BP FITNESS CENTER

MIND-BODY PROGRAM

SIX WEEKS OF TRAINING

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how to use this pdf

THE WORKOUTS ARE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. SO YOU WILL SIMPLY

FOLLOW THE ORDER THAT THE WORKOUTS ARE PRESENTED IN. FOR VIDEO DEMONSTRATIONS, CLICK ON THE EXERCISE. THIS WILL REDIRECT YOU TO A YOUTUBE DEMONSTRATION.

track your progress

Having a way to track your progress during a program is so important. It helps you know what is and isn't working for you. There are many ways to track progress, for this particular program we suggest starting with three tests to determine where your mobility lies and address any imbalances.



- This mind-body program consists of active stretching, conscious breath work and meditation techniques.
- Mind-body workouts have physical, mental and emotional benefits.
- Physical benefits
 - Improve coordination, flexibility, posture and strength.
 - Decrease your cortisol (stress hormone) levels
- Mental benefits:
 - Stress relief, better cognition and focus
 - Increase your self-awareness
- Emotional benefits:
 - Boost your mood, self-esteem, calmness and relaxation
- You will need access to a wall. A mat and yoga blocks are encouraged, but not necessary.

MOVEMENT TESTS

- Wall Test
- Wrist Test
- Windmill Test
- Lumbar Spine Test
- Squat Test





week in workouts

Day 1:

Wall Test

Day 2:

Wrist Test

Day 3:

Windmill Test

Day 4:

Lumbar Spine Test

Day 5:

Squat Test

Day 6:

Reflect

Day 7:

Rest



Wall Test

Week 1

The Wall Test will use the wall for feedback to examine your upper body mobility at the following areas: thoracic spine, neck, shoulder/scapular and wrist

Parameters

Low back, shoulders and occipital point of skull must maintain contact with the wall.

(Think chin to chest).

Keep feet shoulder-width apart and toes pointed straight.

During the movement the back of the hands and elbows must maintain contact with the wall.



Wrist Test

Week 1

The Wrist Test will go over wrist flexion and wrist extension

Parameters

Can you get your arms straight out in front of you?

Can you get 80 - 90 degrees of wrist flexion?

Look for symmetry or asymmetry

From here, go into wrist extension

Can you get 80 - 90 degrees of wrist extension?

Try from an unloaded position first (standing) then try from a loaded position (on the ground).



Windmill Test



Week 1

The Windmill Test will asssess your spinal and core rotational mobility along with overall trunk connectivity.

Parameters

Arms must be straight up in line with or slightly behind ear.

Create straight vertical line with both arms Your fingertips must touch the floor.

Must be performed on both sides.

Lumbar Spine Test Week 1

The lumbar spine test will go over lumbar flexion and lumbar extension from a standing position.

We will use the wall to look for signs of an anterior or posterior pelvic tilt.

Parameters

With your back against the wall, we will measure your core control.

Keep your heels up against the wall. To modify, you can keep your heels about an inch away from the wall.

Arms should be out, externally rotated, palms face away from the wall.

Tuck your chin. The nodule at the base of your head should maintain contact with the wall.

Can you get good flexion and extension through the lumbar spine? Try to get your lower back to press into the wall. Is that the only thing that is moving? Do you have the ability to articulate your spine as directed?



<u>Squat Test</u>

Week 1

The Squat Test will determine your low back, hips and ankle mobility.

Required equipment: dowel, or just be resourceful - a broomstick or PVC pipe will

do

Parameters

90-degree minimum squat depth.

Stick must maintain contact with occipital point of skull, between the shoulder blades and glutes.

Hands must maintain full grip on stick, even when switching top and bottom hand.

Feet must stay flat on floor.

Toes should stay pointed forward.







Week 1

Reflect on your results from all the movement tests.

Parameters

Write down 1 to 3 goals that you hope to achieve or come closer to reaching by use of this program.

These can be health goals, weight loss goals, pain management, stress relief, wellness-oriented... just make sure your goals are clear and measurable.

It's up to you to make your dreams come true!

Mindfulness.
Breathing Techniques.
Mindful Movements.

week in workouts

Day 1:

Mindfulness: Set an Intention

Day 2:

Mindfulness: Meditate

Day 3:

Breathing Techniques

Day 4:

Rest

Day 5:

Mindful Movements

Day 6:

Reflect

Day 7:

Rest



Practicing Mindfulness

Week 2

Start this week by cultivating awareness and setting a clear intention.

