

THE BASICS

Week 6 – May 01 to 06, 2017

STREAMLINE GLIDE: Every time you dive or push off a wall. Hand on hand, 4 fingers on 4 fingers, thumb of the hand on top holds on to heel of the hand below. Lock your elbows, set your arms right behind your ears, and turn your body into a spear.

COUNT STROKES:

How do you know what you are doing if you do not count your strokes? Counting strokes helps you to focus on the task, you cannot think about anything else, it allows you to concentrate and maintain the correct intensity during each swim. To identify what intensity you are training at, improve like you never thought it was possible, learn to swim slow and get fast, practice doing drills and skills that help you to live in the water, touch water efficiently. To learn how to use the letter/number methodology, please go to TIPS: Technique Instructions for Perfect Swimming:

<http://swimgym.net/swim-lessons-t-i-p-s/>

PAY ATTENTION:

If you count your strokes and monitor your heart rate you will optimize your training. Training is about going FAST at the right times, as fast as YOU can, easy enough so you last every set, all out! Swimming “hard” all the time can be hazardous to your style and speed.

Remember:

Why swim? If you can fly!

WARM UP: {IM Drill: 4 kk Y, 7 kk K, 2 kk T, 7 kk E.

{IM Swim: Swim the 4 strokes in the Individual Medley order, YKTE @ your BB&DPS (5 strokes or less in 25 yd. pool), add a stroke or two each loop.

4 kk Y: Lie on the ‘Y’ position, dolphin kick 4 times, on the 4th kick, stroke, and breathe; repeat the length of the pool.

7 kk K: Lie on the ‘I’ position (shoulder to the sky with arm parallel to body, hand on the thigh/arm pit to the bottom with arm above head in line with the body), flutter kick 4 times with the top leg, that allows for 3 kicks with the bottom leg, then stroke and lie on the other side and repeat the 7 kicks, count 4 kicks with the top leg.

2 kk T: Pull, breathe, kick, glide, hold your hands in front, then breathe, cock your body and cock your legs, fire the kick, and lunge to the glide; repeat 2 kicks for 1 pull; on the 2nd stroke think timing, shoulders and heels up together, down together.

7 kk E: Same as back: arm-pit to the bottom – shoulder to the sky, when you stroke one time, during the roll side to side, the nose goes past the water, and you count 4 kicks from the bottom leg (since both feet are kicking you do a total of 7 kicks), after you breathe, set head and stroke again back to the first side.

Continue repeating 1x IM drills, 1x IM swim until time is finished.

KICKING SET: {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45”

{4 x 25 E no breath}

The 25’s kk are fast; the 25’s E are brisk: work on setting the head (steady bow line), fast feet in a small space, and shoulder shifting.

Leave on 45” or a sendoff that allows you to get at least 20” rest on the kick. Repeat the number of sets specified, alternating, the 4 kicking laps and the 4 no breathe laps.

DRILL OF THE WEEK:

a) Leap Frog/Dolphin: Push off and touch the bottom with two hands, bring your knees to your stomach, place your feet on the floor and leap towards the surface. Leave your arms in the back end, when you break the surface take one butterfly stroke and breathe; prepare to dive and touch the bottom again, continue repeating a leap from the bottom and a fly stroke on the surface.

b) Fake 2x Back Arm Recovery: As you lie in letter “I” position in backstroke, recover the trailing arm to the “L” and reset it back at the side, then lift the arm again, recover for real and roll your body to the “I” position on that side and proceed to fake the arm recovery with the other arm, up the “L”, down to the “I” and then stroke for real. Keep the leading arm at top until the recovering arm comes to the top the second time.

CODES: **BB&DPS** – Best Balance & Distance Per Stroke: 5 strokes or less in the 4 styles in a short course pool, 10 strokes or less in long course – “Tai Chi Swimming.” Please go to swimgym.net find the sections of T.I.P.S. for a more detailed explanation.

