

Squat test

To test leg strength, judge form and teach proper form of exercises



Proper form of Squat

- Athlete should stand with shoulder width apart and raise straight arms in front of body to shoulder level
- Feet may slightly point out with knees aligned over feet
- Athlete should descend into a squatting position by bending the hips and knees and lowering the trunk (sitting back into a chair)
- Knees stay behind toes and are aligned over the second toe of each foot
- Body weight is shifted back on heels

Tips:

Tell the athletes to imagine sitting in a chair

Form Rating Scale

- 1. Thighs are parallel to ground when athlete is in a fully descended position (i.e. at the bottom of the squat)
- 2. Angle of torso is parallel with lower leg
- 3. Heels remain on the ground
- 4. Knees are aligned over feet and behind toes