



Jaeger/Sullivan Return to Throwing Manual & Schedule

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Clarity

The initial goal of our Manual & Throwing Schedule is to give you a great deal of clarity *up front* so that you can optimize the entire return to throwing process in the safest and most effective way. For this reason, in addition to the actual Throwing Schedule, we have also included a number of other resources, including a *Note Section*, a *Glossary of Terms*, *Videos*, *Ancillary Programs*, and a *Questionnaire* (regarding your pre-surgery throwing routine). We want you to be as educated and *clear* as to the meaning and purpose behind everything we do, and ultimately, you do. We've also gone into great detail to ensure that this entire process is *user-friendly* and adaptable to your individual needs. Please be sure to go over each of these sections a few times so that you are abundantly clear as to their meaning and purpose before starting the Throwing Schedule.

Application/Adaptation Based on the Type of Surgery

The following Throwing Schedule and Guidelines are based *specifically* on returning from a traditional Tommy John Surgery (10-11 Months). Because your needs for a Throwing Schedule may change based on other types of surgery on your arm (i.e., Internal Brace), the following guidelines and timelines may not be consistent with your particular needs. However, please keep in mind that the “core principles” of our Manual & Throwing Schedule can still give you a great deal of direction and insight as to the best way to navigate your return to throwing process. Especially in the case of a minor surgery, or even just taking time off to heal. In many of these cases, you may find it helpful to condense, especially, the first 10 Weeks of our Throwing Schedule that extends out to 120 feet, and then find that starting at Week 11, our Guidelines may align well with your throwing routine going forward.

Note: the timeline of “when” to start your Throwing Schedule may vary anywhere from 4-6 months post-surgery, depending on your surgeon. Please keep in mind that if your surgeon recommends a more aggressive start up after 4 months, you may consider an even more conservative approach to your Throwing Schedule. As with everything we recommend, please be sure to listen to your arm and instincts, and consult with both your Medical Professionals and Pitching.

Trust The Process: Eliminate Target Dates

Often times, your return to throwing schedule will occur “In Season”. For example, you may be in the middle of your Regular Season, Playoffs, Summer Ball, Fall Ball, etc. Because you may feel a strong pull to “get back” to action as soon as possible, you may feel a tendency to “rush” your Throwing Schedule. Our strong advice is to “eliminate the calendar” of when you think you “could” or “should” be back, and simply focus on the PROCESS of getting into the *best* shape of your life by not rushing the natural progression. This should be your *only* goal, rather than the “goal” to rush back according to a “target date”. Trust the process, and eliminate the calendar.

Opening Remarks – How to best Optimize our Throwing Schedule: Awareness, Freedom, Open Focus & Variability

Awareness/Freedom

Considering that you have typically spent anywhere from 4-6 months, post-surgery, *confined* in a clinic, and haven't touched a ball for an even longer period of time, there's a chance that you may feel somewhat restricted and guarded as you begin making your first throws. For this reason, we want you to be highly *aware* as you begin our Throwing Schedule to focus on being as *free* as possible – to allow your body to relax, be athletic, and move *naturally*.

A huge aspect of feeling *freedom* in your body is feeling *freedom* in your mind. Because your initial few throwing sessions may feel a bit “heady” because you may have some apprehension about throwing for the first time in months, we highly recommend that you make this a “full body experience”, or what's called, *embodiment*.

For this reason, you will see a lot of information below about the importance of “Massage Throwing” and “Arc Throwing”, as opposed to being “mechanically correct”. Our goal from the onset is for you to “open up” your body and mind by throwing with *freedom*, rather than from a restricted or guarded state. Naturally, your mentality plays a major role in your ability to optimize your most optimal return to peak shape, and having this *awareness* of how to best navigate this potentially foreign territory up front, is pivotal.

Open Focus vs Narrow Focus

For this reason, we highly recommend you have what's called an “Open Focus” mind-set. Open Focus is a meditation term that is designed to promote a feeling of being “open”, “spacious”, “expansive”, and “free”. When you are in “space”, and beyond your thinking mind, you allow your most natural, athletic, and innate movement patterns to take over. On the other hand, “Narrow Focus” promotes a more confined, linear, and concentrated state. Whereas Open Focus promotes Athleticism and Variability, Narrow Focus promotes Mechanical and Linear movements. This doesn't mean we are opposed to having some awareness about your “Mechanics” – it's just to say that after being in a confined and restricted space for many months, the main focus for the first several weeks, especially, is to prioritize being free rather than being mechanical.

Variability, Creativity, Feel & Fun

One of the biggest keys to navigating your first few weeks of throwing is to create *variability* with your throwing. Part of this will happen naturally as your release point begins to *change* as you gradually *arc* the ball as you move away from your throwing partner. But there are other creative ways to promote variability as well, including shuffling your feet, creating rhythm with your body, varying your targets, and gamify your throwing. All of these movements can really

help you transition from a potentially “confined” and “guarded” state of mind, to a relaxed, free and open state of mind. This can also promote more right brain activity, which includes feel, athleticism, spaciousness, and fun!

Journaling

One of the most essential principles of our throwing philosophy is to have a great deal of *awareness* throughout the entire process. Therefore, it’s important to be sensitive to what your arm and body are telling you. For this reason, we highly recommend *journaling* your entire Return to Throwing Schedule as you work through it. This would include a number of essential categories, including, 1) how many minutes you spend throwing each day, 2) How many total throws you make each day, 3) How many high intent throws you make on a given day (this occurs *much* later on in the Throwing Schedule), 4) How you felt on a scale of 1-10 each day, and 5) How you felt on a scale of 1-10 the following day, regardless of whether it’s a day off, or a scheduled day of throwing (be sure to evaluate yourself *prior* to throwing).

This can provide invaluable feedback regarding your *Recovery*, and help you realize if you are doing too much, or not enough on a given day. Your awareness and ability to adapt each day based on your *Recovery* plays a major role in how well you navigate this entire process in the most optimal way. For this reason, know that it’s okay to back off at any time in some scenarios regarding volume, distance or how many days a week you are throwing, just as it may feel good to add some volume, distance, or an extra day of throwing throughout the schedule. This will also help you be more sensitive to trends as you transition into adding more volume, distance, intent, or an additional day to your Throwing Schedule. A big thank you to Vanderbilt’s Scott Brown for his suggestion and input regarding Journaling.

A Final Word – The Essential Role of Awareness

The bottom line is that as you go through this Throwing Manual & Schedule, the main emphasis is to be highly in tune with your instincts and trust the process knowing that only your body knows on a given day what it ultimately wants and needs. Our Throwing Schedule will give you 28 Weeks of guidelines to help you return to what we believe will be the best shape of your life. But your *awareness* throughout this process to adapt and adjust on the fly is absolutely essential for your ultimate optimization of our Throwing Schedule.

Timeline: 4 Phases of Our Return to Throwing Schedule

Phase 1: Weeks 1-12 (30 Feet – 120 Feet) – Athleticism, Base Building, Massage Throwing

Phase 2: Weeks 13-21 (120 + Feet) – Athleticism, Stacking The Base, Conditioning, Extension Phase, Modified Pull-Downs, Light Mound Work (Cool Down)

Phase 3: Weeks 22-28 – Athleticism, Integration of Light, Medium & Heavy Days, Higher Intent Pull-Downs, Mound Ramp-Up, Live Inning

Phase 4: Weeks 29 & Beyond – Pitch Count Build-Up (In-Game)

Notes To Help You Optimize Our Return To Throwing Schedule

Collaboration: Your rehabilitation process is going to be a team effort. Be sure you involve your Surgeon, Physical Therapist, Strength & Conditioning Coach, and Pitching Coach throughout this entire process. But always listen to your arm and your instincts.

Objective Feedback/Radar Feedback: Gauging your *real* effort as opposed to *perceived* effort has been proven difficult to gauge for anyone throwing a baseball – especially after spending 4-5 months off the field. Therefore, we *highly* recommend using some type of Radar Feedback in order to best gauge your real effort and give you objective feedback from throw to throw (there are several options on the market). You will find two extremely helpful and informative charts below from Ben Brewster to help you navigate various distances based on objective feedback from radar readings. These Charts correspond to Weeks 1-21.

Throwing Counter: It may be somewhat unrealistic to expect players to count “every throw” they make, therefore we also *highly* recommend some type of “pitch counter”. There are several options available on the market.

Data Driven Analysis: This program has been developed with universality at its core. Though we want the predominate gauge and measurement of our Throwing Schedule to be centered around, 1) Our on-field experience, 2) Self-Regulation by the athlete, and, 3) Objective feedback via Ben Brewster’s Distance/Velocity/Effort Chart, it's important to recognize the presence of various "data-driven" tools available today, such as Driveline Pulse and isometric dynamometers, designed for the objective measurement and monitoring of workload and effort. Though this can be of great value, our ultimate decision was to ensure that both players and coaches can efficiently navigate the return-to-throwing progression without the need for

advanced technological know-how and/or having access to these tools.

Distance/Velocity/Effort Chart – Ben Brewster

As you navigate each week of our Throwing Schedule, you'll notice a gradual increase in distance, which naturally, will require a gradual increase in effort. Though we hope you are able to gauge this gradual progression through Self-Regulation, it's also very helpful to have objective feedback, especially considering that you haven't thrown a ball in 4-5 months or more.

It's widely known that there is a noticeable difference between real and perceived effort. Therefore, the two charts below from data gathered by Ben Brewster/Tread Athletics will help you navigate these gradual transitions based on your pre-surgery maximum velocity in a bull-pen. The first chart, "Perceived Intensity Progression", will show you from week to week the percentage of Perceived Intensity or effort you should be using based on the distance you cap out at in a given week. Once you establish your Perceived Intensity percentage, you can then look at the second, color coded chart below, "Target Velocity Ranges Based on Perceived Intensity", which will calculate a mph range also based on your pre-surgery maximum velocity in a bull-pen setting.

For example, if you are in Week 6 of our Throwing Schedule, the maximum distance you will throw at is 60 feet. The "Perceived Intensity Chart" for this distance is 40-45%. Thus, if you look at the second chart, "Target Velocity Ranges Based on Perceived Intensity", you'll see that 40-45% Perceived Intensity based on your pre-surgery, maximum bull-pen velocity corresponds with a given range based on radar readings (you'll notice in the Chart that there are 6 different Tiers of pre-surgery maximum velocity: 75 mph, 80 mph, 85 mph, 90 mph, 95 mph, and 100 mph). Therefore, if your pre-surgery max velocity was 85 mph, our suggested radar readings at 60 feet would be between 49-55 mph.

