

# Lateral Collateral Ligament Injury

## **Advanced Programme**

Aim to perform this programme a minimum of once per day unless prescribed otherwise. As with any new exercise, start slowly (repetitions as able) and build up as you are able within the guidelines below.

Pain should not exceed 4/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.

15 reps / 2-3 sets / 1 minute rest



### 1. Raised split squat

- For this exercise, you will need a secure raised surface behind you such as a small step.
- Stand upright in front of the surface facing away from it.
- Transfer your weight on to the target leg and place the foot of the trailing leg up on the small step.
- Bend the knee and hip of the standing leg so that your hips lower directly downwards to the point where the trailing knee is just off the floor.
- Hold for 3 seconds before squeezing the buttock and thigh muscles to straighten the standing leg – do not forcibly lock out the knee.
- Repeat for the recommended repetitions.

15 reps / 2-3 sets / 1 minute rest



#### 2. Single leg hip bridge

- Lie on your back on the floor or bed with your knees bent at 90 degrees and your feet on the floor and your arms down by your side.
- Whilst keeping the knees in line with the foot and hip, kick the resting leg out straight so that it is off the floor.
- Push your heels down into the floor to gently lift your hips upwards. Lift as high as you feel comfortable but no higher than a straight line between hips, knees and shoulders – aim to keep the pelvis level throughout.
- Once your hips form a straight line with the shoulders and knees, hold for 5 seconds before slowly lowering your hips back down.

15 reps / 2- 3 sets / 1 minute rest



#### 3. Balance and reach

- Start by standing with all the weight on one leg.
- Rest the other foot next to the standing foot for balance.
- Now with the non-standing leg reach out forwards (hovering just above the floor) as far as possible whilst at the same time bending the standing leg.
- Then return to the start position maintaining your balance.
- Repeat in a sideways and backwards direction and continue to do
  this in a cycle of the three movements only touching down if you
  start to lose your balance.

We recommend consulting a musculoskeletal physiotherapist to ensure exercises are best suited to your recovery. If you are carrying out an exercise regime without consulting a healthcare professional, you do so at your own risk. If you have any concerns whilst completing these exercises, please contact a healthcare professional.