole Body Workout B	Arm Workout B	OFF

Week 5 & 6 Calendar

Day 29 & 36	Day 30 & 37	Day 31 & 38	Day 32 & 39	Day 33 & 40	Day 34 & 41	Day 35 & 42
Core Workout C	Arm Workout B	Whole Body Workout B	OFF	Core Workout C	Arm Workout B	Whole Body Workout B

Core Workout A

Complete all circuit 1 sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit 1 (3 sets): Circuit 2 (2 sets):

Plank hold: 30 sec

Tuck ups: 12 reps

Log rolls: 8 reps/direction

Russian Twists: 30 sec

Anti-rotations: 15 reps/side

Lower Extremity Marching: 30 sec

Penguin crunches: 30 sec

Core Workout B

Complete all circuit I sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit I (2 sets):

Plank hold: 45 sec Tuck ups: 15-20 reps Straddle ups: 12 reps Side plank: 45 sec/side Russian Twists: 45 sec

Circuit 2 (2 sets):

Plank marches: 30 sec Log rolls: 8 reps/direction Anti-rotations: 15 reps/side Penguin crunches: 45 sec Hollow Flutters: 30 sec

Core Workout C

Alternate circuits until all sets are complete

Circuit I (3 sets):

Plank hold: 60 sec Straddle ups: 15 reps Pike ups: 12 reps Plank marches: 45 sec

Circuit 2 (2 sets):

Side plank: 45 sec/side
Penguin crunches: 45 sec
Hollow Flutters: 30 sec
Plank taps: 45 sec

Arm Workout A

Complete all circuit 1 sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit I (3 sets):

Scap retracts: 30 sec

Rows: 15 reps

Bicep curls: 15 reps

Push ups: 12-15 (Level 1 or 2)

Circuit 2 (2 sets):

Pull aparts: 20 reps

Lat pull downs: 15 reps

YTIs: 6 reps

Super Marios: 6-10 reps/side

Arm Workout B

Complete all circuit I sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit I (2 sets):

Scap retracts: I min

Rows (+bonus): 15 reps

Bicep curls: 20 reps

Push ups: 12-15 (Level 2 or 3)

Circuit 2 (2 sets):

Pull aparts: 20 reps

Pec flies: 12 reps

Lat pull downs: 20 reps

YTIs: 8 reps

Super Marios: 8-12 reps/side

Whole Body Workout A

Complete all circuit I sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit 1: (2 sets) Circuit 2: (2 sets)

Scap retracts: 1 min Pull aparts: 15 reps

Plank Hold: 30 sec
Side Plank: 30 sec/side

Penguin crunches: 30 sec
Lat pull down: 15 reps

Tuck ups: 12-15 reps Rows: 12-15 reps

Push ups: 12-15 reps Lower Extremity Marching: 45 sec

Whole Body Workout B

Complete all circuit 1 sets before starting circuit 2

Circuit 1: (2 sets) Circuit 2: (3 sets)

Scap retracts: 1 min
Pull aparts: 12-15 reps
Plank Taps: 45 sec
Penguin crunches: 30 sec
Side Plank: 45 sec/side
Lat pull down: 15-20 reps

Straddle ups: 15-20 reps Rows: 12-15 reps

Push ups: 15-20 reps Hollow Body Flutters: 30 sec