## Carstairs Fitness Park – Beginner Program

<u>Warmup:</u> do 5-10 minutes of an easy cardiovascular activity such as walking or using the air walker machine. <u>Warmdown:</u> after completion of the exercise program spend 5-10 minutes performing static stretches.		<ul> <li>Tai Chi Wheels:</li> <li>Face equipment with an upright posture and knees slightly bent.</li> <li>Grasp handles.</li> <li>For safety, stop rotations completely before changing directions.</li> <li>Ensure slow and deep breathing during entire exercise.</li> <li>To begin, in a slow and controlled manner, smoothly rotate both wheels to the right 6 – 12 rotations, and then the left for 6 – 12 rotations.</li> <li>Next rotate each wheel in opposite directions from each other and then reverse for 6-12 rotations.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Arm Wheel:</u></li> <li>Face equipment with an upright posture and knees slightly bent</li> <li>Grasp handles</li> <li>For safety, do not overstretch, no pain should be felt just mild tension</li> <li>To begin, slowly rotate wheel to the right until mild tension is felt on the left side of body.</li> <li>Hold for 30 seconds and repeat stretch to the left side</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Leg Press:</li> <li>Face equipment, straddle seat, and sit down with back supported</li> <li>Place both feet on foot plate</li> <li>Keep an upright posture, with knees slightly bent during entire</li> <li>exercise</li> <li>For safety, use bar to assist moving on and off</li> <li>To begin, push against foot plates by straightening legs. Seat will move backwards</li> <li>To return, slowly bend knees - Seat will move forward – Do 2 sets of 10-15 reps.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Standing Pushups:</u></li> <li>Facing equipment, hands grasp high on diagonal bars</li> <li>Move feet away from bars and straighten arms</li> <li>Tighten stomach muscles slightly</li> <li>Body should form a straight line during entire exercise</li> <li>To begin, move chest towards bars by bending elbows</li> <li>To return, slowly straighten arms – Do 2 sets of 10-15 reps.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>Air Walker:</u></li> <li>Facing equipment, grasp handles first, and then step onto stationary foot pads one foot at a time</li> <li>Keep an upright posture, with knees slightly bent, feet firmly touching foot plates, and hands grasping handles during the entire exercise</li> <li>For safety, foot plates must be stationary and hands must grasp bar when getting on or off equipment.</li> <li>To begin, slightly tighten stomach muscles and perform a walking or skiing motion in a slow and controlled manner. Perform for 2 minutes</li> </ul>

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-Face equipment with an upright posture and knees slightly bent. Grasp wheels at the bottom -Push your hips down and back,

Supported Squats:

degrees and push back up -Be sure to keep your knees aligned with your feet. Do not allow your knees to past the ends of your feet. -Do 2 sets of 10-15 reps

Waist Trainer-Oblique Twists:

-Facing equipment, grasp handles first, and then step onto foot plate one foot at a time

-Keep an upright posture, with knees slightly bent, feet firmly touching foot plate, and hands grasping handles during the entire exercise -For safety, hold on to handles while getting on or off equipment, do not over rotate, and be mindful of your back



-To begin, slightly tighten stomach muscles, keep the torso facing forward and rotate the lower body right and left in a slow and controlled manner. Do 2 sets of thirty seconds.



## Side Leg Lifts:

-Stand beside the waist trainer with an upright posture and knees slightly bent. Grasp the side handle.

-tighten stomach muscles slightly. -maintaining good posture, move your leg laterally away from your



body in a controlled manner. Bring it back down to the starting position. -Perform 2 sets of 10-15 reps on each leg.

## Body Rows:

-Facing equipment, hands grasp high on diagonal bars -Move feet under bars and straighten arms

-Tighten stomach muscles slightly -Body should form a straight line during entire exercise

-To decrease difficulty, bend knees to 90 degrees

-To begin, move chest towards bars by bending elbows

-To return, slowly straighten arms. Perform 2 sets of 10-15 reps.





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