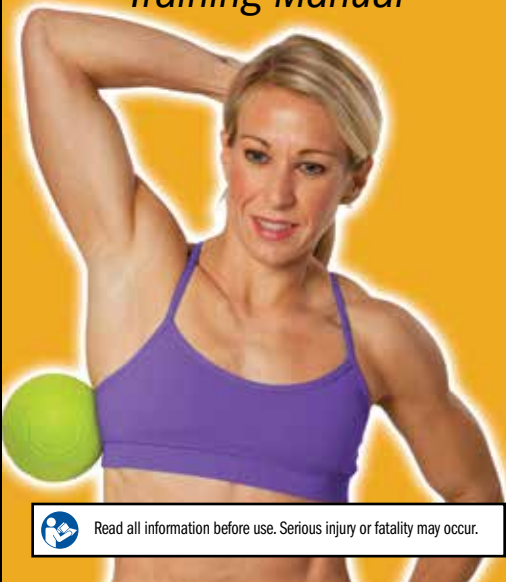


MASSAGE BALL



Training Manual



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WARNING/Maintenance

- **USE ONLY** as shown/illustrated/intended in a slow and controlled manner
- The Massage Ball is **NOT** a toy; it is not intended for use by children. If allowing anyone under 18 to use it for therapy, they must have adult supervision.
- **NEVER** throw, hit or “bat” the Massage Ball
- Store the Massage Ball out of the reach of children and pets.
- Consult your physician if intending to use during pregnancy.
- GoFit, LLC is not responsible for any personal harm or property damage that may occur if Massage Ball is used improperly.

- Clean the Massage Ball with mild soap and water. **DO NOT** use abrasive or chemical cleaners.
- Keep the Massage Ball out of direct sunlight. Do not place Massage Ball where it would be exposed to extreme high or low temperatures or heat sources.
- The Massage Ball is composed of synthetic materials—its “life span” will depend on amount of usage and proper care.

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Introduction

GoFit’s Massage Ball reaches deep muscle tissue—targeting knots and trigger points to relieve pain and soreness. Made of dense lightweight foam with a solid core, this unique therapy tool targets virtually all muscle groups. It has a soft textured surface to keep it in place while you roll away muscle pain. Leaning on a wall or laying down, simply press and roll. You decide how much pressure to apply for maximum relief. Ideal portable therapy, The Massage Ball is part of GoFit’s Muscle Pain Management System.



Muscle Pain Management

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Therapy Guidelines

Check with your physician before engaging in any therapy; determine if it is appropriate for you.

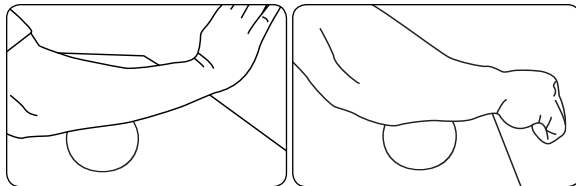
Beginning Therapy: Place and hold light pressure for 15 to 20 seconds on tight or stiff area until muscle tissue relaxes. Repeat 1 to 2 times per session.

Advanced Therapy: Place and hold greater pressure for 30 to 45 seconds on tight or stiff area or until muscle tissue relaxes. Repeat 3 to 4 times per session.

- Most exercises may be done against a wall or lying on the floor
- Some areas may be more tender than others, so apply the amount of pressure that is comfortable
- You may feel some discomfort where the ball is hitting the trigger-point area
- If you feel extreme discomfort, decrease pressure
- If you experience any significant bruising, this is a sign you are pressing too hard over the area and may cause damage to your tissues
- For better relaxation and results, take deep breaths in and out.

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Forearms



MOVEMENT: For both positions, move side-to-side, up-and-down, or circularly (clockwise/counter-clockwise).

