

# LOWER-BODY DECELERATION PROGRAMMING

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# DECELERATION



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- The act of rapidly slowing the body or body part as part of a movement or as the cessation of a movement



**Locomotive  
Sprinting: COD,  
Stopping**



**Landing  
Plyometrics, WL Catch**



**Follow Through  
Throw, Kick**



# DECELERATION

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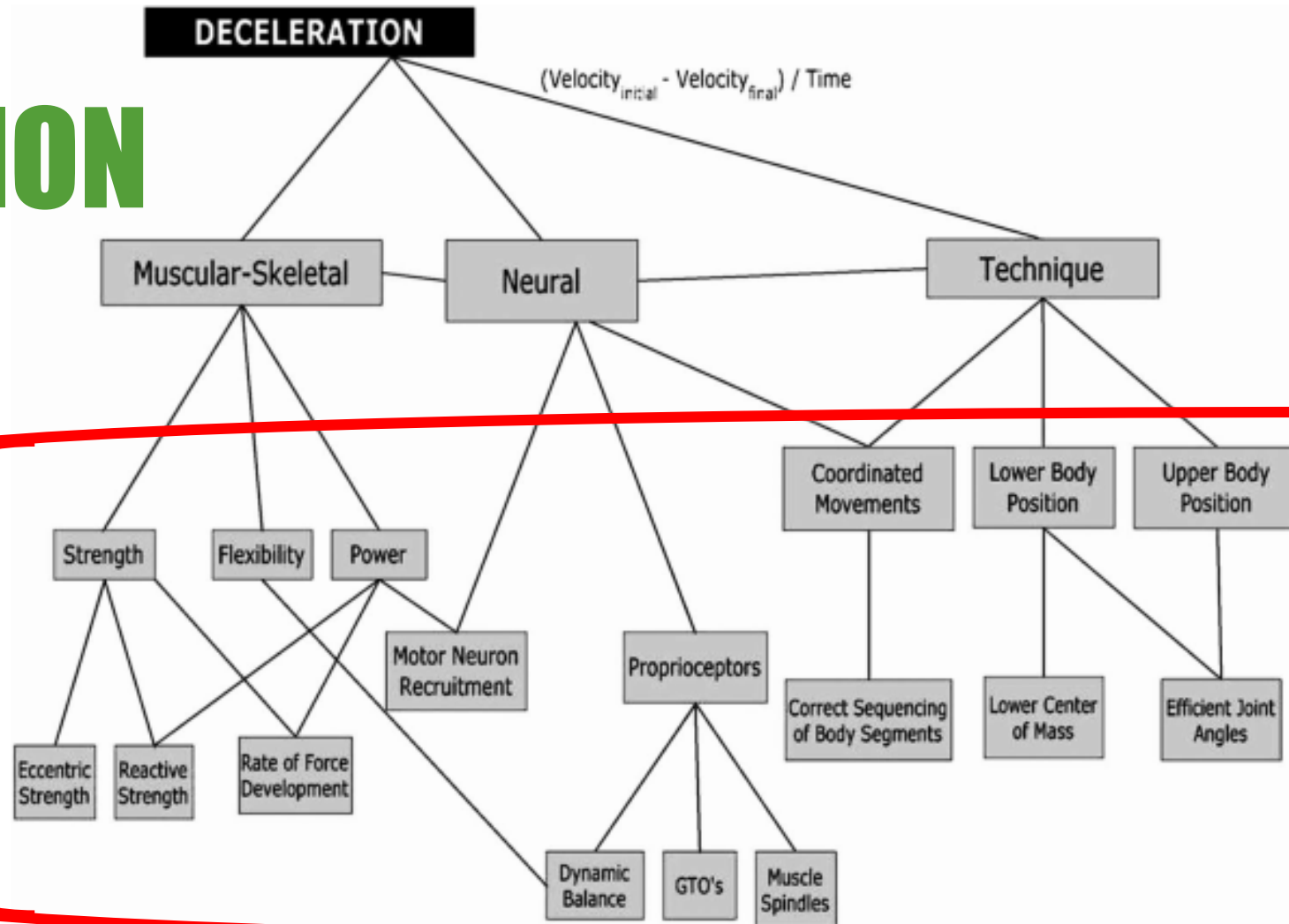


Figure 1. Deterministic model of deceleration.

