THE GUIDE TO A BETTER SQUAT

EMPOWER U PT & PERFORMANCE





BENEFITS OF A GOOD SQUAT











Increase mobility and balance Strengthen legs and core muscles

Reduce risk for injury

Improve ability to lift

Improve athletic performance



PROPER SQUAT TECHNIQUE

• Prevents injury

• Improves an essential functional movement









HOW'S YOUR SQUAT FORM?

SQUAT DEPTH

• Can thighs get below parallel?

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

- Is it equal side to side?
- Do you shift to heels?

KNEE ALIGNMENT

• Is there inward or outward movement?

FOOT ALIGNMENT

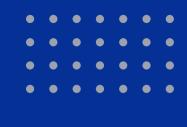
- Are toes in or out?
- Is there symmetry?



Look for this image on the following pages. Each link will take you to an exercise video to help fix these common squat issues.







IS YOUR HEEL POPPING UP OR FOOT TURNING OUT?

Try this exercise:

1/2 Kneel Ankle Mobility Stretch



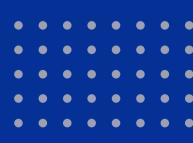


IS YOUR KNEE MOVING INWARD?

Try this exercise:

<u>Banded Knee Squat</u>





ARE YOU SHIFTING YOUR WEIGHT AND FAVORING ONE

SIDE?

Try this:

Use a mirror to help you visualize even weight shift

Mirror Squat for Visual Cue







ARE YOU NOT GETTING DEEP ENOUGH?

Try these exercises:

Assisted Squat

TRX Squat



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