



3 Week Home Fat-Loss Course Workouts – Week 3

A Recap From Last Week...(Scroll down for this week's workouts.)

I'd like to welcome you to the 3 Week Home Fat Loss Workouts. Before we get going a little back story.

As a fitness professional for over 9 years we've heard every excuse, reason or obstacle that holds people back from getting in great shape. Often one of the biggest obstacles for many of our clients is a lack of time, and I'm sure it's the same with you. It has never been a lack of desire. But with today's exceptionally busy and hectic schedules fitness, health & working out too often take a back seat.

Here is a summary of some recent studies on interval training. Interval training is simply alternating periods of work with periods of rest. These two landmark studies proved that interval training could be far superior to standard training and steady state cardio.

One study actually showed that when it came down to it, interval training proved 9 times more effective at burning fat than any other form of training.

One study in particular sparked attention. A 1996 study by Dr. **Izumi Tabata** showed that 4 minutes of specifically timed intervals substantially improved both aerobic and anaerobic capacity above and beyond what was seen in a group exercising for 60 minutes. This means both increased fat loss and muscle gain over traditional drawn out cardio. The challenge with Tabata training is it can be very grueling, without a high level of intensity the benefits begin to diminish.

That's why in the 3 Week Home Fat Loss course we're going to blend Tabata training with traditional steady state cardio to maximize your results in a home setting.

The Game Plan

I've modeled my workout protocols around the study by Dr. Izumi Tabata. By this I mean the interval timing which I will describe below. But I felt I could improve on the fat loss achieved if I used principles of bodyweight & resistance interval training to maximize the amount of muscle activated in a given time frame and then maximize the afterburn (a brief period after interval training that your body burns massive amounts of calories even at rest) with a short 20 minutes of cooldown steady state cardio.

It's important to note that even though the 3 Week Home Fat Loss workout program and the whole idea of interval training might be revolutionary and very effective; it's still just one tool in the tool box. The true synergism will come when you use this tool with others like our on-site training, traditional cardio and of course individualized nutrition.



How & Why the Exercises were Chosen

There is an endless supply of movements to choose from when designing a training program. Some work great with this style of interval training while others do not. I set out to choose movements that fit certain basic criteria:

1. Easy to do
2. Limited or no equipment
3. Minimal space required
4. Maximum muscle group involvement (compound moves)
5. Low injury risk

That was it. Some moves do not fit all the criteria, but for each exception I had my reasons.

To give you an idea of what I mean a bicep curl, for instance, covers requirements 1,2,3 & 5 but not 4. And the fact that it does not stimulate much muscle mass means that it doesn't work for our purposes. A power clean uses almost every muscle there is, but as it is a relatively difficult movement to teach it violates requirements 1 & 5 and thus is also not a great choice for us.

Equipment You Need

One of the great things about this program is that you do not **need** any equipment. You can achieve truly remarkable results with only your body weight. That said, workouts are included that use dumbbells, some that use a kettlebell and an occasional jump rope all of which can add to the program, but none of which are what I would call essential.

EXCEPTION: You will need a clock or other timing device. There are some very cool boxing timers that can be programmed for intervals and give you a buzzer to time you a good choice for an interval timer at a good price is available at www.gymboss.com. I just went to Wal-Mart and bought a \$3 wall clock. I like having a second hand to use as a timing reference. Some I have coached used a wrist watch but I find having to constantly look at your wrist detracts from the workout.

Setting Up Your 3 Week Home Fat Loss Program Maximize Your Results

20 seconds on, 10 seconds off. That's the basis of the workout protocol. A total of 4 minutes for each exercise, or a only 8-12 minutes for a total workout. Sounds simple right? But let me be clear about this: As with most things in life you get out of it what you put in to it; 20 seconds on means you are ***ON*** 110% effort. Give that 20 seconds all that you have; It doesn't matter what your level is, do as much as you can in that time frame. The more you put in the more you will get *out*.

As important as it is that you perform as much work as you can in the 20 seconds, it is even more important that you pay close attention to form. Proper form decreases your chances of injury, and you will live on to work out another day. Even in this program I value quality over quantity.



A Note For Beginners

I wanted to make this program work for everyone from beginner to advanced trainees who needed to amp up their current program. But if you are an absolute beginner please take it slow and listen to your body. I recommend that you start with a pace that is uncomfortable on a scale of 1-10 for difficulty start with what feels like a 6-7 and over a couple weeks as your strength and endurance grows you can step up the pace closer to a 9. Another option is to flip flop the work to rest intervals. So you would rest for 20 seconds, then exercise for 10 seconds. The most important thing is to stick with it. Even if you cannot complete the whole workout the first few times keep at it and soon you will. And as always before starting any fitness and weight loss program consult your physician.

The Workouts

You will have 3 resistance workouts per week. You should take a day rest in between each resistance workout. On your "off" days it's still recommended that you complete 20-30 minutes of steady state cardio at approximately 60% of your maximum heart rate. (Max HR=220-age) We generally use approximately 120 bpm for anyone under the age of 50, and 110 bpm for anyone over 50 years of age as a baseline.

On training days be sure to complete about 5-7 minutes of warm-up activity. A proper warm-up is critical to preventing injury. Warm-up activities should be fast walking, or any form of cardio that allows your heart rate and body temperature to increase gradually. A good indication that you are warmed up is that you are beginning to sweat without feeling like you are gasping for air.

Good luck and remember we are with you every step of the way!

Week 3:

Workout 7	Exercise	Number of Rounds	Cardio
Week 3 Day 1	A1: Jumping Jacks	8	20 min Steady State
	A2: Push Up	8	
	A3: Lunge	8	

Day 2: Rest day 20-30 min cardio only.

Workout 8	Exercise	Number of Rounds	Cardio
Week 3 Day 3	A1: Wall Sit	8	20 min Steady State
	A2: Rotational Push Up – pushup	8	



	then bring right knee to left elbow then left knee to right elbow then repeat pushup.		
	A3: Alphabet Leg Raise – lay flat on back lift legs so soles of feet face the sky then draw the alphabet with your feet. Place hands in the small of your back to protect your back.	8	

Day 4: Rest day 20-30 min cardio only.

Workout 9	Exercise	Number of Rounds	Cardio
Week 3 Day 5	A1: Jump Squat	8	20 min Steady State
	A2: Spider Man Push Up – bring right knee to the outside of right elbow and pushup then repeat on the left side. Alternate back and forth	8	
	A3: Mountain Climber	8	

Day 6: Rest day 20-30 min cardio only.

Day 7: Total rest day, you've earned it! 😊 Full Disclosure

If you follow the guidance in this 3 Week Home Fat Loss course and really commit yourself to following the nutritional plan it's absolutely guaranteed you will achieve results. Sometimes the scale may not seem to move much but you'll be surprised how inches can change in spite of the scale no moving.

When you begin make sure you take your weight first thing in the morning and then have someone assist you with the following 3 measures.

- 1) Measure the waist at the smallest circumference. Typically this is high just below the rib cage, honestly it doesn't matter if you measure the smallest point you will be generally consistent.
- 2) Measure the waist at the navel. Place the tape measure directly on top of the navel, this will be your most consistent measure.
- 3) Measure the hips at the largest circumference.



Many people always start with the best of intentions...then life happens...

In truth it's not the magic of the program that creates the results but rather the consistency of habit, so much of what we do is the accountability and support of having a coach in your corner. I'd love to hear how you're doing you can email me anytime at scott@skinsport.com If at any time you're finding it difficult to stay on track please contact us at 623-229-8975 and we'd be happy to schedule you a no-charge consultation to help with tips, tricks, exercise technique and more.