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Women's Softball 6 Week Throwing Program

## Interval Softball Throwing Program

This throwing program is designed as a progressive increase in throwing endurance, distance, and strength after a physical ailment that required rest to help in the healing process. Refer to the surgical protocol for start date, if surgery was performed. The athlete may continue to progress to the next step of the throwing program when they complete the current throwing day without any pain. Make sure that they report any pain during this program. Aching in the muscles is ok, but if the athlete experiences any pain while throwing, they need to quit for that day. During the next throwing day, the athlete should return to the last step that they threw without pain. If pain occurs at this step, contact physician.

#### **Sessions of Throwing Program**

Throwing should be done Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There needs to be a day of rest in between sessions. When you reach 75-90 feet, make sure to crow hop. Proper warm-up is important prior to any throwing sessions and should include:

- Jogging
- Shoulder/Scapular exercises
- Stretching
- · Warm up throwing
  - start at 30 feet and move back progressively to the scheduled distance as your arm loosens up

Start counting the prescribed number of throws when you get to the programmed distance. Take a 5-minute break in-between sets.

After the throwing is completed, cool down should consist of light stretching and jogging. Ice is optional.

#### Week 1

Wednesday Monday 30 feet: 25 throws 30 feet: 30 throws 30 feet: 10 throws

45 feet: 10 throws 30 feet: 10 throws

Friday

#### Week 2

Monday Wednesday Friday 30 feet: 10 throws 30 feet: 10 throws 30 feet: 10 throws 45 feet: 15 throws 45 feet: 20 throws 45 feet: 25 throws 30 feet: 10 throws 30 feet: 10 throws 30 feet: 10 throws



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#### Week 3

MondayWednesdayFriday45 feet: 10 throws45 feet: 10 throws45 feet: 10 throws60 feet: 10 throws60 feet: 15 throws60 feet: 20 throws45 feet: 10 throws45 feet: 10 throws45 feet: 10 throws

#### Week 4

 Monday
 Wednesday
 Friday

 45 feet: 10 throws
 45 feet: 10 throws
 45 feet: 10 throws

 60 feet: 25 throws
 60 feet: 15 throws
 60 feet: 10 throws

 45 feet: 10 throws
 75 feet: 15 throws

 45 feet: 10 throws
 45 feet: 10 throws

#### Week 5

Monday Wednesday Friday Sunday 45 feet: 10 throws 45 feet: 10 throws 45-60 feet: 10 throws Up to 60 feet: 60 feet: 25 throws 60 feet: 10 throws 75 feet: 10 throws Light catch - 30 throws 75 feet: 20 throws 75 feet: 25 throws 90 feet: 15 throws 45 feet: 10 throws 45 feet: 10 throws 45-60 feet: 10 throws

#### Week 6

MondayWednesdayFridaySunday45-60 feet: 10 throws45 feet: 10 throws45-60 feet: 10 throwsUp to 60 feet:75 feet: 10 throws75 feet: 10 throws75 feet: 10 throwsLight catch – 30 throws90 feet: 15 throws90 feet: 25 throws

45-60 feet: 10 throws

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## **Interval Windmill Pitching Program for Pitchers**

The athlete will progress to the next session once current session is accomplished free of pain. There should by at least 24 hours in-between sessions before progressing. Extra recovery days may be needed once the intensity and pitch count increases. When the sessions are completed, other pitches (i.e. curveball, screwball, etc.) may be performed as tolerated under supervision of pitching coach.

Proper warm-up is important prior to any throwing sessions and should include:

- Jogging
- Shoulder/Scapular exercises
- Stretching/Soft tissue mobilization
- Warm up throwing
  - throw 30 60 feet until pitching arm feels ready.

After the throwing is completed, cool down should consist of light stretching and jogging. Ice is optional.

Phase I:	Phase II:

Session 1: 2 x 15 pitches at 75% effort Session 5: 2 x 25 pitches at 100% effort

Session 2: 2 x 25 pitches at 75% effort Session 6: 2 x 35 pitches at 100% effort

Session 2: 2 x 35 pitches at 75% effort Session 7: 2 x 45 pitches at 100% effort

Session 4: 2 x 45 pitches at 75% effort

#### Phase III:

Session 8: 45 fastballs at 100% effort; 15 change ups at 100% effort

Session 9: 45 fastballs at 100% effort; 25 change ups at 100% effort

Session 10: 45 fastballs at 100% effort; 35 change ups at 100% effort

#### Phase IV:

Other pitches as tolerated under supervision