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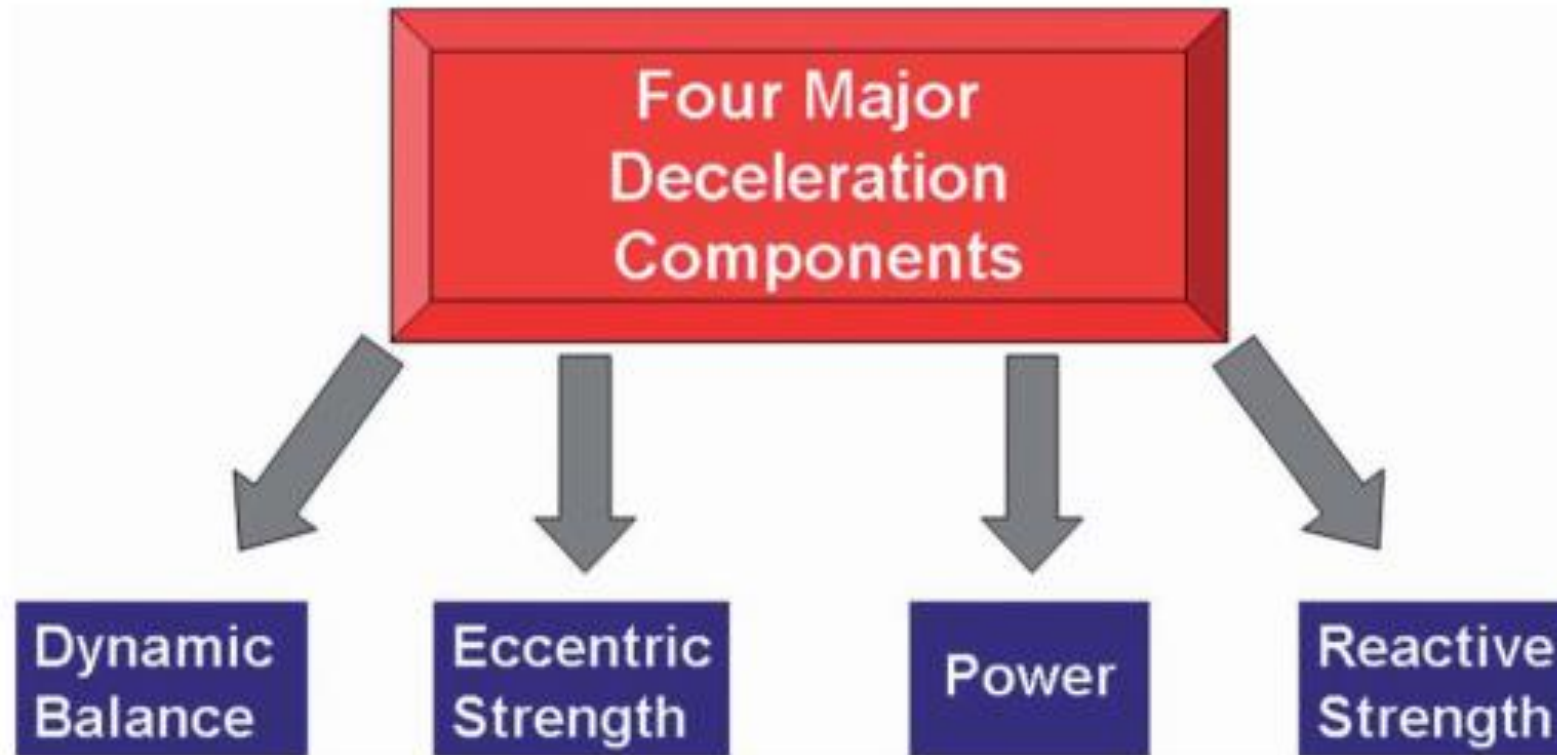
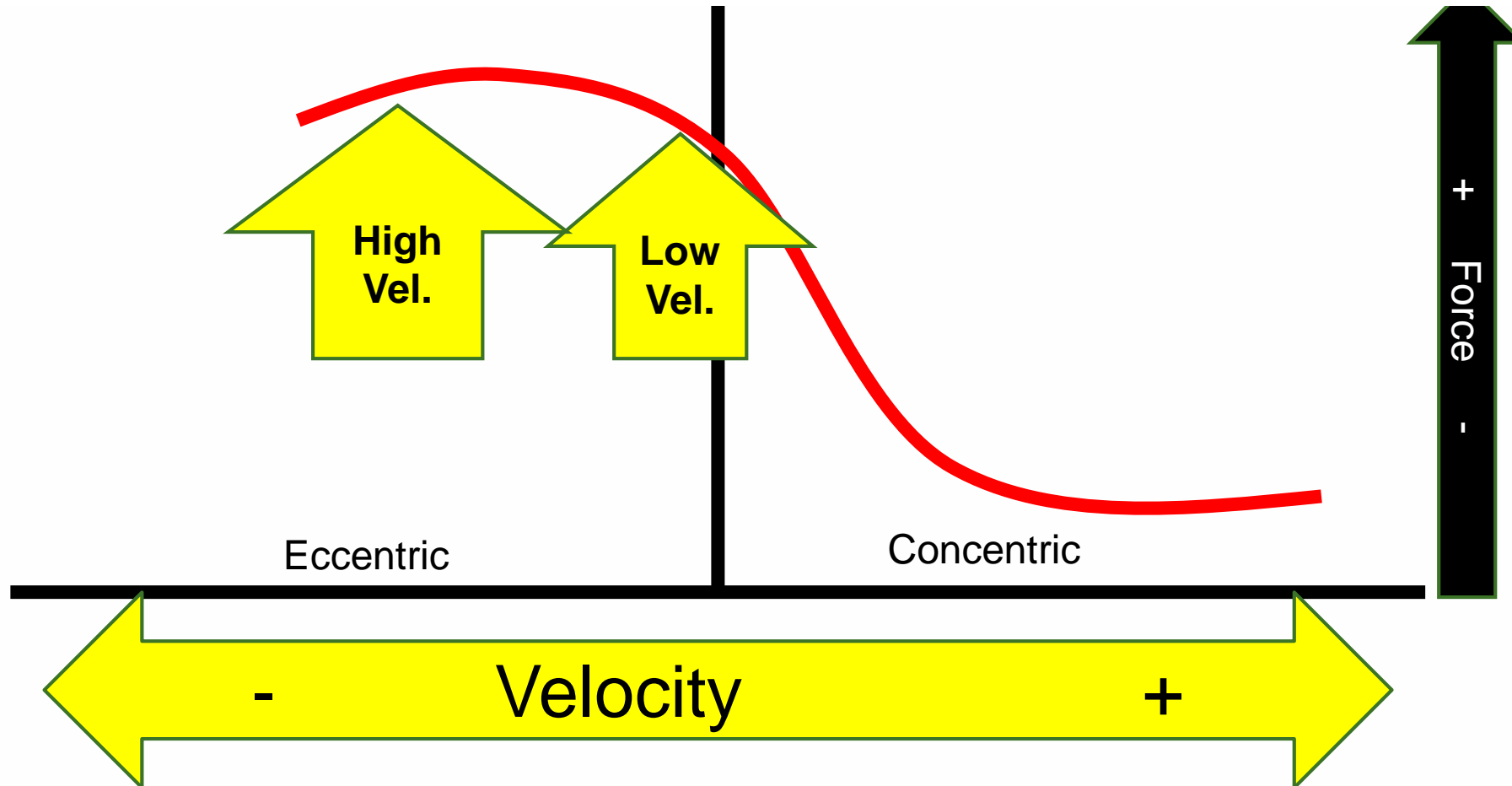


