# Warm-ups



## In action

## 1. HEAD CIRCLES

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

·Perform small circles with your head in one direction, then reverse and circle in the opposite direction.

4-5 REPETITIONS PER SIDE

## 2. STATIONARY KNEE BOUNCE WITH ARM SWING

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Extend one arm forward, then slide the other arm backward.
- ·Perform small knee bends by gently lowering your knees, resembling tiny bouncing motions.
- ·Alternate swinging your arms forward and backward while continuing the small knee bounces.

10-12 REPETITIONS

## 3. CROSSED KNEE

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Place your hands on each side of your body to help maintain your balance.
- ·Lift your knee diagonally towards the opposite side, then alternate to the other side.

**10-12 REPETITIONS** 

## 4. HAMSTRING CURLS

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Bend one knee, bringing the heel of that leg towards the same-side glute. Activate the muscles at the back of your leg.
- ·Lower the foot back to the ground and repeat on the other side.
- ·Continue alternating between the right and left sides.

**10-12 REPETITIONS** 



#### 5. STANDING CALF STRETCH

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Step one foot back, pressing the heel firmly into the floor.
- ·Fully extend the back leg while keeping a slight bend in the front knee.
- ·Hold the position to stretch your calf.

**30 SECONDS PER SIDE** 

## 6. SHOULDER STRETCH

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- •Extend one arm straight in front of you. Then move the same arm across your body towards the opposite side and grab the elbow with your other hand.
- ·Gently press the arm against your chest.
- ·Hold the position for 30 seconds.

**30 SECONDS PER SIDE** 

#### 7. HAMSTRING STRETCH

Stand next to a support, with your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Step one foot forward, lifting your toes towards the ceiling.
- ·Push your hips back, to feel the stretch in the back of your extended leg.
- ·Place your hands lightly above the knee of the supporting leg.
- ·Hold the position for 30 seconds.

**30 SECONDS PER SIDE** 

# **8.GLUTEAL STRETCH**

Sit upright with your back straight and your feet hip-width apart:

- ·Cross one leg over the other, then gently pull the knee toward your chest, using your hands to hold it in place.
- ·Hold the position.

**30 SECONDS PER SIDE** 