These two charts can be used throughout the first 21 Weeks of our Throwing Schedule as you progressively increase your distance, and thus, effort. Once you get to Week 22, we feel that you will have a much deeper understanding of the "feel" and "rhythm" of this progression so much so that you will be able to comfortably Self-Regulate your feel and effort. Keep in mind that this Chart is meant to be a starting point, as there are many variables that influence these numbers. We'd also recommend that you err on the side of throwing with less, rather than more velocity within each range. Be sure and consult with both your Medical Professionals and Pitching Coach.

Chart #1: Perceived Intensity Progression

Perceived Intensity Progression

<u>Week</u>	<u>Days/wk</u>	<u>Max Distance</u>	<u>Perceived Intensity</u>
Week 1	3	30 ft	15-20%
Week 2	3	30 ft	20-25%
Week 3	3	30 ft	25-30%
Week 4	3	45 ft	30-35%
Week 5	3	60 ft	35-40%
Week 6	3	60 ft	40-45%
Week 7	4	60 ft	45-50%
Week 8	4	75 ft	50-55%
Week 9	4	90 ft	55-60%
Week 10	4	90-105 ft	60-65%
Week 11	4	105-120 ft	65-70%
Week 12	4	120-135 ft	70-75%
Week 13	4 to 5	135-150 ft	70-75%
Week 14	4 to 5	135-150 ft	70-75%
Week 15	4 to 5	150-165 ft	70-75%
Week 16	4 to 5	165-180 ft	75-80%
Week 17	4 to 5	180-195 ft	75-80%
Week 18	4 to 5	195-210 ft	75-80%
Week 19	4 to 5	210-225 ft	80-85%
Week 20	4 to 5	225-240 ft	80-85%
Week 21	4 to 5	240-255 ft	85-90%

Chart #2: Target Velocity Ranges Based on Perceived Intensity

Target Velocity Ranges based on Perceived Intensity

This chart shows the approximate relationship between perceived intensity & actual intensity. Based on knowing an athlete's bullpen velocity, you can use this chart to identify target velocity ranges given the desired effort level called for in your throwing program. This chart is meant to be a starting point, as there are many variables that influence these numbers. Always defer to a coach or rehab professional to tailor any throwing program to your specific needs.

Perceived Intensity	Approximate Actual Intensity	Peak Bullpen Velo	Peak Bullpen Velo	Peak Bullpen Velo	Peak Bullpen Velo	Peak Bullpen Velo	Peak Bullpen Velo
		75 mph	80 mph	85 mph	90 mph	95 mph	100 mph
15%	35%	24-26 mph	26-28 mph	27-29 mph	29-31 mph	31-33 mph	33-35 mph
20%	40%	28-30 mph	30-32 mph	32-34 mph	34-36 mph	36-38 mph	38-40 mph
25%	45%	31-33 mph	34-36 mph	36-38 mph	38-40 mph	40-42 mph	43-45 mph
30%	50%	35-37 mph	38-40 mph	40-42 mph	43-45 mph	45-47 mph	48-50 mph
35%	55%	39-41 mph	42-44 mph	44-46 mph	47-49 mph	50-52 mph	53-55 mph
40%	60%	43-45 mph	46-48 mph	49-51 mph	52-54 mph	55-57 mph	58-60 mph
45%	65%	46-48 mph	50-52 mph	53-55 mph	56-58 mph	59-61 mph	63-65 mph
50%	70%	50-52 mph	54-56 mph	57-59 mph	61-63 mph	64-66 mph	68-70 mph
55%	75%	54-56 mph	58-60 mph	61-63 mph	65-67 mph	69-71 mph	73-75 mph
60%	80%	58-60 mph	62-64 mph	66-68 mph	70-72 mph	74-76 mph	78-80 mph
65%	84%	61-63 mph	65-67 mph	69-71 mph	73-75 mph	77-79 mph	82-84 mph
70%	86%	62-64 mph	66-68 mph	71-73 mph	75-77 mph	79-81 mph	84-86 mph
75%	88%	64-66 mph	68-70 mph	72-74 mph	77-79 mph	81-83 mph	86-88 mph
80%	90%	65-67 mph	70-72 mph	74-76 mph	79-81 mph	83-85 mph	88-90 mph
85%	92%	67-69 mph	71-73 mph	76-78 mph	80-82 mph	85-87 mph	90-92 mph
90%	94%	68-70 mph	73-75 mph	77-79 mph	82-84 mph	87-89 mph	92-94 mph
95%	96%	70-72 mph	74-76 mph	79-81 mph	84-86 mph	89-91 mph	94-96 mph
100%	99+%	72-74+ mph	77-79+ mph	82-84+ mph	87-89+ mph	92-94+ mph	97-99+ mph

*Chart based on research from Slenker et al (2014), Wilk et al (2002)

**These ranges are meant to serve as an approximate guideline - significant individual variation may exist

Supplemental Resources & Notes

We are extremely grateful to also have Nunzio Signore & Nolan Rappé, two highly respected professionals in their field, offer a number of programs that can be used to supplement our Throwing Schedule. You will find an overview to each of these programs below, along with a link in their bio's if you are interested in pursuing additional information from these incredible contributors (you will also find an outline of these programs after the completion of our Throwing Schedule).

Nunzio Signore: Strength & Conditioning

We are so grateful to have such an invaluable contribution from Nunzio Signore, who has had an incredible amount of success with his post-surgery return to training and throwing programs. His Strength & Conditioning Program is designed to supplement your physical therapy throughout the rehabilitative process, and his program places a major emphasis on the very early stages post-surgery to ensure that your body is well prepared once you begin your return to the throwing schedule. We highly recommend that you look into Nunzio's program, and share it with your Doctor and Physical Therapist. You can find an outline of his program at the end of our Throwing Schedule, and a more detailed version of his program here:

Link: <https://rocklandpeakperformance.com/rpp-baseball-tj-strength-training-program/>

Nolan Rappé: Ancillary Pre & Post Throw Arm Care:

We are so grateful to have such an invaluable contribution from Dr. Nolan Rappé, who is a Physical Therapist for SSM Health Physical Therapy in St. Louis, MO. A 2017 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Nolan is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist with the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He is certified in dry needling and is Functional Range Conditioning certified through Functional Range Systems. Nolan's clinical specialty includes both conservative and postoperative rehabilitation of overhead athletes as well as strength and conditioning program design with an emphasis in baseball players. He utilizes systematic evaluations and progressions in combination with advanced mechanical analysis to individualize care and streamline return to competition.

Link: <https://www.fortifyperformancesystems.com/resources>

Notes Regarding Timeline of Throwing Schedule

Week 1: Starting on Day 1, you'll notice that for the first 6 Weeks of our Throwing Schedule, the first increment of your throwing routine each day begins at 30 feet. You may find that this distance is comfortable for the first few weeks especially. However, you may find based on your age, arm strength, and the amount of pre-throwing Arm Care and Preparation you undertake (i.e. Bands, Plyos) that at some point in the Throwing Schedule, 30 feet may actually feel too close. In addition, because we are placing such a strong emphasis on *arc* throwing from the onset, you will probably notice that the ball will actually carry much further than throwing it on a line. If this is the case, feel free to start at, e.g. 40 or 45 feet, and simply add the recommended throws at the 30 foot increment to the new starting point. As always, listen to your arm and instincts.

Week 7: Starting at the beginning of Week 7 (Day 50), we encourage you to add in a 4th day of throwing. Keep in mind that this is an optional day, and is designed to be a relatively light day of throwing. However, based on where you are at in the throwing progression you may also want to treat it similarly to the other 3 days of the week with regard to workload. We believe that by Week 7, the need to “move the arm and body” and get blood flow and oxygen through the body with more *continuity* is vital and necessary. We believe strongly in the principle of Davis's Law, that “soft tissue heals according to the demands that's being placed on it”.

Week 11: Starting at the beginning of Week 11 (Day 78), you have the option after any throwing session to begin “Cooling Down” on the Mound at 45 feet in order to get acclimated to the slope. Please keep in mind that the tendency may be to throw with more effort “because” you are now on the mound. Therefore, be sure to err on the side of using *less*, rather than more effort.

Week 19: Starting at the beginning of Week 13 (Day 92), we encourage you to add in a 5th day of throwing each week. For the purpose of the progression of our Throwing Schedule, this day occurs on Tuesday. However, you may discover at this stage of the progression that adding a 5th day of throwing may occur on a different day based on your rhythm and recovery. As always, listen to your arm, body and instincts as to what feels right for you.

Week 20: Starting at the beginning of Week 20 (Day 134), we strongly encourage you to begin to Self-Regulate if you haven't begun this process. This also marks the beginning of Modified Pull Downs.

Week 22: Starting at the beginning of Week 22 (Day 148), we'll introduce Light, Medium, and Heavy Days of Throwing. This is also where we begin the Build-Up of Higher Intent Pull-Downs, the transition into the Mound Ramp-Up, and eventually, Live Pitching.

Week 28: Starting in Week 28 (Day 190), you will begin transitioning into your first, “In Game” Pitch Count Build-Up, which occurs on Day 194. Once you have established your first “In Game” outing, you will see additional notes as to the gradual build-up of “In Game” workload beginning Week 29. Additionally, you will see “sample schedules” to help you transition into a 5, 6, or 7 Day Throwing Cycle for Starting Pitchers, along with some protocols for Relief Pitchers (you will also see two corresponding links to articles for more information).

Core Principles:

How to Best Build-Up & Condition an Arm from Scratch

Arm Care

There are many different ways to prepare your arm *prior* to throwing. Please be sure that whatever you do, your arm is *always* warmed up and prepared thoroughly prior to throwing each day. The same applies to *post* throwing arm care. You will find some great information regarding pre/post throwing routines from Nolan Rappé below.

Arc & Massage Throwing

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9t5awU8Kvs&t=4s>

The single most important aspect of any type of Throwing Progression or Build-Up starts by establishing an optimal *base*. The best way to build a base is to make “low intent” throws, or what we call “massage throws” from the onset and then slowly and progressively, add more volume and distance over time. Massage throwing implies that you are throwing with freedom, relaxation, and effortlessness – all of which allow the arm (body and mind) to best adapt to adding more load, gradually, without being “shocked”.

The best way to ensure that you are throwing in this manner is to throw the ball with “arc” from the onset. Arc throwing provides a number of vital benefits, including relaxation in the arm, body and mind, a gradual increase of range of motion, feel (proprioception), and athleticism.

The combination of “massage throwing” with “arc” allows the joints, ligaments and muscles of the arm to “warm-up” and be “pliable” in the most optimal way – slowly, surely, freely, naturally, and progressively. And concurrently, this type of throwing not only allows the body to open up freely and progressively, but it frees up the mind.

