

12 weeks Athletic Development

Exercises MUST be completed with an emphasis on the TECHNICAL EXECUTION of the exercise

Athletes should be able to complete 2 x 12 reps of an exercise to begin with.

When the athlete can complete 3 x 12 reps with good technique, they can progress to the next level of the exercise The coach should individually progress/regress each athlete according to their ability

The programme can be progressed in terms of time or repetitions. If using time, begin by completing 2 x 30 sec of each exercise, and adding 5 seconds each week up to 45 secs. If using repetitions, progress from 2 x 12 to 3 x 10 to 3 x 12

Examples of upper body progressions.

Level 1 – Elevated Press Ups Level 1 – Ball Grapple

Level 2 – Press Ups (eccentric lowering)

Level 2 – Seated Back to Back Wrestling

Level 3 – Press Ups Level 3 – Single Leg Tug of War

Examples of Lower Body progressions.

Level 1 – Partner Squats Level 1 – Glute Bridge

Level 2 – Duck Fighting Level 2 – Single Leg Glute Bridge

Level 3 – Goblet Squat with Med Ball Level 3 – Marching Glute Bridge

Examples of Core progressions.

Level 1 – Russian Twist Level 1 – Plank on Elbows

Level 2 – Russian Twist with ball Level 2 – Plank Elbow Tag

Level 3 – Russian Twist with Med Ball Level 3 – Straight Arm Plank

Examples of Landing/Crawling progressions.

Level 1 – Bunny Hop over cones Level 1 – Bear Crawl

Level 2 – Bunny Hop over hurdles Level 2 – Bear Crawl (side to side)

Level 3 – DL jump to SL landing Level 3 – Bear Crawl (forwards, backwards, s to s)



Week 1

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Elevated Press	Partner Squats	Russian Twist	Bunny Hops (cones)
	Ups – high box			
	I,Y,T,W,L's	Stationary	Back-to-Back	Lateral Run through
	(standing)	Lunge	Ball Transfer	Cones
	Ball Grapple	Glute Bridge	Plank on elbows	Bear Crawl
				(Forwards/Backwards)

Week 2

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Elevated Press	Partner Squats	Russian Twist	Bunny Hops (cones)
	Ups – high box			
	I,Y,T,W,L's	Stationary	Back-to-Back	Lateral Run through
	(standing)	Lunge	Ball Transfer	Cones
	Ball Grapple	Glute Bridge	Plank on elbows	Bear Crawl
				(Forwards/Backwards)

Week 3

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Elevated Press	Duck Fighting	Plank Elbow Tag	Bunny Hops
	Ups – low box			(hurdles)
	I,Y,T,W,L's	Walking Lunge	Back-to-Back Ball	Lateral Run
	(Prone)	with Ball	Transfer – over	through Hurdles
		Overhead	and under	
	Ball Grapple	SL Glute Bridge	Russian Twist	Bear Crawl (Side-
			with ball	to-Side)

Week 4

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Elevated Press	Duck Fighting	Plank Elbow Tag	Bunny Hops
	Ups – low box			(hurdles)
	I,Y,T,W,L's	Walking Lunge	Back-to-Back Ball	Lateral Run
	(Prone)	with Ball	Transfer – over	through Hurdles
		Overhead	and under	
	Ball Grapple	SL Glute Bridge	Russian Twist	Bear Crawl (Side-
			with ball	to-Side)



Week 5

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Resistance band	Straight Arm	SL Jump to DL
	(Eccentric	march (band	Plank	Landing
	lowering)	over knees)		
	Superman	Reverse Lunge	Russian Twist	Lateral Run Stick
		with Rotation	with med ball	& Hold
	Seated Back to	Marching Glute	V-Sit & Pass	Bear Crawl
	Back Wrestling	Bridge		(Forwards,Side-
				to-Side,
				Backwards, Side-
				to-side)

Week 6

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Resistance band	Straight Arm	SL Jump to DL
	(Eccentric	march (band	Plank	Landing
	lowering)	over knees)		
	Superman	Reverse Lunge	Russian Twist	Lateral Run Stick
		with Rotation	with med ball	& Hold
	Seated Back to	Marching Glute	V-Sit & Pass	Bear Crawl
	Back Wrestling	Bridge		(Forwards,Side-
				to-Side,
				Backwards, Side-
				to-side)

Week 7

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Goblet Squat	Straight Arm	DL Jump to SL landing
	(Eccentric	(Med Ball or KB)	Plank	
	lowering)			
	Banded Row	Goblet Reverse	Russian Twist -	Forward/Lateral
	(Seated)	Lunge	Cycling	Hurdle Jumps
	Seated Back to	Good Mornings	Partner Ab	Same-Sided Bear
	Back Wrestling		crunches with	Crawl
			Ball	(Forwards/Backwards)

Week 8

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Goblet Squat	Straight Arm	DL Jump to SL landing
	(Eccentric	(Med Ball or KB)	Plank	
	lowering)			
	Banded Row	Goblet Reverse	Russian Twist -	Forward/Lateral
	(Seated)	Lunge	Cycling	Hurdle Jumps
	Seated Back to	Good Mornings	Partner Ab	Same-Sided Bear
	Back Wrestling		crunches with	Crawl
			Ball	(Forwards/Backwards)



Week 9

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Partner SL Squat	Russian Twist – Cycling with ball	SL Jump to SL leg landing
	Wall/Floor Slides	Lateral Lunge	Side Plank	Forward/Medial Hurdle Jumps
	SL Tug of War	SL RDL	Boat hold and	Same-Sided Bear
			pass	Crawl (Side-to-
				Side)

Week 10

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups	Partner SL Squat	Russian Twist –	SL Jump to SL leg
			Cycling with ball	landing
	Wall/Floor Slides	Lateral Lunge	Side Plank	Forward/Medial Hurdle Jumps
	SL Tug of War	SL RDL	Boat hold and	Same-Sided Bear
			pass	Crawl (Side-to-
				Side)

Week 11

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups –	SL Squat &	Russian Twist	Zig Zag Stick & Hold
	Elevated Feet	Reach	– Cycling	
			with med ball	
	Reverse Flyes	Clock Lunge	Side Plank	Forward/Lateral/Forward/Medial
	(Resistance		with Rotation	Hurdle Jumps
	band)			
	SL Tug of War	SL RDL with	Pallof Press	Same-Sided Bear Crawl
		Knee Raise	standing side	(Forwards, Side-to-Side,
			by side	Backwards, Side-to-side)

Week 12

Exercise	Upper Body	Lower Body	Core	Landing/Crawling
	Press Ups –	SL Squat &	Russian Twist	Zig Zag Stick & Hold
	Elevated Feet	Reach	Cyclingwith med ball	
	Reverse Flyes	Clock Lunge	Side Plank	Forward/Lateral/Forward/Medial
	(Resistance		with Rotation	Hurdle Jumps
	band)			
	SL Tug of War	SL RDL with	Pallof Press	Same-Sided Bear Crawl
		Knee Raise	standing side	(Forwards, Side-to-Side,
			by side	Backwards, Side-to-side)