



# Delaware Physical Therapy Clinic

## Infielder's Instructions- Softball

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### General Rules

- 1) Break a sweat
- 2) Shoulder Stretches
- 3) Throwing program
- 4) Rotator Cuff strengthening
- 5) Shoulder stretches
- 6) Ice for 20 min.

### Warm-up

- Begin at 20' and advance 20' at a time throwing 3-5 times at each distance at 50% effort until reaching the warmup distance for that workout.

### Soreness Rules:

- If sore more than 1 hour after throwing, or the next day, take 1 day off and repeat the most recent throwing program workout.
- If sore during warmup but soreness is gone within the first 15 throws, repeat the previous workout. If shoulder becomes sore during this workout, stop and take 2 days off. Upon return to throwing, drop down one step.
- If sore during warmup and soreness continues through the first 15 throws, stop throwing and take 2 days off. Upon return to throwing, drop down one step.
- If no soreness, advance one step every throwing day.

#### A. Baseline/Preseason

- a. -Begin with Step land advance 1 step daily as soreness rules allow.

#### B. Non-throwing arm injury

- a. After medical clearance, begin with step land advance 1 step daily as soreness rules allow.

#### C. Throwing arm- Bruise or bone involvement

- a. After medical clearance, begin with step 1 and advance one step every other day to step 5 as
- b. soreness rules allow.

#### D. Throwing arm- Tendon/ Ligament injury (Mild)

- a. -After medical clearance, begin with step 1. Throw every other day but do not advance beyond step 1 for the first week.
- b. -After the first week, continue to throw every other day repeating each step through step 5 as soreness rules allow. On off days use active rest program below for workout.

#### E. Throwing arm- Tendon/Ligament injury (Moderate, severe, post op)

- a. -After medical clearance, begin with step 1. Days 1-14, throw every 3-4 days. Do not advance beyond step 1.
- b. -For days 15-28, throw step 1 every 2-3 days but do not advance.
  - From day 29 on, throw every third day advancing program as soreness rules allow. On off days use active rest program below for workout.

### Active rest program

- Warm up toss to 120'
- 5 throws each at 60, 90, and 120' at 50% effort
- 20 long tosses to 120'

**This Clinical Guideline may need to be modified to meet the needs of a specific patient.  
The model should not replace clinical judgment.**

## Softball Infielder's Throwing Program

### General Guidelines

- Complete a warm up lap around the field before each step
- Complete a 60' sprint before each set of throws
- Rest 8 minutes between sets
- All throws with limited arc

STEP 1	Warm up toss to 60' 20 throws @ 45' (50%) Field Practice (50%) 5 throws @ 45' 10 throws @ 60' 20 long tosses to 75'	STEP4	Warm up toss to 150' 20 throws @ 60' (50%) Field Practice (100%) 5 throws @ 60' 5 throws @ 60' (DP) 3 throws @ 84' 3 throws @ 120' 20 long tosses to 150'
STEP2	Warm up toss to 75' 20 throws @ 60' (50%) Field Practice (75%) 10 throws @ 60' 10 throws @ 75' 20 long tosses to 90'	STEPS	Return to regular practice and games
STEP3	Warm up toss to 90' 20 throws @ 60' (50%) Field Practice (75%) 5 throws @ 60' 5 throws @ 60' (double play) 3 throws @ 84' 3 throws @ 120' 20 long tosses to 120'		

Data (Collected from 36 games, 219 innings)

Position	Plays/Game	Distance	
		Mean	Range
n	4.5	49.85'	10-
1"	5.0		110'
2"	3.72	46.17'	10-130'
SS	5.47	63.77'	30-90'
3"		56.40'	10-95'