Additionally, as you begin to introduce more distance by throwing in this manner (what we call the Stretching Out Phase), eventually, as you make your way back to your maximum distance,

and your arm is fully stretched out, you are in the most optimal position possible to make higher intent throws (Pulling-Down much later on in the Throwing Schedule) on the way back into your throwing partner in the *safest* manner possible.

Self-Regulation/Awareness: Listening to Your Arm and Body

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9t5awU8Kvs&t=4s>

“Your Arm is the Boss”

-- Deskaheh Bomberry, Sacramento City College, Pitching Coach

The ultimate goal of our Return To Throwing Schedule is to make it your own, by *Self-Regulating* as soon as possible. To Self-Regulate means to be completely in tune with your body and instincts. This may feel a bit foreign to you after going through a major surgery and months away from throwing, but the more you bring a great deal of *awareness* to how your body is feeling and adapting to new routines each day, the better you are going to understand what it means to Self-Regulate, and navigate this entire Throwing Schedule. Especially as you begin to get into a consistent rhythm with the way the Throwing Schedule gradually progresses.

Though we will make many *suggestions* to help guide you throughout these protocols based on a great deal of experience – along with leaning on a model based on Brittany Dowling’s (MOR Optimized Throwing Program) initial 10 week Build-Up – we strongly encourage you to “listen to your arm and body”, and “trust your instincts” as you go through this process so that eventually, your throwing routine runs itself.

Although these suggestions will give you a very detailed road map that you can rely on throughout the process, ultimately, the most important guide is YOUR arm, YOUR body, and YOUR instincts – especially after the initial 10 Week Build-Up Phase, when you will have had a great deal of time under your belt to get very intimate with your arm with regard to volume, distance, and effort. This ability to “feel” your way through your throwing session each day, and adapt on the fly *instinctively*, is what we mean by *Self-Regulating*.

In addition, *Self-Regulating* not only includes what your work-load is like on a given day, but whether or not you feel like adding a day or taking a day off to your Throwing Schedule in a given week. We want it to be YOUR call. Our goal is for you to get to know your arm and body so well that it feels completely natural to allow the rhythm, pace, and feedback of throwing to take over.

Therefore, at some point, as you start to feel very intimate with your arm and routine, you’ll find that the best way to *Self-Regulate* is to go out each day and simply take your arm for a walk. Be open-minded and curious. Let your arm dictate how many throws it wants to make, how far it wants to go, and for how long it wants to do it.

Thus, there comes a point where there is simply no longer a “pre-determined formula” – there is no longer a “set amount” of throws, increments, or distance on any given day. What distance you start at, how many throws you make at that distance, when you back up, how far you back up, when you decide to come back in, and with what type of intent you come back in with, are all based on Listening To Your Arm, Body and Instincts...it will tell you EXACTLY what it wants and needs each day.

Ultimately, your feel and instincts are your greatest guide and teacher, and hopefully, in short order, you will begin to notice how comfortable and empowering it is to trust these feelings. Ironically, this is similar to how you would normally go about getting your arm into peak shape based on any other typical off-season had you not had surgery.

The bottom line is that there isn't a formula or metric that can understand and predict what best works for you on a given day...*Self-Regulating* is by far, the most accurate measurement and barometer that you have. And it is by far, one of the most essential aspects of our entire philosophy, and ultimately, your return to peak preparation and performance.

Notes:

*We have scheduled the Self-Regulation to “formally” begin at Week 20 because this is when the incremental Throwing Schedule is replaced by “Light, Medium, and Heavier” days of throwing. However, please keep in mind that we encourage you to begin the Self-Regulating process as soon as you feel ready at any point in the Throwing Schedule.

*You may realize that by Self-Regulating, you'll actually want or need more time at any of the 3 Phases throughout the entire process of our Throwing Schedule. Please trust this feeling and be patient knowing that the difference between returning to competition in 10 months post-surgery, versus 11 or 12 months, is a moot point when it comes to ensuring that you are going to be in the peak shape of your life and are best positioned to optimize this condition for the remainder of your career.

*Though your pre-surgery throwing distance is a great barometer as to how far out you may want to extend your distance in our Throwing Schedule, the ultimate guide is still your arm, body and instincts. In other words, there isn't a “set number” or “target number” of how far you should ultimately extend out to distance wise before you feel completely “stretched out” or “opened up”. Simply let your arm be your guide.

Navigating The Extension Phase Beyond 120 Feet

One of the most important decisions you will need to make is *when* you feel like you have reached your maximum distance in the Extension Phase (Phase 2), and are ready to begin the “Higher Intent Pull-Down” Phase (Phase 3) of your Throwing Schedule.

Though Phase 2 of our Throwing Schedule is built out to 300 feet, you may find that you need more or less distance based on your age, strength and throwing history to get *fully* extended or stretched out. Therefore, be sure and note that once your arm is fully stretched out – based on whatever “week” you are in regarding the time line of the Throwing Schedule – you are ready to begin Phase 3. Again, use the Throwing Schedule as a road map, and keep in mind that each of these Phases will be addressed in greater detail as you go through the Throwing Schedule. But as quick reminder, here is the chronological order of the first 3 Phases:

Phase 1: 30-120 Feet (Base Building)

Phase 2: 120+ Feet (Extension Phase/Modified Pull-Downs)

Phase 3: Higher Intent Pull-Downs/Light Mound Work

Phase 4: Live Pitch Count Build-Up

It is imperative that you are sensitive to this timeline because one of the most essential principles of our Throwing Schedule is to ensure that your arm is *fully* stretched out to its maximum distance in the Extension Phase *prior* to beginning the higher intent Pull-Down Phase, and your higher intent Pull-Downs need to be completed *prior* to ramping up your higher intent Mound Work.

By following this sequential order, you don’t have to worry about “what week you are in” in the Throwing Schedule once you reach your maximum distance in the Extension Phase. You’ll simply know that when you get to your maximum distance (Phase 2), you can move on to the next step (Phase 3). For example, though the Throwing Schedule is built out to 300 feet, if you feel like you peaked out at 250 feet, you can immediately begin the “Higher Intent Pull-Down” Phase, which will then transition you into Phase 4, the “Live Pitch Count Build-Up”.

The same is true if you get to 300 feet, and your arm is *not* at its maximum distance yet. In this scenario, you can add 15-30 feet a week, and then, once you get to your maximum distance, you can begin the same transitions from Phase 2 to Phase 3.

This will make a lot more sense as you continue to read on. Just know that regardless of where you are at in the Throwing Schedule, to not move on to Phase 3 until you have reached your maximum distance in the extension phase (Phase 2).

Crow-Hopping vs Shuffling

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOjPL74sbW0&t=5s>

Every single throw that you make for the rest of your life can either be made with optimal support of your body, or not. One of the most important aspects of our Throwing Schedule is to incorporate a Crow-Hop off of your back leg (right leg for right handed athletes, left leg for left handed athletes), which should typically start around 75-90 feet.

Though, for several reasons below, we want you to Crow-Hop almost exclusively on all of your throws, we actually recommend that you do some type of shuffle with your feet for the first 6-8 weeks of the Throwing Schedule in order to be ATHLETIC and generate some RHYTHM. For this reason, use the first 6-8 weeks to move the lower half in any manner that supports this. But once you get to 75-90 foot increment, we highly recommend you begin the process of Crow-Hopping off of your back leg.

When you do begin to Crow-Hop, you'll notice that you won't need to gain much ground at 75-90 feet. Though this may feel a bit less athletic, you are actually optimizing maximal ground forces by not gaining ground. Either way, you'll notice that as your distance increases incrementally, your Crow-Hop will also incrementally "gain a little bit more ground", "get a little bit more aggressive", and you'll become even more athletic. In short, the further you throw, the more athletic we want you to be, and the more likely you are going to gain ground and momentum when Crow-Hopping.

Crow-Hopping off of your back leg (as opposed to shuffling) provides *countless* benefits, including, 1) it takes stress off of your arm/elbow by optimizing the support from your body – especially your lower half, 2) it encourages *optimal* hip and glute load, pelvic tilt, and ground forces, 3) it promotes athleticism, and 4) it best simulates how you throw off the mound.

On the other hand, shuffling your feet not only deprives you from optimizing these benefits, but actually leaves the arm in a vulnerable position because if the lower half moves too quickly, the pelvic tilt is compromised, a lot of the ground forces can be lost, and the arm is left to fend for itself without the support of this load.

This type of dynamic is eerily consistent with what happens when you are in a wave. One thing that you can clearly feel when you are body surfing is the awesome power of the wave "gathering", and then the release of the wave's energy out in front. This is no different than the feeling you get from Crow-Hopping off your back leg – just as your body gets full support of the powerful gathering of the wave, the energy that is released out in front (your arm) is the beneficiary of this optimal load. Thus, when you Crow-Hop off your back leg, your arm is "along for the ride". When you shuffle your feet, the arm can "miss out" on the support of the wave.

Additionally, Crow-Hopping off of your back leg plays a key role in the Pull-Down phase of throwing. Loading off of your back leg helps you get "taller" as you load, and enables you to get

downhill with more leverage and support of your legs, core and ground forces. When you shuffle your feet on the Pull-Down phase, it positions your body to work “uphill”, forcing your arm to work harder because it is much more difficult to get over your front side on flat ground. And this can put a lot of unnecessary pressure on the elbow/shoulder when the arm is having to work harder to “catch up” because the legs, core, and ground forces cannot be engaged nearly as well once the lower half glides forward without the optimal support of the gather and load.

Simply put, it is imperative to load off your back leg when throwing so your legs and core can take the brunt of the throw, rather than your arm. Proper Crow-Hopping is one of the single most important aspects of our throwing philosophy, and plays a vital role in ensuring you transition back to your throwing potential in the safest and most supportive way possible. This is something we feel very STRONGLY about.

For much more information regarding the major benefits of Crow-Hopping, here is a great explanation from Randy regarding the science behind these benefits, along with an in-depth discussion Alan had with Ben Brewster/Tread Athletics Podcast:

Randy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=529jG4_xCnE

Alan/Ben Brewster –Tread Athletics Podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD-8-7BdTw8>

The Missing Link: The Magic That *Happens* Beyond 120 Feet

One of the most beneficial and revealing aspects of our throwing philosophy is what happens “beyond 120 feet”. In fact, one of the main catalysts to writing this Throwing Manual is due to the distance restrictions that some of the most influential, and standardized Return To Throwing Programs cap out at (e.g. 120 feet). From our perspective, what happens beyond 120 feet is where the *real* Health, Endurance, Strength, Athleticism and Feel is optimized, and the *real* magic happens.

One of the ironies of “only” throwing the ball out to 120 feet is that there isn’t much room to get air under the ball, or *Arc*. As mentioned earlier, arc is something that happens *innately* simply because it promotes a number of major benefits, including, relaxation, range of motion, greater athleticism, feel, and freedom.