Figure 4. Four major deceleration components.

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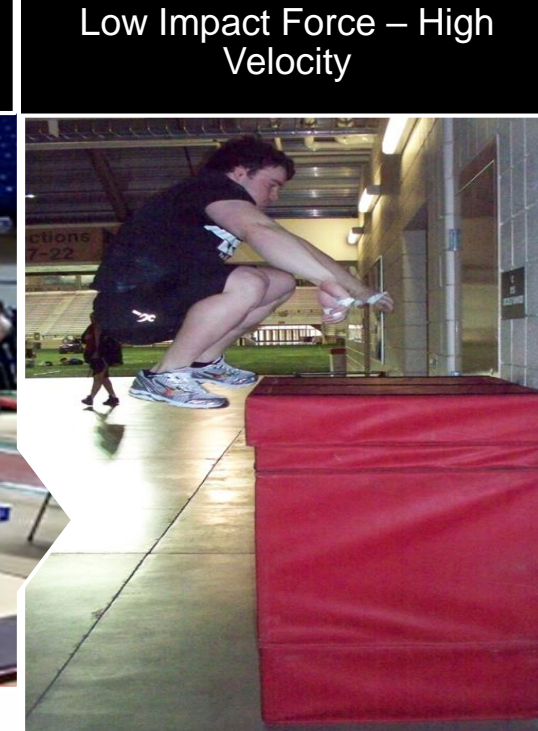
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# DECELERATION – MUSCULAR ACTION (ECCENTRIC)

Low Force – Low Velocity

Body-weight Squats  
Rear Leg Elevated Split Squat  
SL ECC Box Squat





# DECELERATION – COACHING VISUAL ANALYSIS



# DECELERATION - VISUAL ANALYSIS

## Kinematics for Sprint Deceleration Phase < 5m

- COM is posterior to foot contact
- Short step length
- Wide step width (> hip width)
- Higher step frequency
- Landing distance increased
- Braking/eccentric increased
- Larger joint angle displacement
- Posterior trunk lean
- Velocity will decrease to ZERO (may only last ms)



# DECELERATION

## SPECIFIC ATHLETIC POPULATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Transfers
- Post-physical therapy

## TESTING CATEGORIES

- Locomotive (e.g. Agility)
- Unilateral & bilateral plyometrics
- Unilateral & bilateral strength
- Bilateral strength-speed

