



#### **INJURY**



- Alpine skiing high injury rate
- World Cup
  - 23.5-36.7 injuries per 100 athletes per season
- Most commonly injured
  - 1. Knee
  - 2. Lower back, lower leg/foot and ankle
- Time-loss
  - Majority classified as moderate (8-28 days) or severe (>28 days)



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#### Incidence

Downhill > Super-G > GS > Slalom

## Most common cause of injury

- Downhill / Super G Increased Speed, jumping, fatigue
- GS / Slalom High loads during turning

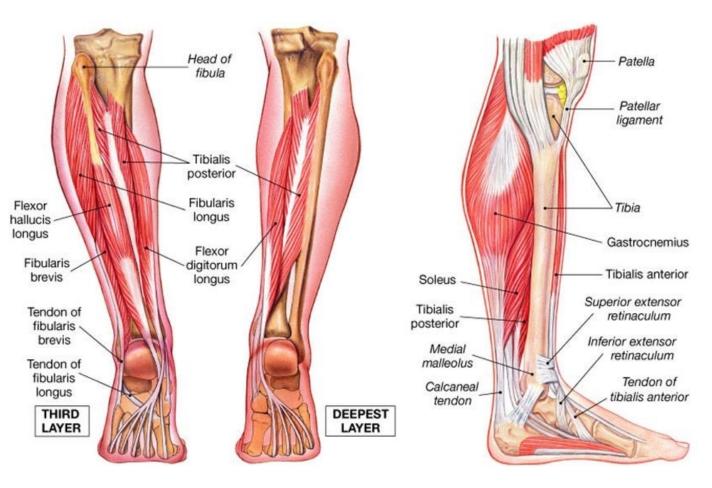
\* In youth GS (56%) / Slalom (31%) / Super – G (13%)

## Nearly half during competition

- Falling out of balance situations'
- Misjudgment, fatigue, inattention, challenging course settings, poor visibility

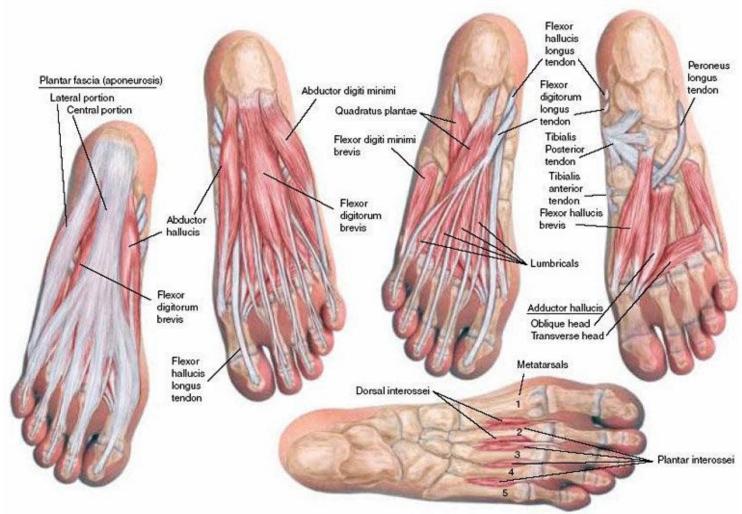
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# REQUIREMENT TO BUILD CAPACITY

- Strength
- Power
- Rate of force development
- Motor control
- Balance
- Proprioception





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  - Knee to wall test
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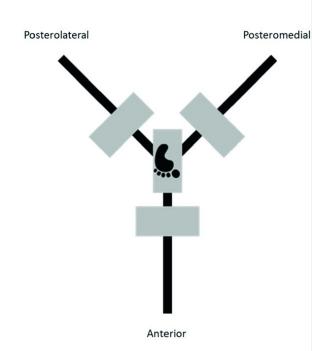
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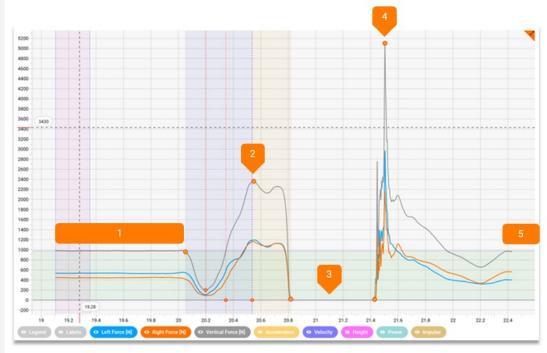
Modified star excursion / Y-balance test