Because athletes going through rehabilitation are typically training for 4-5 months in a Physical Therapy Clinic setting without throwing, and anywhere from an additional 2-3 months of throwing often in a relatively *linear* fashion simply because the proximity of their throwing partner caps at, e.g., 120 feet – which makes it difficult to get air underneath the ball – they can become quite rigid, restricted and mechanical.

Now when you contrast that number – 120 feet – with the distance an average Major League fastball (93mph) will travel (330 feet) with a 35-40 degree arc, you can begin to understand just how limiting and restricting 120 feet is to the *capacity* and *capability* of the arms range of motion, and the natural movement patterns of an athlete that is accustomed to training at 200 feet, 250 feet, or 300 feet or more (for more info, please see Ben Brewster’s Distance to Velocity Chart here: <https://twitter.com/TreadAthletics/status/1040365778598412288>).

Now this isn’t to assume that every athlete that throws 93mph is throwing the ball 330 feet – it’s just to say that there is a lot of *available* “Range of Motion” and “Energy” in the arm and “Athleticism” in the body that has to be contained and constricted in order to “only” throw the ball 120 feet. And though some have argued that you can “throw the ball 300 feet on a line and get the same effect” of throwing it 300 feet in the air, this couldn’t be further from the truth – they are two *completely* different throws and effects on the body and mind (as you will see below).

Another way of saying this is that throwing the ball in a linear fashion out to 120 feet not only prevents the athlete from finding out what is *in* the arm, but *restricts* the athleticism that comes from throwing the ball higher and farther. Therefore, it’s easy to understand why a player may feel especially rigid and limited if they are capped at 120 feet in their rehabilitation program...*especially* when their pre-surgery distance was at 200, 250, or 300 feet or more.

On the other hand, throwing the ball with Arc, gradually, as you move further away from your throwing partner provides *several* vital benefits, including, 1) Optimal Range of Motion – gradually throwing the ball uphill allows the arm, and its corresponding muscle groups, to progressively and incrementally stretch out (“open up”) in the most optimal way, 2) Proprioception/Variability – gradually throwing the ball uphill gradually changes the release point and promotes feel, variability and adaptability), 3) Optimal Glute, Hip, Pelvic Load – throwing the ball with greater arc promotes a greater activation of the glute, hip and pelvic load, 4) Ground Forces – throwing the ball uphill promotes staying connected to the ground longer (*especially* when you crow hop off the back leg as discussed earlier).

Also, by throwing with arc, you are supporting your body because you are promoting low impact, low intent throws from the onset of throwing – especially as you gradually begin to introduce more effort. Throwing uphill also sends a signal to the body to “relax,” “loosen up” and be “free.” So, simply by throwing with arc, the body (and mind) are learning (relearning) what it feels like to throw with relaxation, looseness and freedom – which is an essential aspect of what we want athletes to focus on for the entire stretching out phase in Long Toss (as you gradually move away from your throwing partner), and eventually, the Pull-Down Phase (as you gradually move back in toward your throwing partner).

A Summary of Major Benefits that occur beyond 120 feet include

Volume/Conditioning – simply put, the further out you go, the more throws you are going to make. And the beautiful thing about this is that you are increasing your Volume in the most ideal way...with *low impact* throws. Low impact throws allow the arm to condition in the most optimal way because you are adding progressively lighter loads without “shocking” the arm.

This is the best way to build endurance and the most ideal way to progressively build an arm into shape.

Recovery – better endurance provides for better recovery, so the next day of throwing is greatly benefitted. And optimal recovery is one of the most essential aspects of any type of training, promoting resiliency and long term health.

Athleticism – arc throwing leads to more distance, which leads to more athleticism. The more athletic you are, the more you activate your legs, core, pelvic tilt and ground forces. And the by-product of going out to further and further distances is the body gets more dynamic...and the further out you go, the closer these dynamics resemble who you are on the mound.

Cross Training/Blending – because you are training your body to go uphill and downhill, you are positioning your body to access a different level of variability and adaptability by activating different muscle groups. This is the same reason why sprinters *blend* their training by running uphill and downhill, and baseball and softball players over and under load with lighter and heavier balls. This also helps you avoid issues with overuse or repetitive movement scenarios.

Mental Freedom –From a *mental* point of view, arc throwing frees up the mind. Just as you are “opening up” the arm by expanding your distance, you are also opening up and expanding your mind. And this makes a lot of sense when you consider that 120 feet promotes a more linear throw, or “narrow focus”, which is akin to the logical side of our brain, or left brain. On the other hand, “open focus” has to do with space, and is very akin to the creative side of our brain, or right brain. That’s why by simply freeing up your body by throwing higher and farther, you are similarly freeing up your mind – you are tapping into your right brain, which, not so ironically, activates your instincts, athleticism and creativity.

Though the majority of the benefits beyond 120 feet come from the first phase of Long Toss – what we call the “Stretching Out Phase” – there is still another massive benefit that happens once the athlete gets to their “peak” distance, and makes their way *back* in toward their throwing partner. This is what we call the “Pull-Down Phase” of throwing. Pulling-Down does not come into play until the last part of the Conditioning Phase of our Throwing Schedule, but at some point, the arm is going to be ready to start making semi-aggressive to aggressive throws on the way back in toward your throwing partner from the Stretching Out Phase.

What is vital about Arc Throwing and the Stretching Out Phase – *because* you are going beyond 120 feet – is that the arm *and* body are in the most optimal position to make aggressive throws *because* it’s been fully stretched out – *because* it’s been well-conditioned – *because* the athlete has been fully woken up – *because* the legs, core and pelvic tilt have been optimally engaged – and *because* of optimal ground forces that are best activated as a by-product of throwing it higher, and crow-hopping off the back leg. Additionally, throwing uphill promotes a type of leverage to throw downhill that is hard to access at 120 feet.

The bottom line is there are countless benefits that are simply not accessed and experienced when an athlete is capped at, e.g., 120 feet...countless benefits that can be accessed as a by-product of going *beyond* 120 feet.

Additional Notes Regarding Our Throwing Schedule

Soreness vs Pain

If at any point in the Throwing Schedule – especially in the beginning – you feel any type of “soreness”, give your arm a chance to work through this. Soreness may simply be part of the process, and something that you may easily be able to throw through. However, ALWAYS err on the side of conservatism and back off or shut your throwing down for the day if you aren’t able to decipher the difference between soreness and pain. A simple rule of thumb is soreness is something that will tend to *decrease* with each passing throw, and is something that you can “throw through” – pain is something that *increases* with each passing throw and is a sign to stop throwing *immediately*. Always Listen To Your Arm.

Transitions from one increment to the next

Please note that the “amount” of throws you make at each increment in our Throwing Schedule is designed to be used to *transition* or “get to” the next increment. For example, if the Schedule says to make “15 throws at 60 feet”, and then, the next increment is “15 throws at 75 feet”, be sure and “use” the 15 throws to *get to* the 75 foot mark. In other words, if you backed up 1 foot a throw from 60 feet, you would get to 75 feet “in” 15 throws. The reason we are making a huge deal of this is because often times in many of the standardized throwing programs, the instructions will have you make, e.g., 15 throws at 60 feet, and then 15 throws at 75 feet without this type of transition, which can be a bit of shock to the arm, compared to using the 15 throws as a gradual bridge to the next increment.

Keeping the effort light on your Pull-Downs (until you reach your maximum distance in the Throwing Schedule)

Once you get to your furthest distance on a given day, it is essential that you maintain loose arm action, relaxation, freedom, and some arc on the way back in toward your throwing partner as well – especially in Phase 1 of the process (out to 120 feet). The tendency may be to start using “more” intent, or even start “Pulling-Down” when your arm is still very early in the process of the Stretching Out Phase. Therefore, in Phase 1, think in terms of “Massage Throwing” on your way back in to your throwing partner, and Phase 2, “Light or Modified Pull-Downs” on your way back in to your throwing partner. True high intent throwing or Pull-Downs doesn’t come into play until you are at or near your maximum distance at the end of your Extension Phase (Phase 3), which may not occur in your Throwing Schedule for an additional 8-10 weeks beyond 120 feet. Therefore, please refrain from any type of high intent throwing or Pull-Downs until you get out to your maximum distance.

Here is a simple formula to ensure that you avoid throwing with too much intent, too soon, on the way back in to your throwing partner. Let’s say that 250 feet was your maximum throwing

distance pre-surgery, and thus, is a good indication of where you can project your maximum distance to be once you get fully extended. In this scenario, if you go out to 125 feet on a given day, you can pretty much assume that you can use 50% effort or intent on the way back in to your throwing partner (125 feet being 50% of 250 feet), knowing that your arm is about 50% “stretched out” to its ultimate capacity. And if you are later on in your Throwing Schedule, and you get out to, per se, 200 feet in this same scenario, you can use 80% effort or intent on the way back in because 200 feet is 80% of 250 feet.

The idea here is that the “degrees of freedom” that your arm has been “opened up” to on a given day matches your “percentage of intent” on the way back in to your throwing partner. Not only does this formula help you avoid throwing with too much intent, too soon, but it also helps promote a great deal of relaxation in your arm knowing that you shouldn’t be throwing with *full* intent until your arm is *fully* stretched out to its maximum distance. The ability and awareness to refrain from throwing with too much intent, too soon is another *essential* principle of the entire Build-Up process. And this formula works any time you go out to throw – whether you are rehabbing or not.

The bottom line is that whatever distance you go out to on a given day, it is VITAL that you refrain from throwing with more intent than your arm is prepared to handle. Once you do start getting out to distances well beyond 120 feet, you will instinctively know when to start gradually adding more intent on your way back into your throwing partner. But the key word here is *gradually*! Keep in mind that it is *always* better to err on the side of throwing with *less*, rather than more intent until you start getting much deeper into the Extension Phase of the Throwing Schedule.

Day after Rest Day

If you are coming off a “rest” day, or “off” day, you may consider going a little less distance on the following scheduled day to throw than the Throwing Schedule suggests – especially once the work-load increases. For example, we have built in a day off on Sunday, so on Monday, you may consider going a bit lighter regarding distance on the day after the day off. The main idea is that we want to be sure that you don’t shock your arm by putting too many demands on it the day after a day off. This starts to become much less of a concern once you start adding days to the throwing schedule.

