

# DYNAMIC WARM-UP GUIDE



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# Warm-Up Directions

A warm-up should be the first physical activity in every training session or competition. A good warm-up helps you to reach a state of physical and mental readiness.

A proper warm-up should include:

- Aerobic activity
- Dynamic stretching

The aerobic activity in a warm-down should increase your heart rate. Some aerobic activities are high knees, jumping jacks and a jog around the playing field.

After you complete the aerobic activity, you will want to dynamic stretch the different muscles you'll be using.

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- Try to do about **15-20 repetitions** of each exercise.
- Many of these stretches can be **done in place or across the playing area.**
- Select a few exercises that **focus on different muscles.**



# Sample Warm-Up

## AEROBIC ACTIVITIES

Aerobic activities are whole body movements should last about 5 minutes and increase the heart rate. Select a few exercises from the list below:

- Jog in Place
- Jumping Jacks
- Power Skips

## DYNAMIC STRETCHES

Dynamic stretches consist of active, controlled movements that take body parts through a full range of motion. If you don't have enough time, select a few that focus on the different muscles used in your sport:

- Arm Circles
- Arm Swings
- Torso Twists
- Walking Quadriceps Stretch
- Windmill Toe Touches
- Wrist Rotations





# Jog in Place



## DIRECTIONS

- Jog in place.
- Make sure you are also swinging your arms the whole time.



# Jumping Jacks

## DIRECTIONS

- Jump up and spread your legs apart as you swing your arms over your head.
- Jump again and bring your arms back to your sides and your legs together.



# Power Skips

## DIRECTIONS

- Stand with your feet hip width apart.
- Lift your right knee and spring up off your left foot, hopping into the air.
- Switch sides. Lift your left knee and spring up off your right foot, hopping into the air.
- Continue in a “skipping” motion and swing arms back to front.



# Arm Circles

## DIRECTIONS

- Stand tall with your arms straight down. Slowly make large circles with your arms in the forward direction.
- Repeat exercises in the backward direction.



# Arm Swings

## DIRECTIONS

- Start in a standing position with your feet apart and stretch your arms out to the sides making a “T” shape.
- Cross your arms in the front of the body and reach as far back as possible to touch your shoulders or back.
- Uncross your arms and return to your starting position.





# Torso Twists



## DIRECTIONS

- Start in a standing position with your feet apart.
- Stretch your arms out to the sides making a “T” shape.
- While keeping your arms out straight and your hips facing forward, turn your upper body and head slowly to one side, return to center, then turn to the other side.



# Walking Quadriceps Stretch

## DIRECTIONS

- Step forward onto your right foot and raise your left foot up behind you.
- Reach your left hand back, grab your ankle, and make sure your knee points down.
- Let go of your ankle, step forward with your left foot, and repeat on the right side.
- Keep walking and alternating sides.



# Windmill Toe Touches

## DIRECTIONS

- Start in a standing position with your feet apart and stretch your arms out to the sides making a “T” shape.
- Reach one hand across your body and tap the outside of the opposite foot. Keep your arms and legs as straight as possible.
- Return to the upright starting position with arms out to sides. Reach your other hand across and tap the outside of the opposite foot.



# Wrist Rotations

## DIRECTIONS

- Put your arms out straight to your sides or in front of you.
- Make circles with your wrists in one direction and then the opposite direction.



# Benefits of a Warm-Up

A warm-up should be the first physical activity in every training session or competition. A good warm-up helps you to **reach a state of physical and mental readiness.**

## Physical and Mental Benefits

- Increase heart rate
- Increase breathing rate
- Increase body and muscle temperature
- Greater blood flow to the active muscles
- Shift focus from life to sport
- Connects the mind and the body