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Movement, Mobility, &  
Recovery Strategies for the  
Track & Field Athlete

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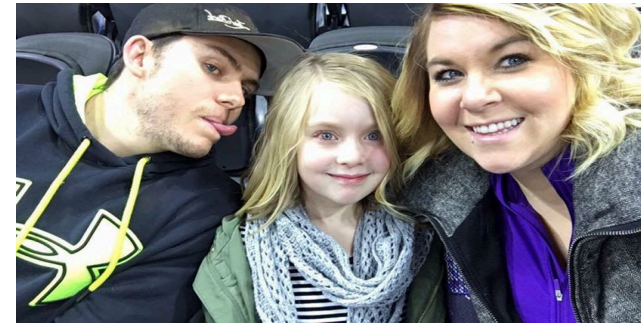


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# Health Drives Performance

- Recover Like Champions!
  - Sleep
  - Stress Management
  - Hydration
  - Nutrition
  - Soft Tissue & Mobility Work
- Everyone can work hard in practice and in the weight room, but very few take the rest of the day seriously.
- You are either recovering or preparing.
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.





# Health Focused

- Volume is a physical and morale killer
- Stress is Stress
- Understand what is happening outside of sports – Conscious Coaching
- Be aware of increased injury periods:
  - Beginning of fall
  - Midterm
  - Finals

# Academic Stress

## Effect of Physical and Academic Stress on Illness and Injury in Division 1 College Football Players

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# Nervous System Centered

- High CNS fatiguing lifting and sprint work should be in accordance with one another.
- Training should be focused around the impact on the nervous system.
- Warm-ups Should be used to simulate nervous system.
- Static stretching prior to training is largely a waste of time.





# Our Process

- Movement Evaluation
  - Modified FMS
- Movement Flow Analysis
- Breathing & Posture Assessment
- RPR Zone 1 Reset
- RPR Full Reset
- Individualize From There

Lifelong Learning | Awareness

FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT SCREEN SCORE SHEET				
NAME:	DATE:	DOB:		
SCHOOL/AFFILIATION:				
HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	AGE:	GENDER:	
PRIMARY SPORT:	PRIMARY POSITION/OCCUPATION:			
HAND/LEG DOMINANCE:	PREVIOUS TEST SCORE:			
TEST		RAW SCORE	FINAL SCORE	COMMENTS
DEEP SQUAT				
HURDLE STEP	L			
	R			
INLINE LUNGE	L			
	R			
SHOULDER MOBILITY	L			
	R			
SHOULDER CLEARING TEST	L			
	R			
ACTIVE STRAIGHT- LEG RAISE	L			
	R			
TRUNK STABILITY PUSH-UP				
EXTENSION CLEARING TEST				
ROTARY STABILITY	L			
	R			
FLEXION CLEARING TEST				
<b>TOTAL SCREEN SCORE</b>				
FEET TOGETHER SQUAT	L			
	R			
KNEE STABILITY STANDING	L			
	R			
KNEE STABILITY JUMPING	L			
	R			
ANKLE MOBILITY	L			
	R			



## \*Common Occurrences\*

- Shallow, rapid, and chest-driven breathing
- Slouching rounded shoulders & forward neck
- Very Tight Thoracic Spine
- Lumbar Pain
- Tight Hip and/or weak hip flexors
- “Tight” aka weak hamstrings
- Knee Pain
- Tight Ankles
- Tight & Painful Feet

# Stay in Your Lane?

- Stay within your scope of practice, but don't be afraid to veer out of your lane.



- Form solid relationships with the Athletic Training staff, physical therapists, MDs, etc.