Pre-Surgery Max Distance Throwing Compared to Post-Surgery Max Distance Throwing

Because your elbow is coming back from surgery, you may not necessarily want to go out to your maximum distance in the Extension Phase of our Throwing Schedule (Phase 3) prior to the High Intent Pull-Down Phase. In other words, if your maximum distance pre-surgery was 300 feet, you may decide that 250-275 feet is sufficient to get your arm fully or comfortably stretched out. This is completely understandable because you are coming back from a surgery,

and you may feel like you want to stay in more of a comfort zone. However, from years of experience, you will probably notice that your arm will want to get out to its maximum distance the next time you cycle your arm back into shape (i.e., the next Off-Season).

Integration of Off-Speed Pitches

Feel free to start working *lightly* on off-speed pitches on flat ground or the mound at the end of your throwing session starting around Week 16. Our philosophy is to ensure that the arm has been well conditioned prior to working on off-speed pitches, so whenever you feel like your arm is “getting close” to its max distance, you may consider to start lightly spinning the ball. Again, we highly recommend that anything you do, begin lightly, and then you can begin to gradually add more spin as you add more distance and intent to your throwing routine. As always, Listen To Your Arm, and let it help dictate when you are ready to start spinning the ball lightly.

How to Navigate this Throwing Schedule for the Youth Athlete

If you are a youth athlete, and aren't physically able to throw beyond 120 feet, than we'd recommend that you go through our schedule “as is” out to 120 feet (Phase 1), and then add an additional 3 weeks or so at the 120 foot threshold to build more volume, athleticism and proprioception prior to beginning both the ramp up phase of your Pull-Downs, and eventually, the ramp up phase on the Mound. Again, our focus is on conservatism, and insuring that when you do get on a mound, you are in peak shape. As always, listen to your arm, and consult with both your Physical Therapist and Baseball Coach.

Glossary of Terms

Athleticism

Allowing your body to move naturally and freely. Not “trying” to throw according to any type of “mechanical form”. Pure Instincts.

Throwing Mechanics

As important as it is to have “proper” throwing mechanics, we’d prefer you focus on being athletic and natural. When you allow your “innate” movement patterns to take over, this is what best support your arm/body, and acclimates you to your most efficient and effective “mechanics”. If you have specific needs regarding “mechanical checkpoints”, by all means use them. Just keep the idea of being athletic at the forefront of your mind.

Low Intent Arc Throwing (Massage Throws)

Perhaps as important as any principle behind our throwing philosophy is Low Intent, Arc Throwing – *especially* from the onset of your throwing session each day. From your first throw until even your last throw each day, we want your mind-set to be focused on being loose, relaxed, free and effortless. The best way to do this is to throw with a great deal of relaxation in your arm, and with ARC. Arc provides relaxation, looseness, and freedom in the arm, body and mind. It also helps you load into your back side, optimally engage your back leg, hip, and glute, sets the tone to promote an optimal pelvic tilt, and optimize ground forces. A visual that may help you to comprehend this better is to imagine that you are a Quarterback throwing a short, gentle screen pass over the line to your running back with feel and touch.

Long Toss

Long Toss is broken down into two major phases: Stretching Out and Pulling Down. The main objective of Long Toss is to *stretch* out your arm, progressively, to its furthest distance by gradually throwing the ball *uphill* as you move away from your throwing partner (Stretching Out Phase), and then eventually downhill as you move back in toward your throwing partner (Pulling-Down Phase). This practice not only promotes optimal Range of Motion in the arm, but helps develop incredible feel, or *proprioception*, by making these micro-adjustments (variability) with your release point. Hence, feel and accuracy is another incredibly beneficial by-product of Long Toss. Long Toss also activates your maximum amount of *athleticism*. By progressively throwing the ball uphill, and then progressively downhill, you are allowing your most innate movement patterns to organize freely, and thus, your “mechanics” can synch naturally. This is one of the greatest ironies of Long Toss – your best mechanics “come out” of Long Toss as a by-product of “not” trying to be mechanical. Thus, variability actually promotes repeatable outcomes, rather than “trying” to repeat mechanically. This is a very liberating way to experience throwing.

Other major benefits of Long Toss: Conditioning, Endurance, Strength, Resiliency, Improved Recovery, Mental Freedom

Stretching Out Phase of Long Toss

The first phase of Long Toss is the Stretching Out Phase. The predominant goal is simply to stretch your arm out by throwing the ball progressively higher as you move away from your throwing partner. This is how the arm can stretch out in the most optimal way – slowly and gradually. By having full range of motion, your arm is not only best prepared for the more aggressive phase of Long Toss (the Pull-Down Phase), but it is also best protected. In other words, “optimal freedom prior to optimal explosiveness”.

Pulling-Down Phase of Long Toss

Pulling-Down is the second Phase of Long Toss. A true Pull-Down is to maintain the same intent of your maximum distance throw, and compress it into shorter distances as you get closer to your throwing partner. Thus, if your maximum distance is 250 feet, the idea is that you maintain the exact same effort or intent on the way back into your throwing partner. But Pull-Downs can in theory also be “modified” because there are going to be days in which you don’t get out to your maximum distance. For example, if your maximum distance is 300 feet, but you only went out to 150 feet, you can “Pull-Down” with 50% effort (since 150 feet is 50% of your typical maximum distance). Also, on days that you do get out to your furthest distance, we highly encourage you to refrain from Pulling-Down with full intent until you start getting into the 2nd half of your Pull-Downs (i.e. 150 feet if you were out to 300 feet). You can still “Pull-Down” from 300 to 150 feet in this example – just reduce your effort to 80% or so. This helps to reduce your workload as well on flat-ground – especially on days you are going to be throwing off the mound.

Progressive Pull Downs

Be sure that once you begin the “Pull Down” phase of your throwing program, which in your Throwing Schedule, begins once you have reached your peak distance, be sure to also incorporate your “higher intent” Pull Downs *progressively*. For example, on your first Pull Down day, use only 80% effort (even though the arm is fully stretched out), and then add 5% on your next Pull-Down Day so that it takes you 3-4 more throwing sessions to get to your full intent, Pull Down effort (you theoretically don’t need to ever get to “100%” effort of your Pull-Downs until 120 feet and in). It is only at THIS point in the Throwing Schedule that you are ready to throw off the mound with full intent. Please keep in mind that for safety reasons, be sure and stay at least 70 feet away from your throwing partner. You may not be able to appreciate how much life, carry, and velocity you have on the ball once you get to the end of this Throwing Schedule. We highly recommend that if you want to get closer to pitching distance for your Pull-Downs, to please do so with a catcher that is fully geared up, including face mask.

Note: Although you can still get on the mound much earlier than your first full intent day, be sure that you *match* the effort off the mound with the same intent of your Pull-Downs that day (ie, if you Pull Down at 80% on your first Pull Down day, you can throw with 80% intent off the mound).

Perceived Effort vs Actual Effort

Because there is quite a distinction between “perceived effort” and “actual effort”, be very mindful of erring on the side of throwing with *less*, rather than more effort. Studies have shown that when an athlete uses what they “perceive” as “x” amount of effort (i.e. 50%), they are actually using much more “actual” effort than they realize. Therefore, the use of a radar gun can be extremely helpful by taking the guesswork out to give you accurate feedback as to the difference between “actual effort” and “perceived effort”.

Effort level regarding Cool Down on the Mound

Once you are ready to begin cooling down on the mound at the end of your throwing session, be sure and navigate this transition like everything else we have suggested – slowly and surely. As mentioned above, because it may be difficult to understand the difference between real and perceived effort, always err on the side of throwing with “less” effort – especially when you first start getting on the mound in Phase 2. A good way to ensure this is to throw with some type of objective measurements, like radar. Either way, be sure to throw with extremely loose and relaxed arm action. The initial goal of throwing off the mound is simply to give your body a chance to get the feel of the slope so you can acclimate to your natural movement patterns on the mound. But the mound can also give you a false sense of security to throw the ball firmer. So keep in mind the earlier formula we used for “Pulling-Down” – if you are at, for example, 150 feet on a given day, and your pre-surgery throwing distance was 300 feet, use 50% effort during your cool down since 150 feet is 50% of your projected max distance of 300 feet. If you went out to 225 feet in this same scenario, then you can use 75% effort off of the mound, considering that 225 feet is 75% of 300 feet. And remember, be sure to have FULL Range of Motion PRIOR to making any FULL intent throws...whether that is on or off the mound.

Mound Ramp Up/Live Inning

The Mound Ramp up (with FULL intent) phase doesn’t begin until your arm has been *fully* stretched out to its maximum distance, and you are through at least 4 solid Pull-Down Sessions. Once you are ready for the Mound Ramp Up phase, you will then go into a 6 day cycle of throwing, which includes a heavier workload on Tuesday and Friday, a lighter workload on Wednesday and Saturday, and a medium workload on Monday and Thursday. You will have the option of taking Sunday off or going light. Based on this new schedule, your Mound days will be on Tuesday and Friday. As you will see, we have scheduled you for at least 6, high intent bullpens prior to a competitive inning. At that point, we’d suggest that you add approximately 10-15 pitches a week to your “game situation” Ramp Up.

Note: The reason that we want you throwing 6 Days a week is because once you start incorporating heavier workloads off of the mound, we want your body to “move” essentially every day...even if it’s light. This is especially the case when you consider that the Throwing Schedule is designed for you to build-up so much endurance that your arm should recover much more effectively than you may be accustomed to. Therefore, be sensitive to the idea that you’ve been conditioned for this, and therefore, you may notice that your arm wants to “move” and throw more often.

Low Intent Day

Once you integrate a heavier workload, including Bull-Pens and Game situations, you will tend to see each throwing session has a specific theme. Low Intent Days will almost always follow a Bull-Pen or Game situation because the main focus is on “recovery and rebuilding”. Therefore, Low Intent days will involve almost exclusively, low effort, massage-type throwing.

Medium Intent Day

Medium Intent Days will tend to follow Low Intent Days, and be a precursor to High Intent Days. Medium Intent Days will still focus predominately on “recovery and rebuilding”, except it will tend to garner more distance throwing and even the potential of medium intent Pull-Downs.

High Intent Day

High Intent Days are designed to be your heaviest workload days, and typically include a full extension Long Toss to maximum distance, Modified to Full intent Pull-Downs, and either a Bull-Pen or Bull-Pen plus a Game appearance. High Intent Days will tend to follow Medium Intent Days.

Note: As a reminder, you can modify your Pull-Downs on High Intent Days until you get about half way back into your throwing partner (e.g. 120 feet if you maxed out at 240 feet). Then, you can resume your High Intent Pull-Downs as you make your way in from 120 feet.