Y FIY
 K Back
 T BreasT
 E FreE
 uw Underwater
 kk Kick
OB Over Best: # of strokes recommended over your BBDPS count
 ‘ Minutes
 “ Seconds
 w/ with: utilized before a number of seconds of rest
 on to indicate that everyone will do a repetition on a set send-off
 AFAYC As Fast As You Can

Description of Training Set: 25' x (5 x 100 w/10")w/30" - During 25 minutes, you swim sets of 5 one-hundred yards taking 10 seconds to rest after each and taking 30 seconds rest after 5.

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TRI-ATHLETE NOTES: During warm-up triathletes are encouraged to swim the 4 styles, it is warm-up for the entire musculoskeletal system; furthermore, swimming breaststroke can help in a race situation in the event of a foot or calf cramp, the breast kick requires to dorsa-flex the foot, the way to get rid of said cramps; swimming backstroke will help the triathletes to ‘find core’, connecting the hands to the power source, *the hip rotation*, while keeping the head set, (no need to turn the head to breathe); the butterfly, will make you more aquatic. When swimmers do Individual Medley: Y, K, T, and E: **FLY, BACK, BREAST, FREE**; Tri-athletes swim: Naked (no equipment), Paddles, Fins, Both

COUNTING STROKES:

1 stroke in Y and T is one extension to the front end; count the letter at the breath and the number at the “glide.” 1 stroke in E and K is counted when both arms have completed a revolution, the letter for one hand, and the number for the other hand; count when the revolution is completed at hand entry. The recommended “Number of Strokes OB” over best is for short course pools, if you train in a long course pool double the recommended number and add a stroke. Obviously, the lack of turn and the extra distance makes a difference. For example if the set reads swim at 1 ½ to 2 ½ OB, it means that in the long course pool you will swim at 4 to 6 strokes over your best stroke count. We know that when you take more strokes you swim faster, up to a point that your style may suffer or tire you too quickly. Pay attention: count strokes. When equipment such as paddles and/or fins are used deduct ½ stroke from the OB for each accessory that you wear. Do you want to learn more? Please click the following link: <http://swimgym.net/swim-lessons-t-i-p-s/> and <http://swimgym.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Chart-I.pdf>

EVERY SET YOU SWIM IS AS FAST AS YOU CAN,
 EASY ENOUGH SO YOU LAST THE WHOLE SET,
 ALL OUT!

COMMENTS:

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Date: 05-01-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	20' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS, 1OB, 2OB, 3OB...}	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Kick Set	3 x {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45" {4 x 25 E no breathe}	Please see BASICS, if you need more explanations
Anaerobic Threshold EN3 Intensity: 3 to 4 OB	35' x (4 x 200 w/30") w/75" 3 rd 50 @ 4½ to 5½ OB	Repeat broken 800's (4x 200) until 35' are finished, rest 30" after ea. 200 and 75" after 4x.

Count: (A to P) or 4x (A to D) Equipment: Hand Paddles		3 rd 50 @ 4½ to 5½ OB - Olbrecht...
Sprint Set SP3	2 x {(6 x <u>6str</u> on 1') w/50 drill 25	2 sets of 6x 25, push off and swim all out, no breath until 6 strokes, then swim easy to the 25. In E & K 6 strokes are 12 digs, in Y & T 6 extensions to the front.

Date: 05-02-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	15' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Kick Set	2 x {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45" {4 x 25 E no breath}	Please see BASICS, if you need more explanations
Aerobic Training EN2 Intensity: 1½ to 2½ OB Equipment: Paddles and Fins	50' x 800 w/40" A to P 700 w/35" A to N 600 w/30" A to L 500 w/25" A to J 400 w/20" A to H 300 w/15" A to F 200 w/10" A to D 100 w/5" A to B	Swim a pyramid, start at 800 and keep going to the 100, take 5" rest per 100 of swim, at the 800 take 40", at the 700 rest 35", at the 600 rest 30", and so on till you get to the 200 with 10", and finish with a 100. Maintain a steady pace.
Prolonged Sprinting SP3	2 x {(6 x 25 on 2') w/50 drill 50	2 sets of 6 repetitions – dive-in 25's all out, no breath, if possible. Work on start, break and maximum acceleration. Swim easy to the 50 and restart on recommended send-off.