# MORE IN DEPTH ASSESSMENT...













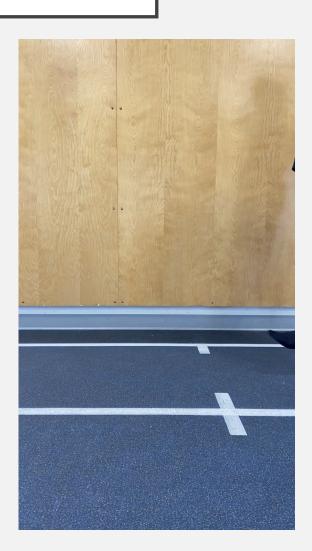


- Ankle Range of Motion
  - Mobility
  - Stretching
  - Joint mobilisation





- Ankle Range of Motion
- Coordination / Motor control





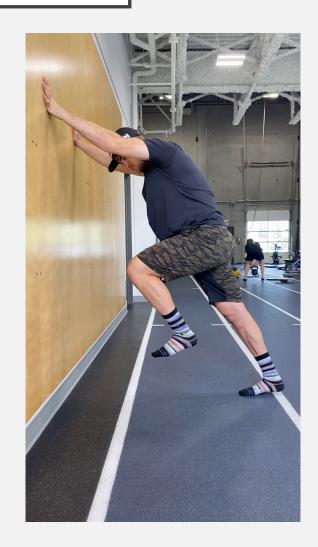
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- Strength
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(Calf – 60-90 flexion in squat)



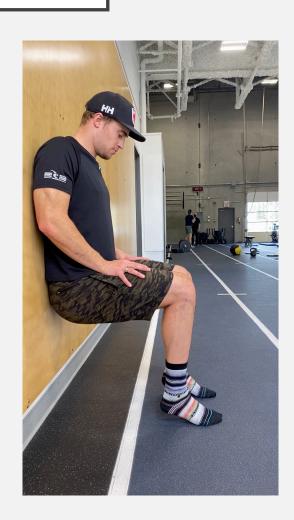


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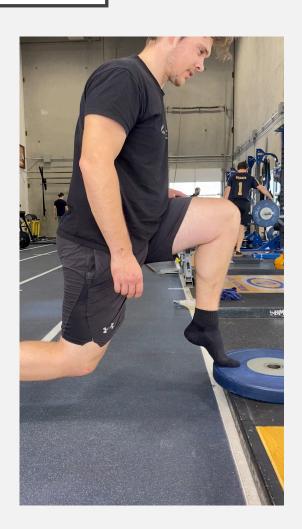


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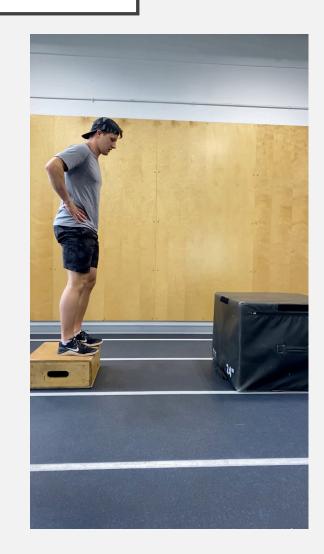
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Strength application



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  - Overall
  - Joint specific
  - Advanced
- Strength application





## **SUMMARY**



## Assess

- Ankle range
- Capacity
- Balance

# Implement

- Simple
- Consistency is key
- Frequency