Set An Intention

Focus your mind in this moment. You do not have to "quiet your mind," rather, just be.

Reflect on what is going on in your life at present.

How are you feeling right now?

Bring your awareness to a quality or virtue that you would like to nurture.

Some examples could be: patience, peacefulness, gratitude, curiosity, forgiveness, clarity or inner strength.

Goal: connect to your mind and body



Mindfulness: Meditate

Week 2

Dedicate five-ish minutes to be present with your thoughts.

Set Up Your Practice. Be Present.

Create a ritual that works with your schedule. Pick a time of day that works for you. Morning meditations can help to set the tone for the rest of the day. If your mornings are already slammed, maybe evening meditations are better for you to reflect.

Find somewhere QUIET where you can be undistracted.

Sit or lie down. Close your eyes, focus on your breath (without changing it).

Notice the rise and fall of your chest and body as you inhale and exhale.

Recognize the thoughts that are in your mind.

Goal: connect to your mind and body



Breathwork



Week 2

Breathing techniques: conscious breathwork exercises

Diaphragmatic breathing: Box breathing

Box breathing is a 4-sided breath: a box of breathing

Inhale breathing in through the nose. Exhale breathing out through the mouth.

In breath, retention (hold the breath), exhale, hold the breath: all same amount of length (I like to use 4 counts but you can use 5, 6 or whatever count you would like to challenge yourself with)

Goals: go inward, improve blood circulation and energize the central nervous system



Week 2

Prone cobra

Prone Scorpion

90 - 90s







Week 2

Reflect on the work you put in this week.

Parameters

Write down 1 to 3 things you were grateful for this week. They do not have to be training-related:)

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week in workouts

Day 1:

MB Workout 1

Day 2:

Rest

Day 3:

MB Workout 2

Day 4:

Rest

Day 5:

MB Workout 3

Day 6:

Rest

Day 7:

Alternate Nostril Breathing

Mindbody Workout 1 Week 3

Breathe

Child's pose

Table top

Cat/cow



Week 3

Breathe

Handcuffs

Swimmers

Froggers



Mindbody Workout 3

Week 3

Breathe

Swimmers

Thread the Needle

Single Leg Bridge



Breathwork

Week 3

Alternate Nostril Breathing

Benefits of practicing breathing techniques include:

- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Improves sleep quality
- Lowers heart rate and blood pressure
- Oxygenates blood
- Rewires nervous system
- Increases focus and presence
- Improves energy levels
- Develops self-awareness



week in workouts

Day 1:

MB Workout 1

Day 2:

Rest

Day 3:

MB Workout 2

Day 4:

Rest

Day 5:

MB Workout 3

Day 6:

Rest

Day 7:

Reflect

Get Bendy Workout 1 Week 4

Breathe

Mountain Pose

Forward Fold

Downward Dog



Breathe

Superman into Retraction

Lizard with Rotation

90-90s, try with progression

Leg Swings



Get Bendy Workout 3

Week 4

Breathe

Wall Circles

Supine Twist

Handcuff with Rotation

Active Pigeon



Reflect

Week 3

Reflect on the mindful movements you performed this week.

Parameters

Go outside (weather permitting) and take a mindful walk.

Reflect on your surroundings: the sounds you hear, the smells you take in, be truly present as you step one foot in front of the other.

Reflect: Are you closer to reaching the goals you wrote down in week 1?

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week in workouts

Day 1:

MB Workout 1

Day 2:

Rest

Day 3:

MB Workout 2

Day 4:

Rest

Day 5:

MB Workout 3

Day 6:

Rest

Day 7:

Meditation



Week 5

Breathe

Supine Twist

Wall circles

Mountain Pose

Child's Pose





Week 5

Breathe

Thread the Needle

Table Top

Mountain Climbers

Child's Pose





Week 5

Breathe

Handcuff to Rotation

Supine Scorpion

Single Leg Bridge



Week 5

High Five Meditation

Repeat all mobility tests from week 1. All tests are pass (check) / fail (minus) style

week in workouts

Day 1:

Wall Test

Day 2:

Wrist Test

Day 3:

Windmill Test

Day 4:

Lumbar Spine Test

Day 5:

Squat Test

Day 6:

Rest

Day 7:

Rest