

Get in shape for the XC ski season





Disclaimer

- * This presentation includes general information on exercise.
- * Cross country skiing can be vigorous (high intensity) aerobic exercise and you should have a baseline level of fitness. If you have medical conditions and/ or physical limitations please see your healthcare professional for specific advice.

Consider filling out the Get Active Questionnaire to determine if you should check with a physician before becoming much more physically active.

http://www.csep.ca/view.asp?ccid=517



FITT aerobic training guidelines

BUILD AN AEROBIC BASE

F (Frequency)- 3 to 5 times a week

I (Intensity) – Start low-moderate (55-75% of maximum heart rate, rating of perceived exertion 3-5/10) and build up to moderate-vigorous (70-85% maximum heart rate, rating of perceived exertion 6-8/10)

Heart rate calcualtor:

http://www.ottawarun.com/heartrate.htm

T (Time) – 20-60 minutes

T (Type) – see following slides

How to monitor intensity

RPE Scale





10	Feels almost impossible to keep going. Completely out of breath, unable to talk. Cannot maintain for more than a very short time.		
9	Very Hard Activity Very difficult to maintain exercise intensity. Can barely breath and speak only a few words		
7-8	Vigorous Activity Borderline uncomfortable. Short of breath, can speak a sentence.		
4-6	Moderate Activity Breathing heavily, can hold short conversation. Still somewhat comfortable, but becoming noticeably more challenging.		
2-3	Light Activity Feels like you can maintain for hours. Easy to breathe and carry a conversation		
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Hardly any exertion, but more than sleeping, watching TV, etc

Rate of Perceived Exertion

Aerobic training suggestions

- * Hiking
- * Treadmill
- * Elyptical
- Nordic track (ski machine)
- * Rowing machine
- * Running
- * Trail walking with nordic poles
- Rollerskiing
- * Swimming
- * Canoeing/ rowing
- * Biking
- * Snowshoeing

FITT resistance training guidelines

BUILD STRENGTH

F (Frequency)- 2 to 3 times a week

I (Intensity) – 1-3 sets, 8-12 repetitions, 60-80% of a weight you can only lift once

T (Time) – 20 minutes

T (Type) – see next slide (for all major muscle groups)

http://www.acsm.org/public-information/articles/2016/10/07/a-strength-training-program-for-your-home

http://www.exrx.net/WeightTraining/Guidelines.html

Strength training suggestions

Arms	Legs	Core	Balance, agility & coordination
 Free weights Tricep dips Pushups (full, modified or wall pushups) Bar pull ups Swing hand weights like poles Rows 	 Lunges Lunge walking Squats Stairs Add hand weights	 Abdominal crunches Planks Yoga 	 Single leg standing Heel touch down on step One legged squat One legged calf raise Tai Chi Balance board Stability ball



