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# ***THE STABLE START:***

## *A STRENGTH-BASED GUIDE FOR RUNNERS & TRIATHLETES STARTING A NEW TRAINING CYCLE*

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### ***Promise:***

After this guide, you'll understand how to use stability work to stay injury-free, move more efficiently, and build a stronger foundation for your upcoming training plan.

### ***3 BIG IDEAS + ACTION STEPS***

#### **Stability Is the Foundation of Every Strong Season**

When training volume increases, your body relies on stability — not just strength — to control force, absorb impact, and maintain form.

Without stability, your body compensates.

Compensation leads to inefficiency, fatigue, and early-season injuries.

#### ***Action Step:***

At the start of your training plan, prioritize low-load, high-control movements that teach your body how to stabilize before intensity ramps up.

#### **Full-Body Stability = Better Form + Fewer Injuries**

Stability isn't just "core work."

It's how your feet, hips, trunk, and shoulders coordinate under movement and fatigue.

For runners and triathletes, this means:

- Better running economy
- Stronger push-off and stride control
- Less stress on knees, hips, and low back

#### ***Action Step:***

Train stability as a full-body system, not isolated muscles — especially during the first 4–6 weeks of a program.

## Stability First = Stronger Mileage Later

Athletes who skip stability often feel “fit” early — then break down mid-season.

Athletes who build stability first tolerate higher mileage, harder workouts, and faster paces with less wear and tear.

### **Action Step:**

Use stability work as your insurance policy for the rest of your season

### ★ **QUICK WIN: 3-MOVE FULL-BODY STABILITY CIRCUIT**

Perform this circuit 2–3x per week during the first phase of your training plan.

1. Single-Leg Balance + Reach (30–45 sec each side)

Build ankle, hip, and core stability while training control through range.

2. Dead Bug with Controlled Breathing (6–8 reps each side)

Reinforces trunk stability and coordination — key for efficient running mechanics.

3. Side Plank with Hip Abduction (20–30 sec each side)

Targets lateral hip stability to reduce knee collapse and improve stride control.

➡ Move slow. Control the motion. Quality matters more than reps.

### **NEXT STEP**

Want a stability plan tailored to your body, sport, and training goals?

Book a free **Performance Chat** to identify where you need stability most — and how to integrate it into your training without overdoing it.

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