

WEBINAR WORKBOOK

# RAISING THE BAR THIS SKI AND RIDE SEASON

DISCOVER 7 STEPS TO EASE STIFF/ACHEY KNEES, PREVENT INJURIES, AND PREPARE BETTER FOR WINTER



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By doing the right exercises, the right way, you can actually reduce injuries by \_\_\_\_%! And nobody is really talking about this!

> The body can \_\_\_\_\_! It just needs the right environment to do so.

### **STEP #1: UNDERSTANDING HOW INJURIES HAPPEN**

List a couple of injuries that can be Sudden / Acute / Traumatic:

List of couple of injuries that can be Gradual / Chronic / Progressive:

Muscle Imbalance and \_\_\_\_\_\_ are

significant contributors to injury.

# **STEP #2: UNDERSTANDING HOW INJURIES HAPPEN**

\_\_\_\_\_% of skiing injuries involve the knees. And half of those involve sprained ligaments!

#### **STEP #3: OVERLAPPING STRATEGIES APPROACH**

List a few things you can do in each category to reduce your risk of injury:

Physical Preparedness (What can you do weeks / months prior to ski season?):

Daily Routines (What can you do EACH day?):

Actions in the Moment (What choices can you make in the moment to avoid injury?):

### STEP #4: THE RIGHT EXERCISES (THE RIGHT WAY)

Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are of the most important areas to strengthen for protecting your knees.

A "good" exercise can be \_\_\_\_\_ if it is not performed correctly.

### STEP #5: CHOOSE SPORT-SPECIFIC EXERCISESV

What are some activities you can do during the following phases of the year to better prepare your body for a long life in snowsports?

#### Off-Season:

Pre-Season:

#### Mid-Season:

# **STEP #6: KEEP IT SIMPLE AND PROGRESS GRADUALLY**

Common mistakes include:

- 1) Over-\_\_\_\_\_ it
- 2) Not \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Progressing too \_\_\_\_\_

## **STEP #7: THE TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT OF "ACL PREVENTION"**

Which is true about sustaining an ACL injury (check all that apply):

- An ACL injury is typically season-ending
- $\bigcirc$  Surgery is usually required
- It takes about one year to rehab before returning to sport
- The risk of a RE-injury is very high. About 1 in 4 will have a second (or third) ACL injury within 2 years
- The likelihood of developing osteoarthritis is very high

Benefits of "ACL injury prevention" exercises include (check all that apply):

- Reduced risk of non-contact ACL injury
- Reduced risk of other knee and lower extremity injuries
- Improved Performance and Skills

Notes about The ACL Strong Snow Course:
