

Ankle and Foot Program: Foundational (Ankle 1)

Mobility

Purpose: restore flexibility in tight arches, achilles, calves and behind the knee

Key Points: push toes into ground for added foot activation



Pigeon with chest to thigh then lift chest



Down dog with alternating heel lifts



Frog squat to stand

Strength

Purpose: increase foot awareness and strength with precision ankle range of motion

Key Points: use foot to make the board touch all edges to the ground

3 sets x 10 reps



2 foot bridges, toes in the air, lift hips with hands pushing into ground



1 foot ankle circles with 1 foot on ground, touch all edges to the ground



2 feet ankle circles, touch all edges to the ground using feet strength

Endurance

Purpose: train ankles to balance and stabilize when you walk, jump, run or land on one foot

Key Points: hamstring strength is important for ankle injury prevention

4 reps x 15 second holds



1 foot bridge hold with hands pushing into ground



Tandem stance heel to toe with tall posture and foot control



1 foot standing hold with tall posture and board control from foot

Recovery

Purpose: release lower leg tissue that commonly lead to pain from unsupportive shoes, inactivity, high heels, chronic ankle sprains or repetitive physical activity without recovery

Key Points: point toes for deeper stretch



Feet and arches with deep squat reps



Calf with toes pointing both directions



Shin with toe pointing both directions



Ankle and Foot Program: Advanced (Ankle 2)

Mobility

Purpose: end range foot and ankle flexibility with additional lateral movements

Key Points: push toes into ground for added foot activation



Alternating 1 leg down dog with heel lifts



Heel sits with top of foot on ground to child pose



Deep side step keeping heel on ground

Strength

Purpose: fine tune foot and toe strength for a solid base of support for your ankle

Key Points: take your time to activate all range of motion for your ankle

3 sets x 10 reps



1 foot bridge with board circles, touch all edges to the ground



Split stance with heel raises up and down



Squat stance with toe raises up and down

Endurance

Purpose: add strength to inside/outside muscles commonly weak in ankle sprains

Key Points: deep knee bend position helps with flexibility of calf

4 reps x 15 second holds



1 foot bridge with toes in the air, hold hips high, push hands into ground



Push board down with hand, resist tilt with outside or inside of foot



Push board from front or back, resist rotation using foot and ankle strength

Recovery

Purpose: release lower leg tissue that commonly lead to pain from unsupportive shoes, inactivity, high heels, chronic ankle sprains or repetitive physical activity without recovery

Key Points: use a very small 1" ball for your arch



Feet and arches with deep squat reps



Calf with toes pointing both directions



Shin with toe pointing both directions