#### **Core Workout 1**

Below is a list of core exercises that you can do in plank on your hands or elbows (for even more of a challenge use a bosu ball) - start with doing each exercise for 30-45 seconds once you are strong enough, add time or multiple sets.

- raise 1 arm out front & hold (don't let body rotate keep hips quiet)
- raise other arm arm out front & hold (don't let body rotate keep hips quiet)



• toe taps alternating legs - (slow & controlled movements)



- raise 1 arm out to the side & hold (don't let body rotate keep hips quiet)
- raise the other arm out to the side & hold (don't let body rotate keep hips quiet)



• leg out to the side - slow and controlled - (toes should just be a couple inches off of the ground - hold out for a count of five before bringing the leg in -alternate legs - only your leg should be moving - hips should not move - they should stay parallel to the ground)



 bring knee to elbow (out to the side not under your body - slow & controlled targeting your obliques) alternating sides



- raise opposite arm & leg (hold)
- switch sides from previous position
  variation: if you are struggling with balance try dropping one knee to ground (or
  go off elbows)



- plank on side (on elbow or straight arm make sure you are not letting your hips fall to the floor)
- switch to the other side



Superman/ Banana ( $\frac{2}{3}$  of the time should be banana) - your feet should only be 6-8 inches off of the ground and your **shoulder blades should be off of the ground** 

← shoulder blades should be up a couple inches off of the ground - make sure not to arch your back, but focus on pressing the small of your back into the ground

Make sure to stretch out really well when you are done!

### **Core Workout 2**

Go through the exercises on the list - doing each for 30 - 45 seconds with 1/2 rest. (If you are strong you can add more time or additional exercises.)

- 1. V-ups
- 2. in & outs
- 3. heel touches (in a sit up position work your obliques by alternating side reaching for your heels)
- 4. knee to elbow in plank position targeting obliques
- 5. bicycles forward (get your legs all the way strait slow & controlled)
- 6. bicycles reverse (get your legs all the way strait slow & controlled)
- 7. plank toe taps
- 8. plank alternating arms out front hold for a count of five before switching
- 9. plank alternating legs to the side -toes should just be a couple inches from the ground hold for a count of five before switching
- 10. plank alternating arms out to the side hold for a count of five before switching
- 11. plank right side (reach up with left hand)
- 12. plank left side (reach up with right hand)
- 13. Russian twists
- 14. reverse crunches
- 15. single leg lift (alternating legs)
- 16. hip raises
- 17. superman/ banana 3 minutes

Stretch Really Well When Done!

# **Strength Circuit Workout 1**

Warm-up: 15 minute level 1 jog or biking

Go through the list of exercises **3 times for 30 - 45 seconds each with equal rest**. (As you get stronger you can add more time or another set).

\*\*Variation: Combine this with a core workout - Between each exercise do one of the abdominal exercises from Core Workout #2. Then rest for 45 seconds before moving on to the next exercise.

- 1. Pull-ups (when you get to the point you can not do any more do negatives lowering yourself as slow as you can)
- 2. box jumps (18" is ideal make sure at least ½ of your foot is on the box) (if you do not have something stable to jump on you can jump knees to chest)
- 3. bench dips (make sure you are getting to 90 degrees. Your feet should be at the same level as your hands legs straight)
- 4. 1 legged jumps up a flight of stairs left leg only
- 5. 1 legged jumps up a flight of stairs right leg only
- 6. push-ups Set 1 narrow make a triangle with your hands touch your head to your hands don't let your butt stick up in the air/ set 2 wider than shoulder width/ set 3 normal on sets 2 & 3 chest should only be a couple inches from the ground)

Cooldown: 7 - 10 minutes of stretching

# **Strength Circuit Workout 2**

Warm-up: 15 minute level 1 jog or biking

Repeat 3 times: Maximum effort on each exercise.

1-13 for 45 seconds each / take 30 seconds rest in between each exercise)

14 & 15 follow times listed with exercise

(\*\* as you get stronger you can add either more time to each exercise - i.e. go up to a minute, or add a 4th set in)

- 1. pull-ups (when you get to the point you can not do any more do negatives lowering yourself as slow as you can)
- 2. burpees with a push-up
- 3. V-ups
- 4. box jumps (18" box is ideal)
- 5. Bench dips (make sure you are getting to 90 degrees. Your feet should be at the same level as your hands legs straight)
- 6. in & outs
- 7. striders
- 8. narrow push-ups
- 9. plank (knees to elbows squeeze your obliques)
- 10. single leg squats (left leg)
- 11. wide push-ups
- 12. single leg squats (right leg)
- 13. mountain climbers
- 14. superman/ banana (3 minutes 2 minutes on banana/ 1 minute on superman)
- 15. tuck (2 minutes)

Cooldown: 7 - 10 minutes of stretching

# **Strength Circuit Workout 3**

Warm-up: either do this following a level 1 endurance workout or jog about 15 minutes to get warmed up.

Do each exercise as hard as you can for 20 seconds and then rest for 20 seconds - do this 8 times before moving on to the next exercise.

- 1. burpees with a jump
- 2. pushups (when you go down your chest should be no more than 3" from the ground)
- 3. situps (Canadian Strength Test style tuck your feet under something or get someone to hold them for you if you can)
- 4. 1 legged squats (8 rounds each leg for 16 total rounds alternate legs & get low)
- 5. bench dips (get your elbows to 90 degrees & make sure to keep your legs straight)
- 6. striders
- 7. star jumps
- 8. pull-ups (do negatives if you have to)

Cooldown - make sure to stretch for at least 7-10 minutes