POSITIONS:

- **Hand up**— To reach specific tendons, use your other hand to extend each finger, one at a time, slightly backwards
- **Hand down**— To allow more pressure into muscles, hang your wrist off of the desk or table

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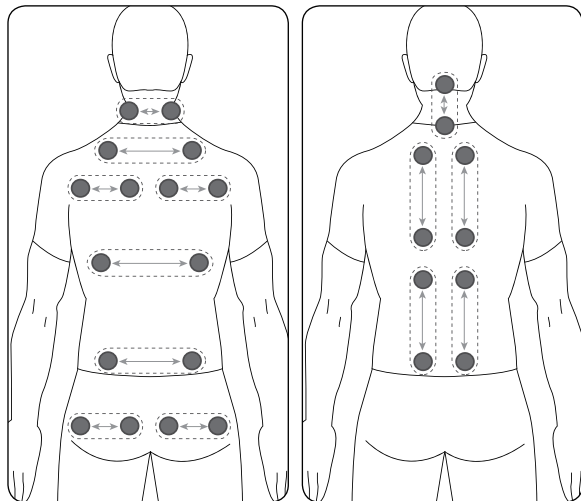
Back

MOVEMENT: Standing with back 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in trigger-point area and carefully lean back against wall. With comfortable pressure applied to the ball, move side-to-side or up-and-down to roll the ball back-and-forth in each area.

POSITIONS:

- **Neck**
- **Upper Back**— Shoulders and Shoulder Blades
- **Middle Back**
- **Lower Back/Glutes**

(Note: Massage one shoulder blade at a time; one side of the spine at a time; one glute muscle at a time)

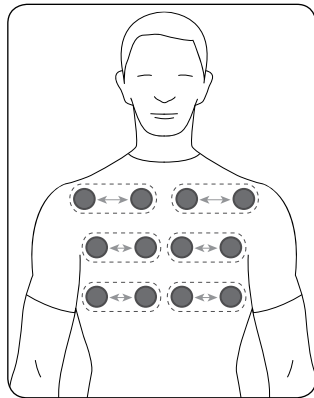


Chest

MOVEMENT: Standing with chest 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in trigger-point area and carefully lean against wall. Turn your head the opposite direction of the trigger-point being massaged with the opposite arm raised. With comfortable pressure applied, roll the ball side-to-side.

POSITIONS:

- **Upper Chest**— Just below clavicle
- **Middle Chest/Pectorals**—
(Note: NOT suggested for women)
- **Lower Chest**— Just above the bottom of rib cage



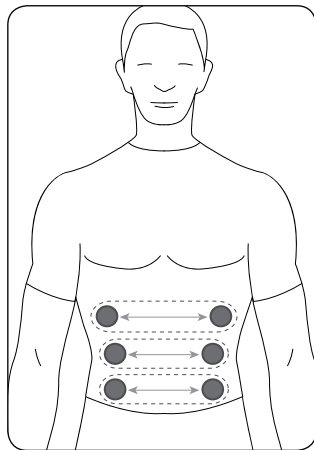
Abdomen

MOVEMENT: Standing with chest 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in trigger-point area and carefully lean against wall. Turn your head the opposite direction of the trigger-point being massaged with the opposite arm raised. With comfortable pressure applied, roll the ball side-to-side.

POSITIONS:

- **Upper Abdomen**— Just below rib cage
- **Middle Abdomen**— Across belly button
- **Lower Abdomen**— Just above the hips

(Note: Massage from one side of your abdomen, all the way to the other side.)



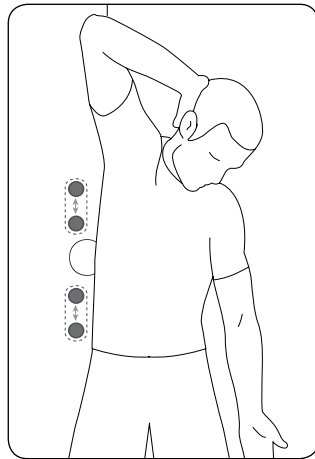
Rib Cage and Obliques

RIB CAGE: Standing with back 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in at the bottom of the rib cage. Carefully lean against the wall. With comfortable pressure applied to the ball, move up and down.

The ball should go from the bottom of your rib cage to your armpit.

OBLIQUES: Standing with back 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in trigger-point area at your hip. Carefully lean against the wall. With comfortable pressure applied to the ball, move up and down.

The ball should go from your hip to just below your rib cage.

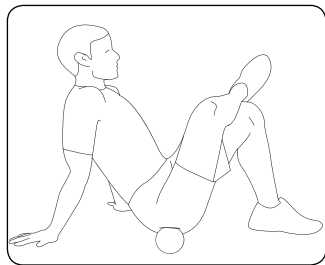
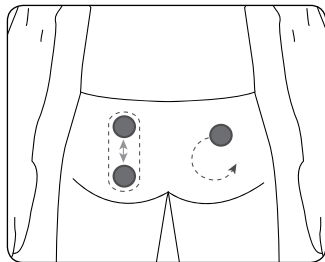


Glutes

MOVEMENT: For both positions, move side-to-side, up-and-down, or circularly (clockwise/counter-clockwise).