Date: 05-03-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	15' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Aerobic Training EN2 Intensity: 1½ to 3 OB Equipment: None	45' x {(5 x 100 w/10" to 15") w/20" Y, K, T, E, IM Count: A to B	Sets of 5x 100 w/10" rest after every 5 take 20" rest, to drink, swim 1x 100 of each stroke and 1x IM. Restart until 45' finish
VO2 max EN3 Intensity: 4½ to 5½ OB	3 x 400 w/2' to 2:30, swim 50 EZ Count: A to H	These swims are approximately 87% to 92% efforts from your best time.
Kick Set	1 x {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45" {4 x 25 E no breath}	Please see BASICS, if you need more explanations

Date: 05-04-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	20' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Kick Set	2 x {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45" {4 x 25 E no breathe}	Please see BASICS, if you need more explanations
Anaerobic Threshold EN3 Intensity: 3 to 4 OB Equipment: Paddles optional	30' x {1 x 100 w/30" A to B {1 x 200 w/40" A to D {1 x 300 w/50" A to F {1 x 400 w/60" A to H	Swim 100, 200, 300, and 400. Please observe the resting intervals. Restart until the 30' are finished. 3 rd – 25 in every 100 up intensity 1-1½ over pace
In Motion Speed SP3	3 x {(4 x <u>50</u> on 1:30) w/50 drill 6str	"Olympic" Finishes. Swim 3 sets of 4x 50 go easy until six strokes out of the finish, then sprint all out no breath and touch, not "grab" the wall. Swim a 50 drill after 4. Choose a different stroke each set.

Date: 05-05-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	15' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Aerobic Training EN2 Intensity: 1½ to 3 OB	40' x {400 IM w/20" {400 E w/20" Count: A to H	Swim 1 x 400 IM and then 1 x 400 free watch the resting intervals.

Anaerobic Threshold EN3 Intensity: 3 to 4 OB Equipment: Fins - optional	30' x 200 w/30" – 45" K Count: A to D	200 backstroke, work on the 15 yards under water dolphin kick
Kick Set	1 x {4 x 25 w/kickboard} on 45" {4 x 25 E no breathe}	Please see BASICS, if you need more explanations

Date: 05-06-2017	Workout Today	
Energy System	Exercise Set	Exercise Description
Warm Up EN1	15' x {IM Drill: 4kkY, 7kkK, 2kkT, 7kkE {IM Swim @ BBDPS	Please see BASICS, for full set explanations
Aerobic Training EN 2 Intensity: 1½ to 3 OB Equipment: Fins	40' x {1 x 100 IM w/15" {2 x 25 kk on 45" {1 x 100 4 th best w/15" {2 x 25 kk on 45" {1 x 100 3 rd best w/15" {2 x 25 kk on 45" {1 x 100 2 nd best w/15" {2 x 25 kk on 45"	The swim portions are at the intensity prescribed in the Energy System, working on 3 rd and 4 th best strokes. The kick portions should be flutter or dolphin with fins underwater.
Sprint Set SP3	4 x 5 str on 1:30 w/50 drill 50	4 repetitions of 5 strokes all out no breath, then swim EZ to the 50
Lactate anaerobic tolerance SP2 Intensity: 6 to 7 OB	8 to 10 x 50 on 3:30	1 set of 10 repetitions go as fast as you can, do active rest in between each, swim 100 EZ between each.
Warm Down EN1	1000 S K P S, changing strokes	1000 swim, kick, pull, swim