#### **APPENDIX 2-** Mat based-exercises

#### Spine exercises **Basic** Intermediate **Advanced** Bridge Bridge Variant Bridge Variant Objective: mobilize pelvis and spine, and Objective: mobilize pelvis and spine and Objective: mobilize pelvis and spine and strengthen gluteus, hamstring and strengthen gluteus, quadriceps femoris and strengthen gluteus and hamstring muscles. gastrocnemius muscles. hamstring muscles Rolling Back Down/Up (knees flexed and Rolling Back Down/Up (knees extended and Roll Up (rolling back and forward) rolling forward) rolling forward.) Objective: mobilize the spine and contract the Objective: mobilize the spine and contract Objective: mobilize the spine and strengthen the abdominis muscles associated with the power the abdominis muscles associated with the rectus abdominis and external external oblique power house. house. muscles. Hamstring Stretch Variant Hamstring Stretch Variant (crossed legs) Hamstring Stretch (ball) Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the muscles of the posterior chain. muscles of the posterior chain. muscles of the posterior chain.

#### Stretches Front Variant (standing with the ball)



Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the muscles of the posterior chain.

Hamstring Stretch Variant (sitting on the floor with one leg extended and the other one flexed)



Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the muscles of the posterior chain.

Spine Stretch (sitting on the floor with both legs extended)



Objective: mobilize the spine and stretch the muscles of the posterior chain.

**Swan Front** 



Objective: mobilize spine, stretching the muscles of the anterior chain, and strengthen pectoralis major, triceps brachii and anterior

deltoid muscles.

Tower (in "V" position with the elastic forward and upward)



Objective: stretch the posterior chain muscles and strengthen the abdominis, quadriceps femoris and iliopsoas muscles.

Swan (taking off the arms)



Objective: mobilize the spine, control the scapular elevation movement and strengthen posterior chain muscles.

Long Spine (in "V" position with the elastic forward and downwards)



Objective: stretch the posterior chain muscles and strengthen the abdominis, quadriceps femoris and iliopsoas muscles. Swan (taking off arms and legs alternate)



Objective: mobilize the spine, control the scapular elevation movement and strengthen posterior chain muscles.

Jackknife



Objective: mobilize the spine and strengthen the abdominis, quadriceps femoris and iliopsoas muscles.

#### Mermaid (both hands on the ball)



Objective: stretch lateral chain muscles and control scapular elevation movement.

#### Mermaid (one hand on the ball)



Objective: stretch lateral chain muscles and control scapular elevation movement.

#### Side Arm Sit Variant



Objective: stretch lateral chain muscles and control scapular elevation movement.

#### **Lower Limbs Exercises Intermediate Basic** Advanced Tower (with the elastic on one leg) Tower (with the elastic on both legs) Tower (with the elastic on one leg) Objective: stretch the posterior chain muscles Objective: stretch the posterior chain muscles Objective: stretch the posterior chain and strengthen the quadriceps femoris and and strengthen the quadriceps femoris and muscles and strengthen the quadriceps gluteus maximus muscles. gluteus maximus muscles. femoris, hamstrings and gluteus maximus muscles.

Footwork (taking the foot support)



Objective: stretch the gluteus maximus and piriformis muscles and strengthen the quadriceps femoris muscle.

Leg Circles (small)



Objective: strengthen gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

One Leg Up and Down (with the ball)



Objective: stretch the gluteus maximus and piriformis muscles and strengthen abdominis, iliopsoas and quadriceps femoris muscles.

Leg Circle (medium)



Objective: strengthen gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

Tower



Objective: stretch the gluteus maximus and piriformis muscles and strengthen the quadriceps femoris muscle.

Leg Circles (big)



Objective: strengthen gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

## Bicycle (with mild elastic)

Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, quadriceps femoris, abdominis and hamstring muscles.

Footwork Hells V Position (with the elastic band)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, abdominis, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

Footwork Double Legato (four supports rising one leg)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, triceps surae, iliopsoas and sartorius muscles.

Bicycle (with heavy elastic)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, quadriceps femoris, abdominis and hamstring muscles

Leg Series Supine Frog (with the elastic band)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, abdominis, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

Footwork Double Legato (four supports with mild elastic band)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, triceps surae, iliopsoas and sartorius muscles.

Bicycle (both legs on the air)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, hamstring, sartorius, gracillis and gastrocnemius muscles.

Knee Extension V Position (with the elastic band)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, abdominis, adductor magnus, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

Footwork Double Legato (four supports with heavy elastic band)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris, triceps surae, iliopsoas and sartorius muscles.

# Side Kicks Up and Down

Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and tensor fascia lata muscles.

Side Kicks Inner-Thigh Lifts



Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magno, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

One Leg Up-Down



Objective: strengthen the iliopsoas, rectus femoris and rectus abdominis muscles.