Davis’ Law/Tissue Repair

According to Davis’ Law, all human tissue adapts and aligns in response to the stresses to which it is exposed, including why the introduction of stress can be a positive. Here’s a little excerpt from an article on the topic from Randy: “the microscopic trauma to tendons, ligaments, and muscles is a necessary phase to go through so the body can repair the damage by specialized cells (UMC’s) that float around in the bloodstream with no responsibility until they sense damage to another cell. At this point, they have the miraculous ability to morph themselves” (Article – <https://floridabaseballarmory.com/shut-it-down-or-keep-throwing-maybe-theres-an-alternative/>).

Questionnaire – Pre-Surgery Throwing History & Routine

In order to truly optimize the success of your return to throwing, it is of extreme importance to go over, *in great detail*, your pre-surgery throwing history. Not only is it vital to know such elements as distance and volume, but how you *moved* innately and athletically as a by-product of your throwing routine. In addition, any other types of training modalities you used with regard to Arm Care and Arm Preparation would be essential to note as well. All of this information is extremely important for you to utilize moving forward, and naturally, share with both your Physical Therapist and Pitching Coach.

- 1) Off-Season Build-Up
 - a) How many weeks did it take you to get into peak shape prior to your first full intent bull-pen?
 - b) On your more aggressive days, how far out would you go, distance-wise, regarding Long Toss (i.e. 120 feet, 240 feet, 300 feet, 330 feet, 330+ feet)
 - c) How many days a week did you go out this far?
 - d) How many years have you been Long-Tossing (if applicable)?

- 2) In-Season Throwing
 - a) * What does your In-Season routine look like as a Starting Pitcher (5, 6, or 7 Day Cycle) regarding distance and volume for each day?
 - b) * What does your In-Season routine look like as a Relief Pitcher regarding distance and volume each day?

* Please use approximate distance (feet) and volume measurements for each day

- 3) Long Toss
 - a) Please Define Long Toss
 - b) Did you typically throw with or without an Arc?
 - c) How many days a week do you typically throw in the Off-Season?
 - d) How many days a week do you typically throw, In-Season?

- 4) Please feel free to share any other information about your throwing routines or types of training you incorporated as part of your Arm Care and Arm Development

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Return To Throwing Schedule – 28 Weeks

“Everyone Heals & Develops Differently”

--Gabi Nilles

Though our Throwing Schedule is based on a great deal of our personal experience and input from many highly respected professionals, the ultimate barometer is YOU. Use this Throwing Schedule as a guide, but please listen to your body and trust your instincts. Lastly, though the Throwing Schedule is based on a “calendar” that has several phases and thresholds, we urge you to take the focus off of where the calendar says you “should” be, and focus on where you actually are. This may take some time to get the feel for it, but please avoid thinking you “should” be at a certain distance or effort level by a certain date. In a way, you are “eliminating the calendar” (future), and focusing on the present (process).

Phase 1 (Weeks 1-12): 30* – 120 Feet, Base Building, Massage Throwing, Athleticism

*You may find it comfortable and natural to begin your throwing session each day at 30 feet. But if you feel that 30 feet is too close, and you prefer to start out a little further away from your throwing partner, like 35-40 feet, feel free to do so. Especially considering how common it is for athletes to do a comprehensive Arm Care Routine prior to throwing. You may also find that by throwing with some Arc, the ball will tend to travel further than throwing it on a line. Ironically, by starting off at a little further distance, you will actually be freed up to throw with *less* effort with Arc, rather than *more* effort on a line. Thus, Arc throwing will also tend to promote more *relaxation* and *freedom* in your throws (see video on massage throwing) – two of our main objectives as you begin to acclimate yourself back to throwing after a great deal of time off. However, if for any reason, you feel more comfortable starting closer, or throwing with less Arc, please feel free to follow your instincts. Whatever distance you do decide to start at, always listen to your arm.

Note Regarding Mechanical Variables: While most people would agree that throwing mechanics can be important contributors to injury, and those variables need to be individually investigated and addressed, that concept is beyond the scope of our approach. Please be sure to confer with both your Pitching Coach and Rehab Specialist.

Disclaimer:

The contents of this Throwing Manual and Schedule are not intended as medical advice. As with any exercise program or throwing regimen, always consult your physician or a qualified medical provider before beginning this Throwing Manual.

Week 1: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 15-20% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 1: 15 @ 30 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 15 @ 30 ft (30 throws total)

Day 2: Rest

Day 3: 15 @ 30 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 15 @ 30 ft (30 throws total)

Day 4: Rest

Day 5: 15 @ 30 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 15 @ 30 ft (30 throws total)

Day 6: Rest

Day 7: Rest

Week 2: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 20-25% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 8: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (40 throws total)

Day 9: Rest

Day 10: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (40 throws total)

Day 11: Rest

Day 12: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, REST 3-5 minutes, 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (40 throws total)

Day 13: Rest

Day 14: Rest

Week 3: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 25-30% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 15: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (50 throws total)

Day 16: Rest

Day 17: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (50 throws total)

Day 18: Rest

Day 19: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (50 throws total)

Day 20: Rest

Day 21: Rest

Week 4: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 30-35% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 22: 10 @ 30 ft, 20 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (60 throws total)

Day 23: Rest

Day 24: 10 @ 30 ft, 20 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (60 throws total)

Day 25: Rest

Day 26: 10 @ 30 ft, 20 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 30 ft (65 throws total)

Day 27: Rest

Day 28: Rest

Week 5: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 35-40% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 29: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (65 throws total)

Day 30: Rest

Day 31: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (70 throws total)

Day 32: Rest

Day 33: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft (70 throws total)

Day 34: Rest

Day 35: Rest

Week 6: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 40-45% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 36: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 5 @ 75 ft (70 throws total)

Day 37:

Day 38: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 5 @ 75 ft (70 throws total)

Day 39: Rest

Day 40: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 41: Rest

Day 42: Rest

Week 7: Massage Throwing (Add in a 4th day of light throwing on Sunday)

(Target Intensity: Build up to 45-50% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 43: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 44: Rest

Day 45: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 46: Rest

Day 47: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 48: Rest

Day 49: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 20 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, (50 throws total)

Week 8: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 50-55% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 50: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 51: Rest

Day 52: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 15 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (80 throws total)

Day 53: Rest

Day 54: 10 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 15 @ 75 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft (80 throws total)

Day 55: Rest

Day 56: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75, 10 @ 60 ft, (50 throws total)

Week 9: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 55-60% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 57: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 15 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 58: Rest

Day 59: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 15 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60ft, 10 @ 75 ft (75 throws total)

Day 60: Rest

Day 61: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 15 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60ft, 15 @ 75 ft (80 throws total)

Day 62: Rest

Day 63: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75, 10 @ 60 ft, (50 throws total)

Week 10: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 60-65% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 64: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 15 @ 90 ft, REST 3-5 min, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft (80 throws total)

Day 65: Rest

Day 66: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 15 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, REST, 5 @ 45 ft, 5 @ 60ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft (85 throws total)

Day: 67 Rest

Day: 68 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 15 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, REST, 5 @ 45 ft, 5 @ 60ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft (85 throws total)

Day: 69 Rest

Day 70: 5 @ 30 ft, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (55 throws total)

Week 11 (Add in optional Cool Down on the Mound with LOW EFFORT at the end of throwing session)

(Target Intensity: Build up to 65-70% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 71: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 10 @ 45 feet (60% effort)

(85 throws total)

Day 72: Rest

Day 73: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 10 @ 45 feet (60% effort)

(85 throws total)

Day 74: Rest

Day 75: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 10 @ 45 feet (60% effort)

(85 throws total)

Day 76: Rest

Day 77: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (60 throws total)

Week 12: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 70-75% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 78: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(90 throws total)

Day 79: Rest

Day 80: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(90 throws total)

Day 81: Rest

Day 82: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(90 throws total)

Day 83: Rest

Day 84: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (65 throws total)

Phase 2 (Weeks 13-21): Extension Phase Beyond 120 Feet

- Stacking The Base

- Option to Add in a 5th Day of Light Throwing on Tuesday

Week 13: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 70-75% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 85: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(100 throws total)

Day 86: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75, 10 @ 90, 10 @ 105, 5 @ 90, 5 @ 75, 5 @ 60 ft, (65 throws total)

Day 87: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 3 @ 90 ft, 3 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(95 throws total)

Day 88: Rest

Day 89: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 3 @ 90 ft, 3 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(95 throws total)

Day 90: Rest

Day 91: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (65 throws total)

Week 14: Massage Throwing (Target Intensity: Build up to 70-75% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 92: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 3 @ 90 ft, 3 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(95 throws total)

Day 93: Optional Light Day or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105, 5 @ 90, 5 @ 75, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Day 94: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 10 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(103 throws total)

Day 95: Rest

Day 96: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 10 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(103 throws total)

Day 97: Rest

Day 98: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Week 15: Massage Throwing/Light Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 70-75% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 99: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 10 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 15 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(103 throws total)

Day 100: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Day 101: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (70% effort)

(108 throws total)

Day 102: Rest

Day 103: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (70% effort)

(108 throws total)

Day 104: Rest

Day 105: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Week 16: Massage Throwing/Light Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 75-80% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 106: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (70% effort)

(108 throws total)

Day 107: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 3 @ 90 ft, 3 @ 75 ft, 3 @ 60 ft, (62 throws total)

Day 108: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (70% effort)

(109 throws total)

Day 109: Rest

Day 110: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (70% effort)

(109 throws total)

Day 111: Rest

Day 112: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (70 throws total)

Week 17: Massage Throwing/Light Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 75-80% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day: 113: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 10 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 45 ft (60% effort)

(114 throws total)

Day 114: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (70 throws total)

Day 115: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105, 10 @ 120, 5 @ 135, 5 @ 150, 5 @ 165, 5 @ 180, 3 @ 195, 2 @ 180, 2 @ 165, 2 @ 150, 2 @ 135, 2 @ 120, 2 @ 105, 2 @ 90, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(121 throws total)

Day 116: Rest

Day 117: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105, 10 @ 120, 5 @ 135, 5 @ 150, 5 @ 165, 5 @ 180, 3 @ 195, 2 @ 180, 2 @ 165, 2 @ 150, 2 @ 135, 2 @ 120, 2 @ 105, 2 @ 90, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 10 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(121 throws total)

Day 118: Rest

Day 119: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (70 throws total)

Week 18: Massage Throwing/Light Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 75-80% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 120: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 5 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 5 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft (60% effort)

(116 throws total)

Day 121: Optional Light Day or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Day 122: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 5 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(119 throws total)

Day 123: Rest

Day 124: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 5 @ 45 ft, 15 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(119 throws total)

Day 125 Rest

Day 126: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (75 throws total)

Week 19: Massage Throwing/Light Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 80-85% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 127: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 5 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 60 ft (70% Effort)

(119 throws total)

Day 128: Optional: Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (70 throws total)

Day 129: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 60 ft (70% Effort), REST 3-5 mins, 10 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(126 throws total)

Day 130: Rest

Day 131: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

*Cool Down off the Mound, 20 @ 60 ft (70% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 10 @ 60 ft (70% effort)

(126 throws total)

Day 132: Rest

Day 133: Optional Light Load or Rest

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (85 throws total)

Week 20: Beginning of Self-Regulation, Modified Pull Downs

*Self-Regulating Begins – Starting in Week 20, if you haven't begun to Self-Regulate, we highly recommend that you begin this process now. Now that you've spent 19 weeks getting to know your arm and body intimately well, and the rhythm of the gradual progression and workload, you are in an optimal position to simply allow your arm to dictate the distance and throwing volume on the way out from your throwing partner, and the volume and intent level on the way back in to your throwing partner at this point. This includes even the "suggested number" of throws to make.

