

Swimming Non-Operative Interval Program

Phase	Stage	Criteria for Progression
Phase 1	Stage 1	2x200 warm-up; 30sec rest
	(do not complete whole practice in less than 30 minutes)	4x100; 20sec rest
		4x50; 15sec rest
		6x50 kick in streamline (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 15sec rest
		2x100 cool down; 20sec rest
	Stage 2	400 warm-up; 30sec rest
	(do not complete whole practice in less than 45 minutes)	4x100; 20sec rest
		4x50 kick (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 10sec rest
		2x200 active recovery; 20sec rest
		4x100; 10sec rest
		4x50 kick (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 10sec rest
		2x100 cool down; 20sec rest
	Stage 3	400 warm-up; 30sec rest
	(do not complete whole practice in less than 60 minutes)	4x100; 20sec rest
		4x50 kick (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 15sec rest
		2x200 active recovery; 20sec rest
		4x100; 10sec rest
		4x50 kick (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 10sec rest
		2x200 active recovery; 20sec rest 4x100; 10sec rest
		4x100; 10sec rest



		4x50 kick (if arm, shoulder, or neck injured) or pull (if low back or leg injured) down, swim back; 10sec rest 2x100 cool down; 20sec rest
Phase 2: Organized Practice (if completed Phases 1 or has been deactivated less than 6 weeks)	Stage 1	Practice Yardage - 60% Total Distance Short Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 2 seconds Long Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 4 seconds
	Stage 2	Practice Yardage - 70% Total Distance Short Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 1.5 seconds Long Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 3 seconds
	Stage 3	Practice Yardage - 80% Total Distance Short Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 1 second Long Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 2 seconds
	Stage 4	Practice Yardage - 90% Total Distance Short Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add .5 seconds Long Course Pace - 100 pace time divided by 4, then add 1 second
	Stage 5	Full Participation
Phase 3 (Double Practices)		Complete Phases 2 Stage 5 prior to beginning Phase 3. When starting doubles, repeat Phase 2 for secondary practice while fully participating with primary practice



Soreness Rules

Pain during warm-up that continues throughout practice or goes away then returns: take 2 days off, drop 1 level or say at lowest level for full week

Pain during warm-up that goes away: stay at level

Pain the day after lifting or dryland (not muscle soreness): 1 day off, do not advance to next level

No soreness for 1 week: progress to next level

Hamman, S. Considerations and Return to Swim Protocol for the Pediatric Swimmer after Non-Operative Injury. Int J Sports Phys Ther. 2014; 9: 388-395.