# Kinetic Chain

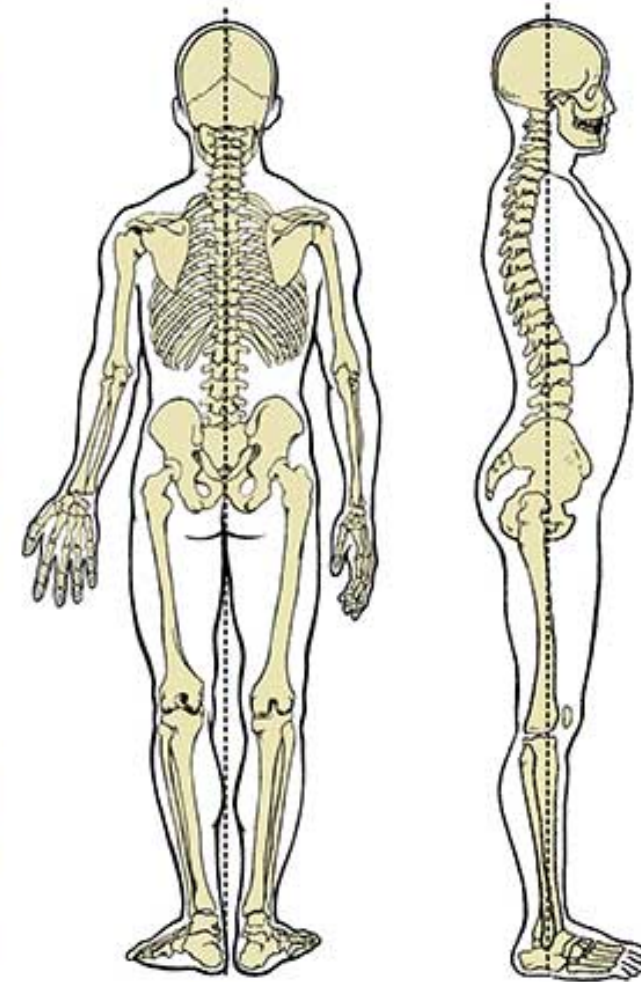


Figure 1: The Stability Mobility Relationship of the Kinetic Chain.

Lifelong Learning | Awareness of God | Hospitality | Community

# Mobility Drills



# Everyday Warm Ups

## EVERDAY Running Warm Up

- RPR Reset
- Wall Pistons (1,2,3)
- Hip Flow 1&2& Hurdle Series
- Knee Hugs
- Quad/Hammy Stretch
- Baby Crawl
- A March
- Banded A March
- A SKIP
- Banded A Skip
- B March
- B Skip
- High Knees
- Butt Kicks
- Carioca
- PVC Pipe Sprint
- Med Ball Sprint

## EVERDAY Lifting Warm Up

- RPR Reset
- Foam Roll
- Hip Flow 1&2
- Ankle Dorsiflexion



# Breathing-The Key to Performance?

- Poor posture effects breathing, poor breathing effects posture
- How many people consciously work on their breathing?
- Diaphragm, Psoas, Glutes





# Breathing 101



## Muscles of inspiration

### Accessory

Sternocleidomastoid  
(elevates sternum)

Scalenes Group  
(elevate upper ribs)

Not shown:  
Pectoralis minor

### Principal

External intercostals  
Interchondral part of  
internal intercostals  
(also elevates ribs)

Diaphragm  
(dome descends, thus  
increasing vertical  
dimension of thoracic  
cavity; also elevates  
lower ribs)



## Muscles of expiration

### Quiet breathing

Expiration results from  
passive, elastic recoil  
of the lungs, rib cage  
and diaphragm

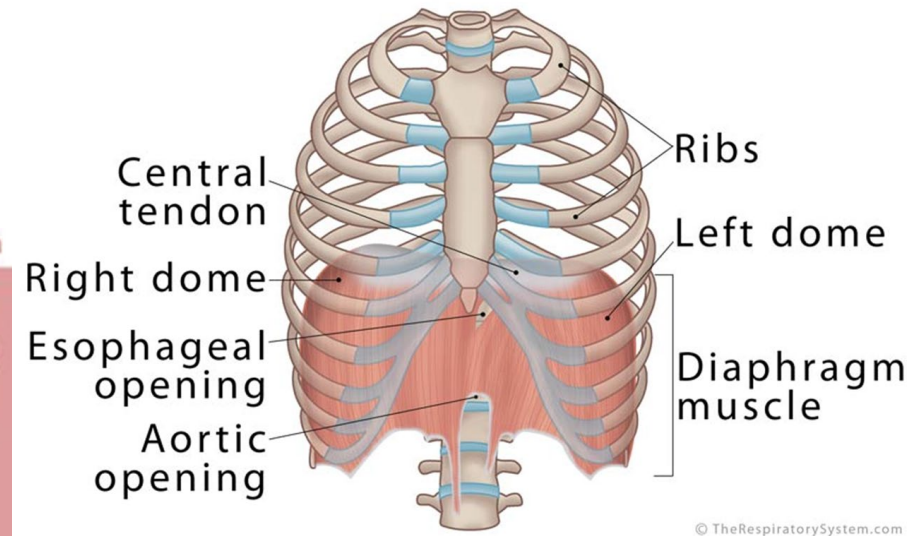
### Active breathing

Internal intercostals,  
except interchondral  
part (pull ribs down)

