## INTERVAL RUNNING PROGRAM

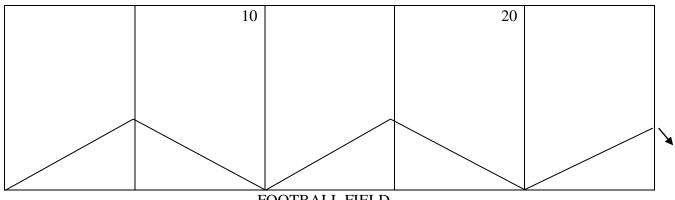
The following running program should be used as a measure of an athlete's progress as he/she returns from an injury to a lower extremity. When the athlete has completed the ENTIRE program, they are ready to return to competition.

The athlete may begin the running program when he/she can hop up and down on the toes of the injured extremity without bearing weight on the other leg, 5 times.

## **OUTDOORS**

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- 1. Jog one mile; stop immediately when limping is noticed or when there is mild pain. when the athlete can jog one mile pain free;
- 2. Do six eighty yard sprints at <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> speed. If no pain or limp,
- 3. Do six eighty yard sprints at <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> speed. If no pain or limp,
- 4. Do six eighty yard sprints at full speed. If no pain or limp,
- 5. Do six eighty yard cutting sprints at <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> speed. If no pain,
- 6. Do six eighty yard cutting at full speed. Always plant on outside foot to cut. If no pain,
- 7. Do ten minutes of running and/or jumping drills related to your sport. When the athlete has completed the entire program, he/she is ready to return to competition.

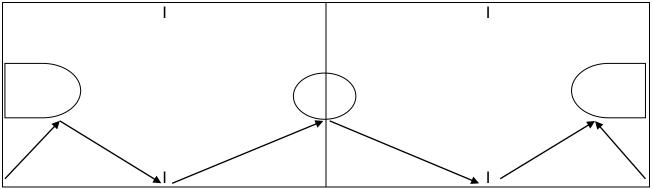


FOOTBALL FIELD

## **INDOORS**

- 8. Jog eighteen laps around the basketball court. Stop immediately when limping is noticed or when there is mild pain. If pain free,
- 9. Do fifteen lengths of the gym at  $\frac{1}{2}$  speed. If no pain,
- 10. Do fifteen lengths of the gym at <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> speed. If no pain,
- 11. Do fifteen lengths of the gym at full speed. If no pain,
- 12. Do fifteen lengths cutting at <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> speed. Be sure to plant the outside foot with each cut. If no pain,
- 13. Do fifteen lengths cutting at full speed. If no pain,
- 14. Do ten minutes of running or jumping drills related to your sport. When the athlete has completed the entire program, he/she is ready to return to competition.

If the athlete does not complete the entire program on a particular day, he/she should start at the beginning the following day.



BASKETBALL COURT Each running workout must be followed by a fifteen minute application of ice.

## **RUNNING PROGRAM:**

Week 1	Run 1/4 mile	Walk 1/4 mile	Run 1/4 mile	Walk 1/4 mile
Week 2	Run 1/4 mile	Walk 1/4 mile	Run 1/2 mile	Walk 1/4 mile
Week 4	Run 1/2 mile	Walk 1/4 mile	Run 1/2 mile	Walk 1/4 mile
Week 5	Run 3/4 mile	Walk 1/4 mile	Run 1 mile	Walk 1/4 mile
Week 7	Run 3/4 mile	Walk 1/4 mile	Run 1 mile	Walk 1/4 mile