# DECELERATION: TESTS

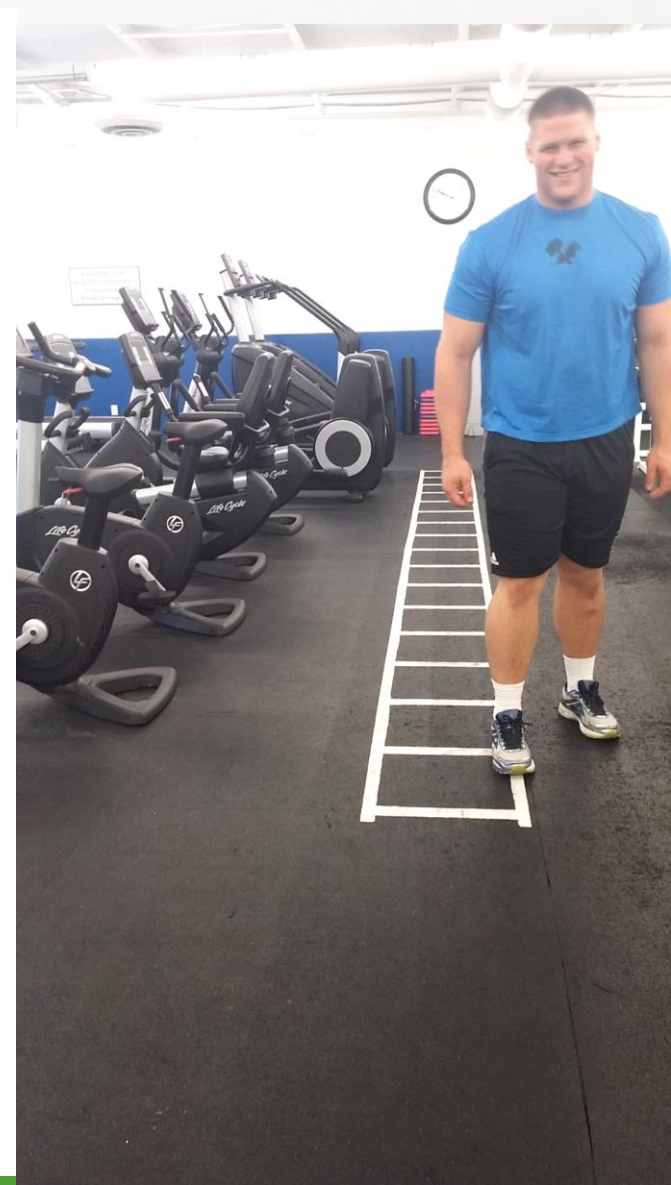
- 5-0-5
- Pro-agility (5-10-5)
- T-drill test
- L & pattern sprints
- Sprint ( $v_{max}$ ) & stopping distance

FOCUS IS ON TECHNIQUE TO  
STOP AND COD



# DECELERATION: TESTS

- 360° hop (Moody, S, 2015)
- Box drop landing\*
- Vertical countermovement jump (\*landing)
- 1-step approach\*  $CMJ_{vert}$
- Depth jump<sub>vert</sub>
- Bounds (contacts measure distance)
  - All jumps/hops can also be performed horizontal
- FOCUS IS ON LANDING/IMPACT TECHNIQUE



**By definition: Hops are leaving the ground from one foot and landing on the same foot.**

# DECELERATION: TESTS

## STRENGTH

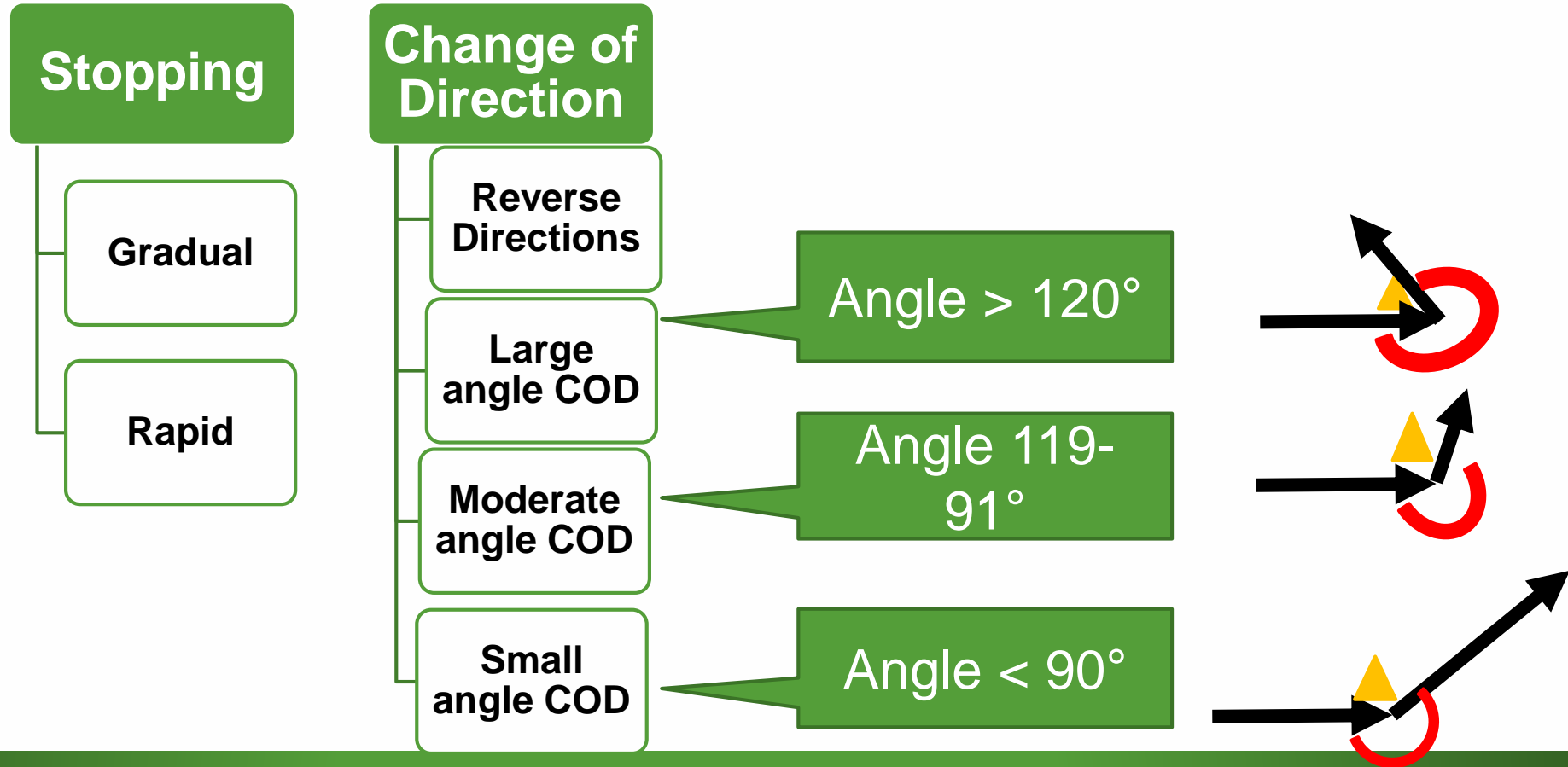
- Back, front squats
- Single leg box squats
- Step-ups
  - Athlete's ability during the eccentric phase



