### **UPPER BODY STRENGTH**



Before you start, make sure you have:

• Stopwatch

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### **PROCEDURE AND SCORING**

#### **EXERCISE:**

- 1. Participant stands flat-footed with their legs shoulder-width apart.
- 2. Participant raises their arms laterally to a 90-degree angle (shoulder height) and holds that position. Their body should form a T-position.
- 3. Participant holds their arms at 90 degrees for as long as possible without dropping them below shoulder height.

#### NOTES:

- 1. Participant will receive one warning if they bring their arms above or below 90 degrees. If a participant is warned for a second time, the time will be stopped, and the score will be recorded.
- 2. Participant should not walk or move around when completing this exercise.
- 3. Focus on keeping participant's neck long and natural. Elevating the shoulders can cause neck tension if done improperly.
- 4. Dumbbells can be used to increase the difficulty of the exercise, but the test is designed to complete on body weight alone.

**SCORING:** The total amount of time to failure is counted as the final score. If the participant holds the exercise for more than 55 seconds, they have achieved the maximum score.

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## MATERIALS

Before you start, make sure you have:

- Stopwatch
- Sturdy chair with armrests





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### **PROCEDURE AND SCORING**

#### EXERCISE:

- 1. Participant starts in a high plank position with arms shoulder width apart and palms flat on the floor.
- 2. The head, back, hips, knees and toes should be in a straight line.
- 3. Participant bends their elbows and lower their chest toward the ground. Participants must bend their elbows at least 90 degrees before returning to the starting position. A towel or a block under the chest can help participants to know they've gone far enough down. They should use their arms and core to push back up to the starting position.

**SCORING:** The total amount of push-ups in 60 seconds is counted as the score. Participants must maintain form in order for the push-up to count.

#### MODIFICATIONS

Participants with mobility issues can use the NCHPAD adaptions for push-ups found h<u>ere</u>.

#### CHAIR PUSH-UP EXERCISE:

- 1. Participant will begin in their wheelchair or chair with armrest and palms on the arm rest.
- 2. Participant will fully extend the arms; while pressing against the arm rest lifting their body.
- 3. Once arms are fully extended, the participant returns to seated position.
- 4. A complete push-up is done once the participant returns to the seated position.

**CHAIR PUSH-UP SCORING:** Count the number of push-ups completed by the participant in 60 seconds.