FITNESS ASSESSMENTS

| Element of fitness | Assessment | SAR Rationale | Test1 | Test2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mobility/Flexibility | Inchworm test: Distance in inches, from toes to wrists. | -Efficiency of movement -Injury prevention |  |  |
| Stability/Balance | 1-leg reach and hover forward/back. Measured in inches from toes to toes. | -Dynamic balance <br> -Up/downhill performance | Forward L R Back L R | Forward L R <br> Back <br> L <br> R |
| Aerobic Fitness = VO2 max | Option 1: Treadmill incline walk (*1) <br> Option 2: 12-minute run flat/track (*2) <br> See instructions below. | -Health and longevity <br> -Energy and endurance <br> -Cardio performance <br> -Cognitive performance <br> -Stress tolerance |  |  |
| Lower body muscular endurance | Squat to box/chair (knees at $90^{\circ}$ ) Number of repetitions in 60 sec | -Hiking endurance <br> -Climbing endurance <br> -Squatting tasks |  |  |
| Upper body strength | Push-up (regular or modified) Max number of reps (elbow<90 ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | -Load carry performance (backback, litter) <br> -Upper body tasks |  |  |
| Upper body strength Grip strength | Deadhang. Max time of hanging from a bar/branch etc. in seconds | -Load carry performance (litter carry) -Overhead tasks |  |  |

*1
VO2 max test - Treadmill walk

Walk on the treadmill increasing the incline/speed each minute until unable to continue. Record the final time, the speed and the grade. Calculate your VO2 max with the equation.

Walking max exertion: $\mathrm{VO}_{2}$ peak $\left(\mathrm{mL} \times \mathrm{kg}^{-1}\right)=0.1 \mathrm{~S}+1.8 \mathrm{SG}+3.5$ (see the example below for the calculation)

Running equation: $\mathrm{VO}_{2}$ peak $=0.2 \mathrm{~S}+0.9 \mathrm{SG}+3.5$
$S=$ speed in meters per min
G= percent grade in decimal form

| Time (min) | SPEED (mph) | GRADE | TIME (min) | Test1 | Test2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1.0 | 0\% | 1 |  |  |
| 1 | 1.5 | 0\% | 1 |  |  |
| 2 | 2.0 | 0\% | 1 |  |  |
| 3 | 2.5 | 0\% | 1 |  |  |
| 4 | 2.5 | 2\% | 1 |  |  |
| 5 | 3.0 | 2\% | 1 |  |  |
| 6 | 3.3 | 3\% | 1 |  |  |
| 7 | 3.4 | 4\% | 1 |  |  |
| 8 | 3.5 | 5\% | 1 |  |  |
| 9 | 3.6 | 6\% | 1 |  |  |
| 10 | 3.7 | 7\% | 1 |  |  |
| 11 | 3.8 | 8\% | 1 |  |  |
| 12 | 3.9 | 9\% | 1 |  |  |
| 13 | 4.0 | 10\% | 1 |  |  |
| 14 | 4.1 | 11\% | 1 |  |  |
| 15 | 4.2 | 12\% | 1 |  |  |
| 16 | 4.3 | 13\% | 1 |  |  |
| 17 | 4.4 | 14\% | 1 |  |  |
| 18 | 4.5 | 15\% | 1 |  |  |
| 19 | 4.6 | 16\% | 1 |  |  |
| 20 | 4.7 | 17\% | 1 |  |  |
| Cool down |  | 0\% |  |  |  |

## Example (Tommi's numbers):

## Conversions:

Speed= meters/min
Grade= decimal form
$\mathrm{S}=4.4 \mathrm{mph}=118.019$ meter $/ \mathrm{min}$
$\mathrm{G}=14 \%=0.14$ (decimal form)

## Walking max exertion:

$V_{2}$ peak $\left(\mathrm{mL} \times \mathrm{kg}^{-1}\right)=0.1 \mathrm{~S}+1.8 \mathrm{SG}+3.5$
$\mathrm{VO}_{2}$ peak $(\mathrm{mL} \mathrm{x} \mathrm{kg}-1)=0.1(118.019)+1.8(.14)(118.019)$
$\mathrm{VO}_{2}$ peak $\left(\mathrm{mL} \mathrm{x} \mathrm{kg}{ }^{-1}\right)=\underline{45.04}$

## *2 <br> 12-minute run (Cooper's test)

## Instructions link

https://www.verywellfit.com/fitness-test-for-endurance-12-minute-run-3120264\#:~:text=Calculate \%20Your\%2012\%2DMinute\%20Run,x\%20miles)\%20\%2D\%2011.291\%EF\%BB\%BF

Online calculator link
https://exrx.net/Calculators/MinuteRun