POSITIONS:

- **Standing**— With back 5-7 inches away from the wall, place the ball in trigger-point area and carefully lean back against wall
- **Sitting**— Cross ankle over opposite knee and support you upper body with your hands behind you.

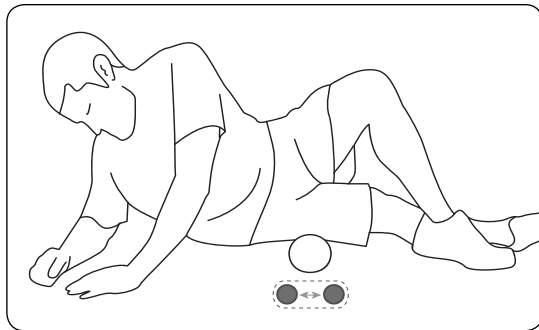


IT (Iliotibial) Band

MOVEMENT: Place the ball slightly below your hip joint. With comfortable pressure applied to the ball, move side-to-side to roll the ball down to just above your knee joint.

*(Do **NOT** roll directly onto hip or knee joint.)*

POSITION: Lying on your side on the floor, bend your knee that is opposite of the trigger-point and place the foot on the opposite side of the straight leg. Slightly turn while supporting your upper body with your hands and forearm.



Hamstring

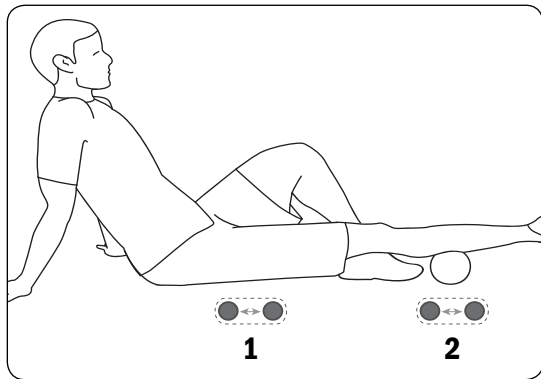
MOVEMENT: Slightly raise your bottom off of the floor and roll the ball back and forth.

POSITION 1: Sitting on the floor with one leg bent, place the ball under the **upper thigh** of the straight leg with toes turned up, then lean back and support your upper body with your hands placed behind you.

Roll from just below the buttock to just above the knee joint.

POSITION 2: Sitting on the floor with one leg bent, place the ball under the **calf muscle** of the straight leg with toes turned up, then lean back and support your upper body with your hands placed behind you.

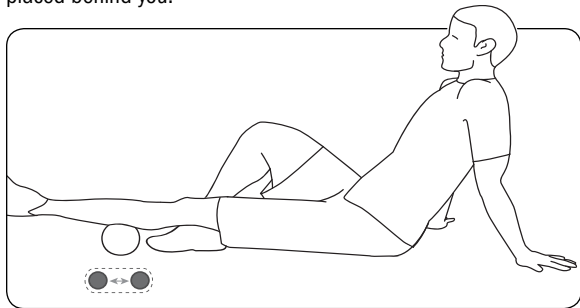
Roll from the top of the calf muscle (just below the back of the knee) to 2-3 inches above the ankle.



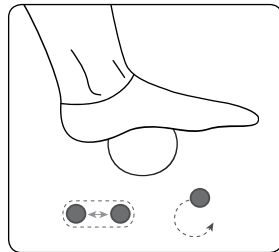
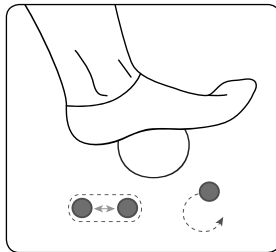
Calves

MOVEMENT: Slightly raise your bottom off of the floor and roll the ball back and forth from the top of the calf muscle (just below the back of the knee) to 2-3 inches above the ankle.

POSITION: Sitting on the floor with one leg bent, place the ball under the calf muscle of the straight leg with toes turned out, then lean back and support your upper body with your hands placed behind you.



Feet



MOVEMENT: For both positions, move side-to-side, up-and-down, or circularly (clockwise/counter-clockwise).

POSITIONS:

- **Toes flexed**—Flex your toes upward
- **Toes Pointed**—Point your toes so they are parallel to the floor

(Note: Do NOT place your full body weight onto the ball.)

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