## STRENGTH-SPEED

- Cleans ( $\leq 90^\circ$  knee joint angle)
- Loaded  $\text{CMJ}_{\text{vert}}$  ( $\approx 10\%$  BWT)
- Loaded  $\text{CMJ}_{\text{horz}}$  ( $\approx 10\%$  BWT)
  - Athlete's ability to absorb bar load or landing

# PURPOSE OF DECELERATION - LOCOMOTIVE



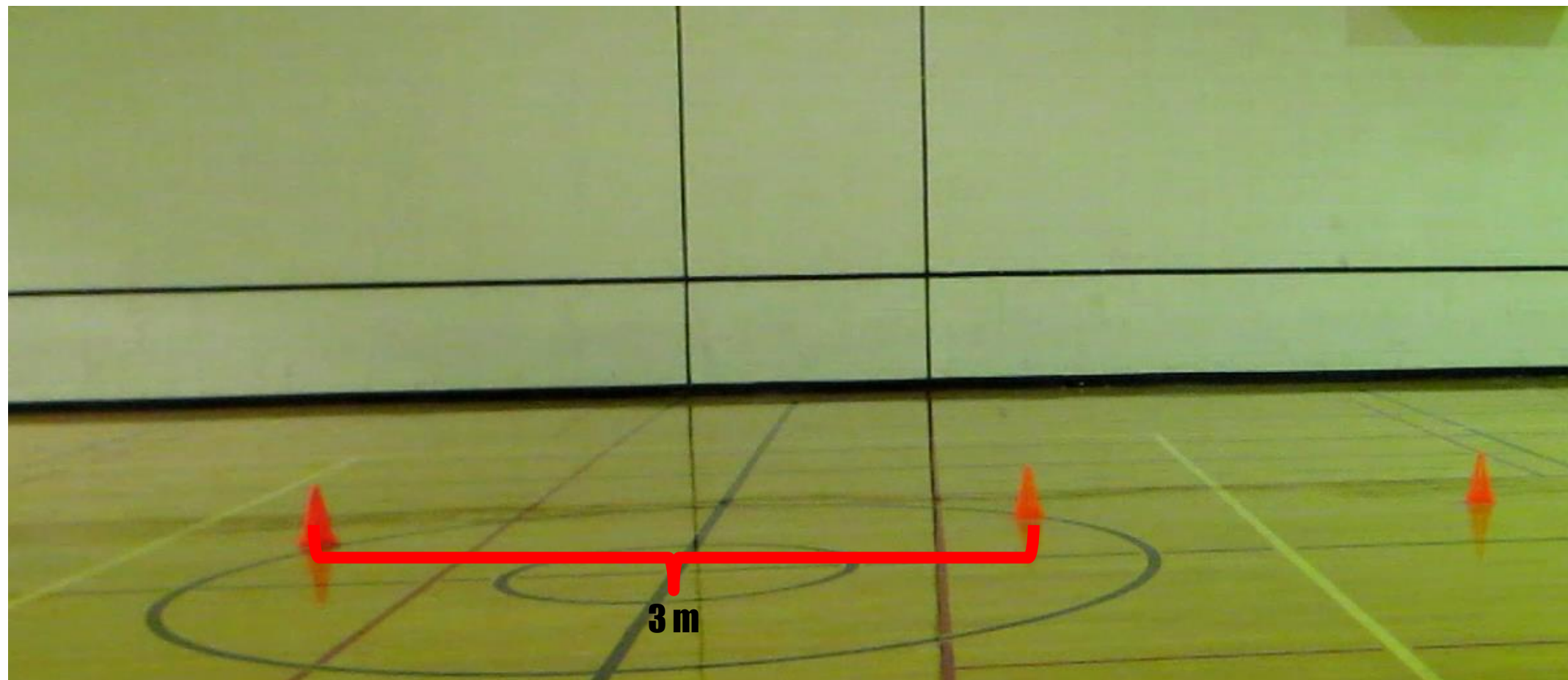
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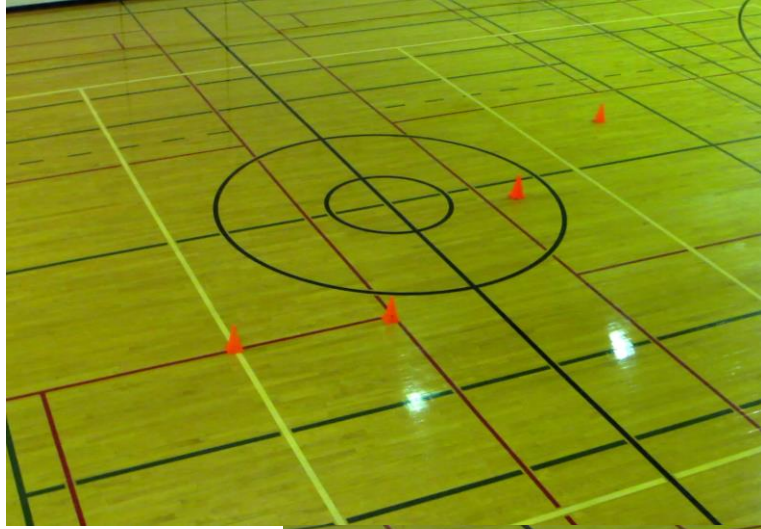
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# DECELERATION – LINEAR RAPID