You'll also notice that on your way back in toward your throwing partner, we have started the process of having you make "1 throw every 10-15 feet" (beginning on Day 136). Because you have built up so much volume and distance on your *way out* in your throwing routine, we want you to reduce the volume of high intent throws on your way back in to your throwing partner.

We've also reduced the amount of post-throwing bull-pens from 3 to 2 sessions. This is partly due to the fact that, 1) you are potentially throwing a great deal more volume, distance and intent due to the amount of throws you are making each day, and the amount of days you are throwing each week, 2) your Bull-Pen sessions themselves are getting longer, and starting in Week 20, your intent on the mound goes from 70% to 80%, and 3) because you are also moving into a Light, Medium, and Heavy load starting Week 22, we want you to start acclimating to this *rhythm* of being on the mound "twice a week". However, we still encourage you to spend some extra time "cooling down" by still making a similar amount of throws that you would have made had it been a typical mound day based on the previous weeks, e.g. 30 throws. And you can still make these throws off of the mound. But the main idea here is that however you incorporate these extra throws, they should be with lighter intent (e.g. 60-70%).

Also, you'll notice that Because of the rhythm of our Throwing Schedule leading up to this point, your arm will tend to want to condition in a very similar manner, with or without pre-determined, incremental throwing thresholds. If you prefer to continue following the Throwing Schedule, the recommendations will continue in a similar rhythm through Phase 3, The Mound Ramp-Up Phase.

As a reminder, your "pre-surgery distance" is a great barometer of how far your arm will likely want to eventually extend out to. Therefore, if this distance was beyond 240 feet, and your arm is telling you that it needs to go beyond the 240 feet in our Throwing Schedule to get "fully opened up or stretched out", we suggest that you keep adding 15-30 feet a week to until you get to your peak distance. We'd also recommend that once you get to your peak distance, to come in toward your throwing partner approximately 10-15 feet per throw. Please keep in mind the formula of "only" throwing with the "percentage" of intent of your projected furthest throw as you move back *in* toward your throwing partner (e.g. if 300 feet is where you project to fully extend out to distance wise, and you are at 250 feet, only use 75% intent on the way back in to your throwing partner when "Pulling-Down"). Again, refrain from Pulling-Down with "full" intent until you reach your furthest distance, and have gone through the 4 sessions of the progressive Pull-Down Phase. Also, we highly recommend that you refrain from high intent Pull-Downs – even if you have reached your max distance – until you start approaching the half-way mark of your maximum distance that day in order to minimize high intent Pull-Downs on flat ground (ie 150 feet if you extended out to 300 feet).

The same can be said for your Mound Ramp-Up. Until you reach your furthest distance, please be sure to refrain from any high intent throws off the mound. Again, if you get out to 250 feet on a given day, and your max distance is going to be closer to 300 feet, be sure and only use 75% intent on the mound that day. Keep in mind that the Mound Ramp-Up is also a *progressive* build-up, so like everything else in this program, start out with low intent and gradually build your way up to high intent (keep in mind that beginning approximately in Week 22, you'll begin your Pull-Down Ramp Up, and Mound Ramp Up Phases). Also, at this point of the Throwing Schedule, you can also consider lightly spinning the ball as part of your post throwing cool down, either on flat ground or on the mound.

Note: Regarding your max distance being more or less than 255 feet: if you feel as if you are fully stretched out, and fully athletic at a distance prior to 255 feet, than you can jump to Phase 3, and begin to integrate the Mound Ramp Up Phase (Week 22). If you need to go beyond 255 feet, you may find that Phase 3 will be delayed until you feel you are "fully" stretched out, and "fully" athletic to begin the Mound Ramp Up Phase. Be sure and take your time in this case. As we mentioned earlier, spending extra time to *properly* build up your arm into optimal shape is a moot point when you consider that your ultimate goal is to be in the best shape of your life prior to starting your Mound Ramp Up Phase.

Week 20: Massage Throwing/Medium Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 80-85% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 134: Self-Regulate 30 – 225 Feet (approximately 102 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 210 ft, 2 @ 195 ft, 2 @ 180 ft, 2 @ 165 ft, 2 @ 150 ft, 2 @ 135 ft, 2 @ 120 ft, 2 @ 105 ft, 2 @ 90 ft, 2 @ 75 ft, 2 @ 60 ft

* Mound Work, 20 @ 60 ft (80% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 10 @ 60 ft (80% effort)

(132 throws total)

Day 135: Optional: Light Load or Rest

Self-Regulate 30 – 150 Feet

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

(74 throws total)

Day 136: Self-Regulate 30 – 240 Feet (approximately 106 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 240 ft, 1 @ 225 ft, 1 @ 210 ft, 1 @ 195 ft, 1 @ 180 ft, 1 @ 165 ft, 1 @ 150 ft, 1 @ 135 ft, 1 @ 120 ft, 1 @ 105 ft, 1 @ 90 ft, 1 @ 75 ft, 1 @ 60 ft

* Cool Down, 20-30 Throws (60%-70% Effort)

(114-124 throws total)

Day 137: Rest

Day 138: Self-Regulate 30 – 240 Feet (approximately 106 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 10 @ 105, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 240 ft, 1 @ 225 ft, 1 @ 210 ft, 1 @ 195 ft, 1 @ 180 ft, 1 @ 165 ft, 1 @ 150 ft, 1 @ 135 ft, 1 @ 120 ft, 1 @ 105 ft, 1 @ 90 ft, 1 @ 75 ft, 1 @ 60 ft

* Mound Work, 20 @ 60 ft (80% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 10 @ 60 ft (80% effort)

(124 throws total)

Day 139: Rest

140: Optional Light Load or Rest:

Self-Regulate 30 – 150 Feet

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

(74 throws total)

Week 21: Massage Throwing/Pull-Downs (Target Intensity: Build up to 85-90% perceived intensity based on Throwing Distance recommendations – See Ben Brewster’s Perceived Intensity Progression & Target Velocity Charts above).

Day 141: Self-Regulate 30 – 240 Feet (approximately 101 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 2 @ 240 ft, 1 @ 225 ft, 1 @ 210 ft, 1 @ 195 ft, 1 @ 180 ft, 1 @ 165 ft, 1 @ 150 ft, 1 @ 135 ft, 1 @ 120 ft, 1 @ 105 ft, 1 @ 90 ft, 1 @ 75 ft, 1 @ 60 ft

* Mound Work, 20 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

(129 throws total)

Day 142: Optional: Light Load or Rest

Self-Regulate 30 – 150 Feet

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft

(74 total throws)

Day 143: Self-Regulate 30 – 255 Feet (approximately 106 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 3 @ 240 ft, 2 @ 255 ft, 1 @ 240 ft, 1 @ 225 ft, 1 @ 210 ft, 1 @ 195 ft, 1 @ 180 ft, 1 @ 165 ft, 1 @ 150 ft, 1 @ 135 ft, 1 @ 120 ft, 1 @ 105 ft, 1 @ 90 ft, 1 @ 75 ft, 1 @ 60 ft

* Cool Down, 20-30 Throws (60%-70% Effort)

(123-133 throws total)

Day 144: Rest

Day 145: Self-Regulate 30 – 255 Feet (approximately 106 throws)

Sample Schedule: 5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75 ft, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 5 @ 135 ft, 5 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 165 ft, 3 @ 180 ft, 3 @ 195 ft, 3 @ 210 ft, 3 @ 225 ft, 3 @ 240 ft, 2 @ 255 ft, 1 @ 240 ft, 1 @ 225 ft, 1 @ 210 ft, 1 @ 195 ft, 1 @ 180 ft, 1 @ 165 ft, 1 @ 150 ft, 1 @ 135 ft, 1 @ 120 ft, 1 @ 105 ft, 1 @ 90 ft, 1 @ 75 ft, 1 @ 60 ft

* Mound Work, 20 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

(133 throws total)

Day 146: Rest

147: Optional Light Load or Rest

Self-Regulate 30 – 150 Feet

5 @ 30 ft, 5 @ 45 ft, 10 @ 60 ft, 10 @ 75, 10 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 120 ft, 3 @ 150 ft, 3 @ 135 ft, 3 @ 105 ft, 5 @ 90 ft, 5 @ 75 ft, 5 @ 60 ft, (74 throws total)

Phase 3: Weeks 22-26

*Mound Ramp Up/Live Inning

*Assuming you are at your peak distance

As you can see, the last throwing session extended out to 255 feet, so “assuming” that you at your maximum distance, we are going to move forward with the Mound Ramp-Up Schedule at this point. HOWEVER, if you still need more distance, as mentioned earlier, keep following the same schedule above and simply add 15-30 feet a week until you feel that your arm is *fully* stretched out. Again, one of the most critical aspects of this program is that you refrain from “full intent” throwing off of the mound until your arm is “fully” stretched out (opened up). As mentioned earlier, you can continue to work off the mound with the intent that is consistent with the “percentage” of what your arm is stretched out to, relative to what you sense your maximum distance to be (75% effort off the mound if you are at 250 feet, and you sense your max distance is 300 feet – even if the Throwing Schedule recommends, e.g., 80% or 90%) – and keep using this formula by matching this percentage until your arm is fully stretched out to 100% of its potential.

Like all of the other Phases, the goal of the Mound Ramp-Up Phase is to *gradually* build up your intent and pitch count so that you are ready to throw 15 pitches in a competitive setting. Once you attain this benchmark, you can then add approximately 10-15 pitches to your “live” pitch count every week (traditionally, pitchers will add 15 pitches a week once they are built up to 15 live or competitive pitches).

You'll also notice that another day has been added to the Throwing Schedule in Phase 3, so that we are now recommending that you throw up to 6 days a week. The Throwing Schedule will also transition into a different rhythm – Low, Medium and High workload days – now that you are approaching a much higher degree of workload each week, and your Mound Ramp-Up has begun. Also, because your arm will tend to be in great shape at this point in your Throwing Schedule, you may find that you want to start out your throwing session each day beyond 30 feet. That is completely your call.