Fire Hydrant



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris and gluteus muscles.

Side Kicks Up and Down (mild weight)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and tensor fascia lata muscles.

Side Kicks Inner-Thigh Lifts (mild weight)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magno, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

One Leg Up-Down (mild weight)



Objective: strengthen the iliopsoas, rectus femoris and rectus abdominis muscles.

Fire Hydrant (mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris and gluteus muscles.

Side Kicks Up and Down (heavy weight)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and tensor fascia lata muscles.

Side Kicks Inner-Thigh Lifts (heavy weight)



Objective: strengthen the gluteus maximus, hamstrings, adductor magno, adductor longus, pectineus and gracillis muscles.

One Leg Up-Down (heavy weight)



Objective: strengthen the iliopsoas, rectus femoris and rectus abdominis muscles.

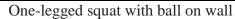
Fire Hydrant (heavy elastic)



Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris and gluteus muscles.



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Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris and gluteus muscles.

Air squat

Objective: strengthen the quadriceps femoris and gluteus muscles.

Leg Series Diagonal

Leg Series Diagonal with circle

Leg Series Diagonal with the ball



Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and minimum, tensor fascia lata and sartorius muscles.



Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and minimum, tensor fascia lata and sartorius muscles.



Objective: strengthen the gluteus medius and minimum, tensor fascia lata and sartorius muscles.

Horse



Objective: strengthen the abductor muscles of the hip.

Horse (mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen the abductor muscles of the hip.

Horse (heavy elastic)



Objective: strengthen the abductor muscles of the hip.

#### **Upper Limbs Exercises**

#### **Basic**

#### Arms Biceps (with the elastic)



Objective: strengthen the biceps brachii, brachialis and rectus abdominis muscles.

#### Intermediate

Arms Biceps (flexed legs with the elastic)



Objective: strengthen the biceps brachii, brachialis and rectus abdominis muscles.

#### Advanced

Arms Biceps (standing with the elastic)



Objective: strengthen the biceps brachii, brachialis and rectus abdominis muscles.

#### Arms Pull Up and Down



Objective: strengthen deltoid and trapezius muscles.

#### Arms Pulling (mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen rhomboid, posterior deltoid, teres minor, infraspinatus, supraspinatus and medial and lower trapezius fibers muscles.

Arms Pulling Variant (heavy elastic)



Objective: strengthen rhomboid, posterior deltoid, teres minor, infraspinatus, supraspinatus and medial and lower trapezius fibers muscles.

Arms Pull Up and Down Variant (mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen the deltoid, latissimus dorsi, teres major, pectoralis major and coracobrachialis muscles.

Arms Pull Up and Down Variant (flexed knees and mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen the abdominis, deltoid, latissimus dorsi, teres major, pectoralis major and coracobrachialis muscles.

## Arms Pull Up and Down Variant (flexed knees and heavy elastic)



Objective: strengthen the abdominis, deltoid, latissimus dorsi, teres major, pectoralis major and coracobrachialis muscles.

#### Arms Triceps (mild elastic)



Objective: strengthen the triceps brachii muscle.

## Arm Triceps (mild elastic without feet support)



Objective: strengthen the triceps brachii and abdominis muscles.

## Arm Triceps (heavy elastic without feet support)



Objective: strengthen the triceps brachii and abdominis muscles.

#### **Abdominal Exercises** Advanced **Basic Intermediate** Teaser The Hundred Variant (with feet on the air) Exercise On the Ball Objective: work coordination, stretch adductor, Objective: work coordination, stretch Objective: stretch the adductor magnus, pectineus and gracillis muscles and strengthen adductor longus, adductor minimum, pectineus adductor, pectineus and gracillis muscles and strengthen the rectus abdominis, external the rectus abdominis, external oblique, and gracillis muscles and strengthen the rectus latissimus dorsi and teres major muscles. oblique, latissimus dorsi and teres major abdominis and external oblique muscles. muscles. The Hundred (pumping arms and stretching The Hundred (raising the ball) The Hundred Variant (side) legs)



Objective: work coordination and strengthen the rectus abdominis and external oblique muscles.





Objective: work coordination and strengthen the rectus abdominis and external oblique muscles.



Objective: work coordination and strengthen the rectus abdominis and external oblique muscles.

Bridge with knees and feet supported



Objective: strengthen the abdominis rectus, internal oblique, external oblique, iliopsoas, pectoral and triceps brachii muscles.

Bridge with knees supported



Objective: strengthen the abdominis rectus, internal oblique, external oblique, iliopsoas, pectoral and triceps brachii muscles.

Bridge



Objective: strengthen the abdominis rectus, internal oblique, external oblique, iliopsoas, pectoral and triceps brachii muscles.