# DECELERATION – CHANGE OF DIRECTION



- The  $>$  COD angle =  $>$  eccentric loading
- Consider the influence on DOMS
- Progression:
- Small COD angle  $\rightarrow$  Large COD Angle
  - Consider initial acceleration distance
  - Second acceleration distance

# DECELERATION – REVERSE DIRECTION

- Determine the deceleration:
- Load & accelerate or Spin & stop
- Perform absent of sport skill 1<sup>st</sup>
- Initial acceleration distance
- Change on a mark or opponent



# DECELERATION: PROGRAMMING

**Sets:** 2 or 3 may increase to 5 or 6

**Reps:** 2 initially then add as technique improves to 4 to 6

**Intensity:** 40% - 80% 1-RM (near maximal loads acceptable with efficient technique)

**Goal:** Landing in deep triple flexion



# STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING EXERCISES FOR DECELERATION



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- Develop ability to decelerate external load bilaterally
- Requires proper landing mechanics

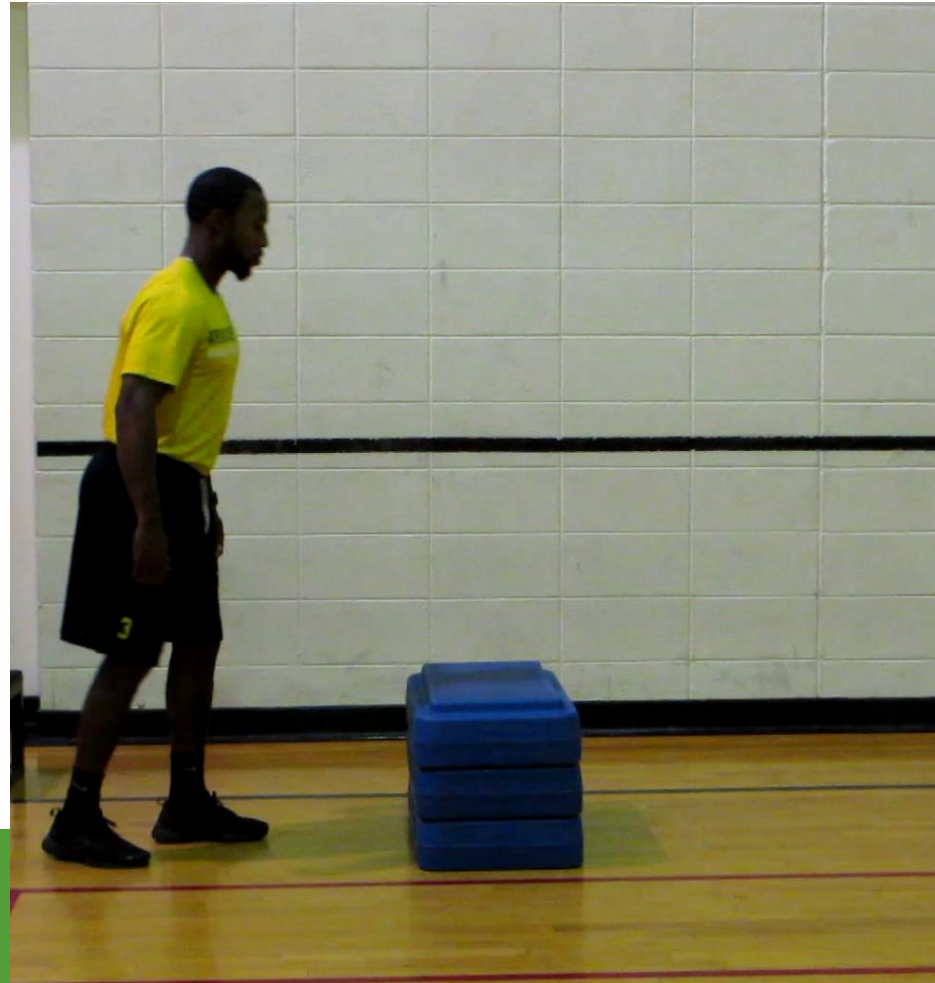
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- **Volleyball**
  - **Basketball**
  - **Softball + Baseball**
- Split Jerk**
- **American Football (WR, DB)**
  - **Football (aka. soccer)**

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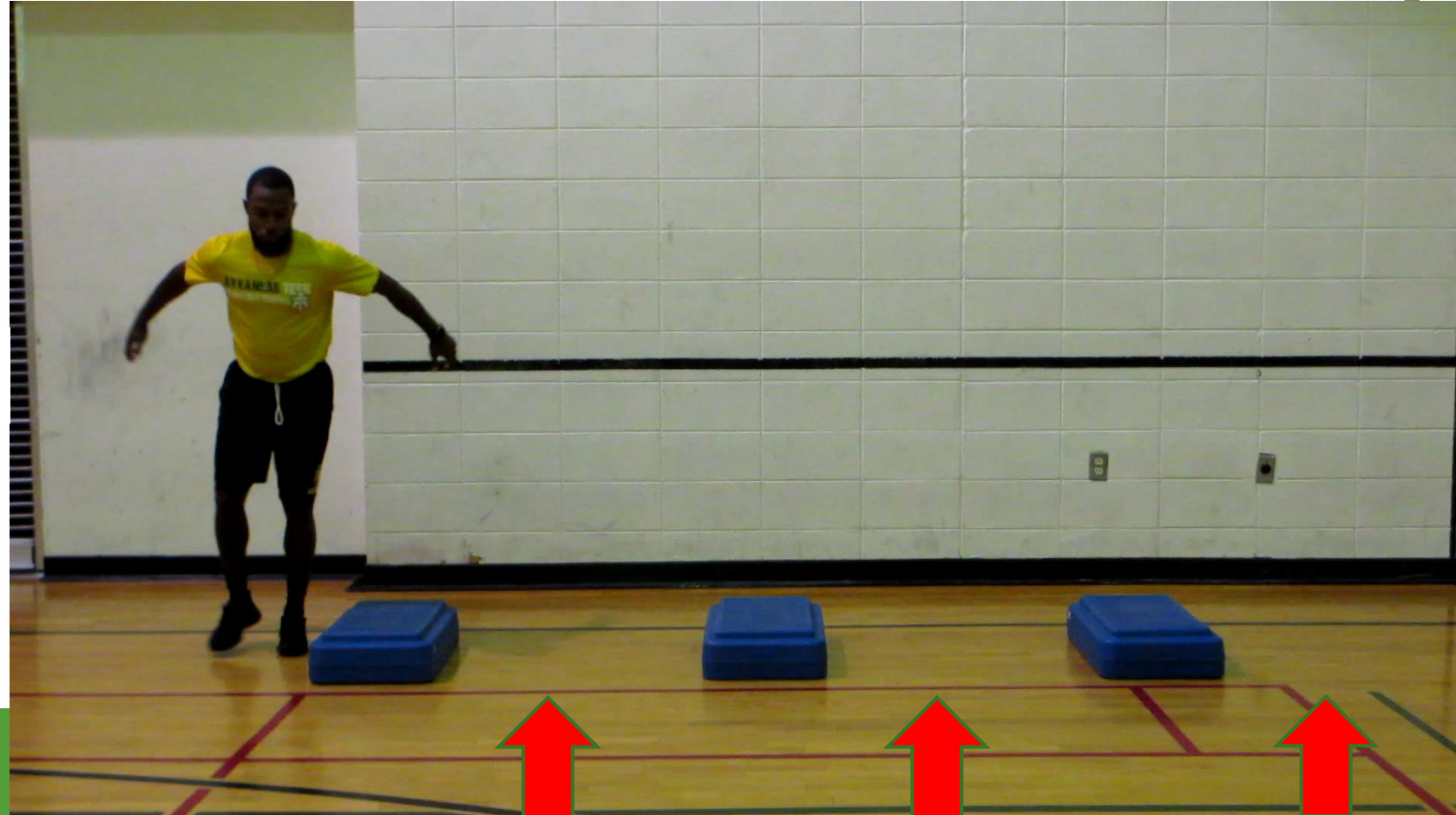
- Box and obstacle jumps
- Applicable to sports with landings
- Adjust exercises to be performed with hops





# STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING EXERCISES FOR DECELERATION

- Short ground contact time
- Hold landing
- Emphasize SSC
- Bilateral to unilateral (e.g. Hops)



# STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING EXERCISES FOR DECELERATION



## Posterior Chain Development

- Good mornings
  - Stiffed-legged deadlifts (RDL)
  - Glute-hamstring raises
  - Reverse hyperextensions
  - Loaded hip thrusts
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- Strength
  - Strength-endurance
  - Progress to higher velocity execution

# DECELERATION – PROGRAMMING

- Post- and off-season
- Start with small volume
- Incorporate in DWU
- Add during ECC block
- Provide 1 or 2 cues
- STR-SPD Deceleration focused exercises 15-50 reps / session
- Linear stop 5 (Sprint  $Vel_{pk}$ )-20
- COD 10 (large L) -30 (small L)
- RECOVERY! Minimize DOMS!

# DECELERATION – PROGRAMMING

**Repetitive  
Decelerations**

**Reactive strength**

**Short SSC & Long SSC**

**Stretch reflex**

**Develop a foundation of ECC strength**

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# DECELERATION – PROGRAMMING

- Posterior-chain strength and power
- Hamstring muscle groups, gluteus maximus
- Lower-leg strength, ankle exercises
- Triple flexion at increasing velocities
- Strengthen the trunk musculature



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# DECELERATION - PROGRAMMING

Basic Skill	Intermediate Skill	Skill Mastery
Linear Long Stop Jumps hold Land Drop Landing Stop – COD Lateral Leap Hold Hops with Hold	Sprint 10-30 m Stop Jumps Depth Jumps 10-5-10; Shuttles Large Angle COD Repeat Hops	Sprint +30 m Stop Repeat Jumps Depth Jumps w/sprint 10-5-10; Shuttles Small Angle COD Repeat Hops

# DECELERATION – PROGRAMMING

## Off-season Women's Soccer Example

Day 1	Day 2		Day 3	Day 4
<p>Hang MT Cleans 5x2 @ 85%1RM <b>DB Split Jerk</b> 3x5RM <b>Front Squat</b> 4x6-8RM <b>1-arm Row</b> 3x8-12RM <b>SLDL (RDL)</b> 2x8-12RM <u><b>Ancillary (superset)</b></u> <b>T-V-W 2x15</b> <b>1-leg heel raise 2x15</b> <b>Trunk Circuit</b> <b>Rotational</b></p>	<p><b>Loaded CMJ<sub>vert</sub></b> 4x4 @ 10-30% BSQ1RM <b>Lateral 6" Hurdle hops</b> 3x6 <b>Multi 6" Hurdle hops</b> 3x6 <b>Multi-box Jumps</b> 4x3 <b>Cycle Split Jumps</b> 2x8 <b>Lateral Leap and Hold</b> 2x8  <b>MB Tempo</b> 2-3x30s-1min</p>	<p><b>OFF</b></p>	<p><b>BWD MB Throw</b> 8x <b>Bounds</b> 3x6 <b>W-pattern agility</b> 4x <b>L-pattern agility</b> 2xL + 2xR <b>Angled sprint &lt;15m</b> 2xL + 2xR <b>Sprint 10m</b> 5x  <b>MB Tempo</b> 2-3x30s-1min</p>	<p><b>Hang MT Cleans</b> 5x3 @ 80%1RM <b>*DB Incline Bench Pr.</b> 3x8-12RM <b>*Inverted Row</b> 3x12-15 Rep Max <b>Step-ups w/band ECC</b> 4x6-8 ea. leg <b>Loaded Hip Thrust</b> 2x8-12 @ 50% BSQ1RM <u><b>Ancillary (superset)</b></u> <b>T-V-W 2x15</b> <b>1-leg heel raise 2x15</b> <b>Trunk Circuit</b> <b>Static</b></p>

# DECELERATION – COACHING CUES

- “Get low”; “Lower your body”; “Drop your hips”
- “Plant outside foot”; “Load your leg(s)”; “Push knee(s) out”
- “Punch with your arms”; “Turn and reach”
- “Head and chest up”; “Focus on your direction”
- “Absorb with your leg (muscles)”; “Hips back”



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