As you'll see below, Tuesday and Friday will be your "heavier" workload days, as they include, full extension Long Toss, Pull-Downs, and Bull-Pen work – Wednesday and Saturday are your "lighter" days, where the focus is on recovery and restoration, and Monday and Thursday are your "medium" intent days as they are designed to gradually add more work load, and set up your heavier work days the following day. Sunday is an optional day for you to go light, or take the day off. And with this new rhythm, keep in mind that you always have the option on any day to go lighter, heavier, or take the day off.

A reminder regarding Pull-Downs – please keep in mind that we want you to refrain from high intent Pull-Downs until you start closing in on the 120-150 foot mark, *or* approximately halfway in from your furthest throw that day. You can still Pull-Down with a relatively high level of intent, ie, 80-90%, until you reach 120-150 feet. At that point, you can begin to increase your Pull-Down intensity to 95% or more. The reasoning behind coming back in to your partner with less intent is to minimize high intent on Flat Ground, where it may be a bit more stressful on your arm/elbow than off the mound. This is also a more effective way to optimize your higher intent throws off the Mound in a more economical way. Also, because you are Self-Regulating at this point, feel free to come in at your own pace during the Pull-Down phase. But a good rule of thumb that we really like and has worked for decades is to come in about 10-15 feet a throw.

Everything now is based on *Self-Regulation* – listening to your arm, body, and instincts. So be sure to work at your own pace, and according to the needs of your arm as you move away from your throwing partner in the "Stretching Out Phase", and back into your throwing partner in the "Pull-Down Phase".

Note: As a reminder, feel free to reference the "suggested" throwing guidelines from the previous week of the Throwing Schedule if you feel more comfortable moving forward.

Week 22: Massage Throwing/Pull-Downs (90% effort) & Mound Ramp-Up Begins

Day 148: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 240 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 149: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 270 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 90% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 20 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

Day 150: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 151: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 240 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 152: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 45 – 270 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 90% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 25 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

Day 153: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 45 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 154: Optional

Week 23

Day 155: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 250 feet

80-90% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 156: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 285 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 25 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

Day 157: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 158: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 250 feet

80-90% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 159: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 285 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

Day 160: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 161: Optional

Week 24

Day 162: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 163: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (90% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (90% effort)

Day 164: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 165: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 166: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300 feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (95% effort)

Day 167: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 168: Optional

Week 25

Day 169: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 170: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (95% effort)

Day 171: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 172: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 173: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, LIVE Batting Practice 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 174: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 175: Optional

Week 26

Day 176: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 177: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 178: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 179: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 180: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 90% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, LIVE Batting Practice 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 181: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 182: Optional

Week 27

Day 183: Medium

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 184: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 185: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 186: Medium

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 187: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, LIVE Batting Practice 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 188: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 189: Optional

Week 28

Day 190: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 191: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 192: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

70% effort on the way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 193: Medium

Modified Extension Long Toss, 30 – 260 feet

80% Pull-Downs, 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner

Day 194: Heavy

Full Extension Long Toss, 30 – 300+ feet

Pull-Downs: 1 throw every 10-15 feet on your way back in toward your throwing partner (only use 80% effort until you get to 120 feet – then 95% effort the last 120 feet)

* Mound Work, 30 @ 60 ft (95-100% Effort) REST 3-5 mins, 20 Pitches In Game Competition @ 60 ft (95-100% effort)

Day 195: Light

Stretching Out Phase only, 30 –180 feet

Day 196: Optional

Phase 4: Weeks 29 and Beyond – Pitch Count Build-Up

Pitch Count Build-Up

At this point, if you are a Starting Pitcher, you can now continue to follow this format as you Build-Up your pitch count. We would recommend adding 10-15 pitches a Week, which means you could be at approximately 40-60 pitches in 4 additional weeks.

For Relief Pitchers, we'd recommend that you stay on an "every third day" rhythm off the mound for another 2 weeks, and then incorporate 2 weeks of "every other day" bull-pens for an additional 2 weeks to help you acclimate to the typical rhythm of a relief pitcher. And like everything else we have strongly suggested, be sure and listen to your arm to see what feels right, and make all of these transitions *gradually*.

Be sure and continue to consult with any of your Coaches that have been integral with your process to this point, and as you continue to add and adapt to your Mound Build-Up.

Transitioning into a 5, 6 or 7 Day Cycle for Starting Pitchers

Please note that with the completion of our Throwing Schedule, and the transition into your "Live Pitch Count Build-Up", you may now need to *alter* your cycle based on whether or not you are on a 5, 6, or 7 Day "In-Season" Rotation. Also, as your pitch count increases on your Start Day, this will tend to have an effect on your workload for the rest of your cycle. Though you may find that the basic principles of Light, Medium, and Heavy Days still apply, you will also find our recommendations of a very specific 5, 6, and 7 Day Cycle below to help you best transition into any of these potentially new cycles. Please note that the distances below are based on a pitchers maximum distance being 300 feet. Please be sure to gauge these numbers based on *your* maximum long toss distance.

In addition, here is an article that presents a number of ideas to help Relief Pitchers best optimize their routine on game days, entitled, "Relief Pitcher Protocols":

https://www.abca.org/magazine/2018-1-January_February/Last_Inning_What_Pitching_Coaches_Probably_Forgot_to_do_This_Fall.aspx

Also, for those pitchers in professional baseball, you may find that your arm actually wants to stretch out to further distances more often than not because your arm is so well conditioned. Traditionally, Relief Pitchers tend to “save their arm for the game”. We believe strongly that your arm will be so durable, and recovery so well from day to day that it will tend to want to throw more, rather than less, even on days you may go into the game. Naturally, listen to your arm.

Both of these resources for Starting & Relief Pitchers are based on a great deal of experience, and we strongly believe will help you optimize your Health, Conditioning, Strength, and Recovery now that you are in the “In-Season” mode.

5, 6 & 7 Day Sample Schedules for Starting Pitchers

Note: You’ll notice that on all 3 Cycles, Bull-Pens always occur at least 2 full days *after* your start. We believe strongly in an *extra* day of rest, recovery and restoration after your start, and prior to your next Bull-Pen.

5 Day Cycle (Based on approximately 300 feet)

- Day 1: Start Day: Long Toss (~ Max Distance, Stretch Out + Pull Down)
- Day 2: 120-200 feet (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 3: 200-300 feet (Medium/Stretch Out Mainly)
- Day 4: Full Long Toss + Pen (Possibly Lighter to Medium Pull Downs/Pen Based On Previous Start Pitch Count/Stage Of Season)
- Day 5: 60-150 feet (Stretch Out Only)
- Day 6: Start Day

6 Day Cycle (Based on approximately 300 feet)

- Day 1: Start Day: Long Toss (~Max Distance Stretch + Pull Down)
- Day 2: 120-200 feet (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 3: 200-300 feet (Medium/Stretch Out Mainly)
- Day 4: Full Long Toss + Pen (Possibly Lighter to Medium Pull Downs/Pen Based On Previous Start Pitch Count/Stage Of Season)
- Day 5: 150-225 feet (Light to Medium/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 6: 60-180 (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 7: Start Day

7 Day Cycle (Based on approximately 300 feet)

- Day 1: Start Day: Long Toss (~Max Distance Stretch + Pull Down)
- Day 2: 120-200 feet (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 3: 200-300 feet (Medium/Stretch Out Mainly)
- Day 4: Full Long Toss + Pen (Possibly Lighter to Medium Pull Downs/Pen Based On Previous Start Pitch Count/Stage Of Season)
- Day 5: 150-225 feet (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 6: 200-300 feet (Medium/Stretch Mainly, Light Pull Downs)
- Day 7: 60-150 feet (Light/Stretch Out Only)
- Day 8: Start Day

Note: “Stretch Out Only” is suggesting that you only “stretch out the arm” by throwing with Arc, Freedom, Range of Motion and without *any* type of Pull-Downs.

Note: “Stretch Out Mainly” is suggesting the same as above, except that the distance may end up being greater, and some light to medium pull down’s may be suitable as well. A lot of this is based on a pitcher’s mound workload from the previous pen or game.

Summary

If you look at this entire Throwing Schedule, EVERYTHING has been done slowly, gradually and progressively. So keep this in mind as you introduce ANY type of new variables to your routine.

We hope you found that our Throwing Schedule was easy to follow, clear, flexible, and positioned you to get very intimate with your arm, body and instincts. We also hope you feel that your arm is in the best shape of your life, and moving forward, you have a deep understanding of how to always navigate the Build-Up progression of your throwing routine.

We appreciate your trust in our Throwing Schedule, and wish you all of the best for a healthy and prosperous career!

Congratulations!

Best Wishes, Alan and Randy

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Additional Resources

Randy Sullivan Blog: Overhauling early Post-Op Rehab: Floridabaseballarmory.com/rehab

In Season Maintenance: “Bridging The Gap: 5, 6, 7 Day Throwing Routines”:

<https://www.jaegersports.com/bridging-the-gap-making-a-safe-and-effective-transition-from-high-school-college-baseball-into-professional-baseball/>

Inside Pitch Magazine/Adam Revelette: Relief Pitcher Protocols:

https://www.abca.org/magazine/2018-1-January_February/Last_Inning_What_Pitching_Coaches_Probably_Forgot_to_do_This_Fall.aspx

E-book on recovery including info about Davis’ Law: Floridabaseballarmory.com/recovery1

Blog on the myth of “tendonitis”: Floridabaseballarmory.com/itis

Blog: How Not Long Tossing and Throwing Weighted Balls Could Get You Hurt:

Floridabaseballarmory.com/longtoss

Crow Hop vs Shuffling -- The Science behind it (Randy Sullivan):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=529jG4_xCnE&t=26s

Crow Hop vs Shuffling – Tread Athletics Podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD-8-7BdTw8&t=1102s>

The Origin of the 120 Foot Throwing Program: <https://www.jaegersports.com/the-origin-of-throwing-programs-mechanical-myth-post-rehab-throwing-advice/>

Resources by Jaeger Sports: jaegersports.com

Resources by Randy Sullivan: Floridabaseballarmory.com/books

Return Support Group

For anyone who is interested in joining a support group for players going through the Rehabilitation process, feel free to contact Ian McMahon. Ian has a great of experience in the rehabilitation field, and has built a great platform through his passion and platform to provide community, comfort and education for those who are navigating rehabilitation – especially those going through it for the first time – and are looking for support and resources through this process. For more information, Ian can be contacted on X at: @IanMcmahon, and you can also join “The Return” group on GroupMe. Here is the link:

https://groupme.com/join_group/68621649/GZuiyi6d