Abdominals  
(pull ribs down,  
compress abdominal  
contents thus pushing  
diaphragm up)

Note shown:  
Quadratus lumborum  
(pulls ribs down)

## Diaphragm Location

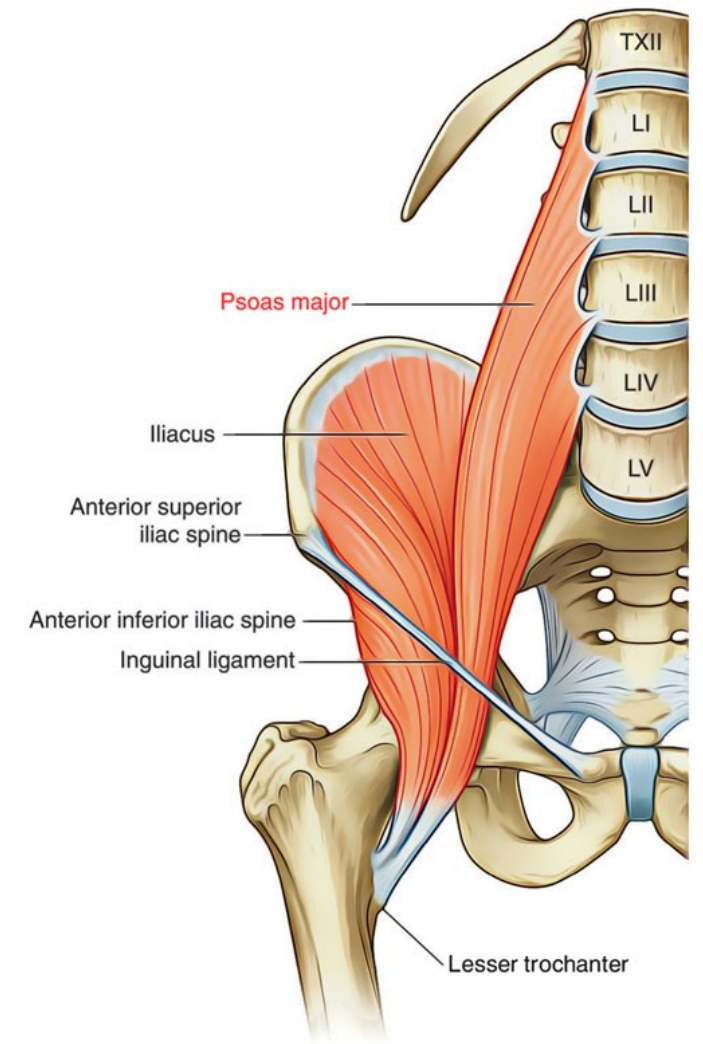






# Psoas

- Origin: Lower border Transverse process L1-L5
- Side of T12 & L1-L5
- Psoas major muscle that connects upper & lower body
- Major Hip Flexor
- Often isn't used properly





# Approaching the Core All Wrong?

- We need to open up, not continue to compress down
- We do Zero crunches, sit-ups, leg raises.
- Those target the rectus abdominis, which does little for sports performance
- Puts massive stress on lumbar spine & tightens already tight hip flexors

# What To Do Instead?

- Planks
- Medicine Ball Rotational Throws
- Anti-rotational work –Standing



# Pareto's Principle

- Anyone can throw together a workout that makes kids tired.
- Sweat & Effort doesn't always equal meaningful work.
- More isn't better. Better is better.



# Stress Response

- Diaphragmatic breathing stimulates Cranial Nerve X (vagus nerve)
- Parasympathetic control of heart, lungs, & GI tract
- “Fight or Flight”





Relax!



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Questions?