Education Resources



Sumo Training Moves

1. Shiko 四股			
1. Squat with your legs apart,		2. Slowly raise your leg in the	4
knees bent, and your hands	7 6	air, keeping your knee bent,	1 75
resting on your thighs or your	\mathcal{I}	and remaining in the same	
knees.	and the	squat position as before.	
		Hold your leg in this position	
		for a short moment.	
3. Lower your leg and return		4. Now, do the same again,	&
to the same starting squat	70,6	this time raising your	7
position.		opposite leg.	
5. Lower your leg and return			
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to the starting position. Repeat.



2. Suri-ashi すり足 (sliding feet)

1. Squat with your legs apart, knees bent, feet positioned slightly outwards. Hold your arms out in front of you with your elbows tucked in, like you are ready to grapple your opponent.



2. Slide one foot forward, keeping your knees bent in the same squat position.

Make sure your foot is still angled slightly outwards.

Ensure that your feet always remain connected with the ground.



3. Then, in the same way as in step 2, sliding the opposite foot forwards this time.



4. Repeat.

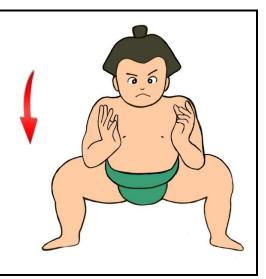


3. Koshi-wari 腰割り(sumo squat)

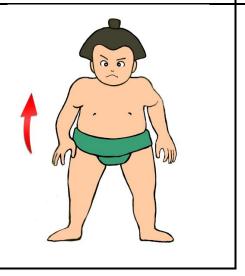
1. Stand with your legs slightly further than hip distance apart. Your feet should be angled slightly outwards.



2. Slowly bend your knees and squat down. Lift your arms towards your chest whilst doing so, keeping your elbows tucked in. Remain in this position for a moment.

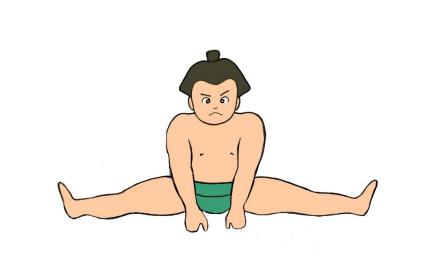


3. Slowly raise back to standing position. Lower your arms down to your sides again. Repeat.



4. Matawari 股割り (leg split and stretch)

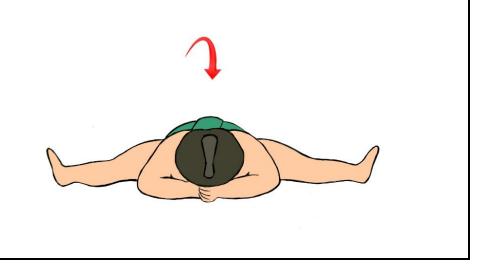
1. Sit on the ground with your legs extended as far as you feel comfortable.



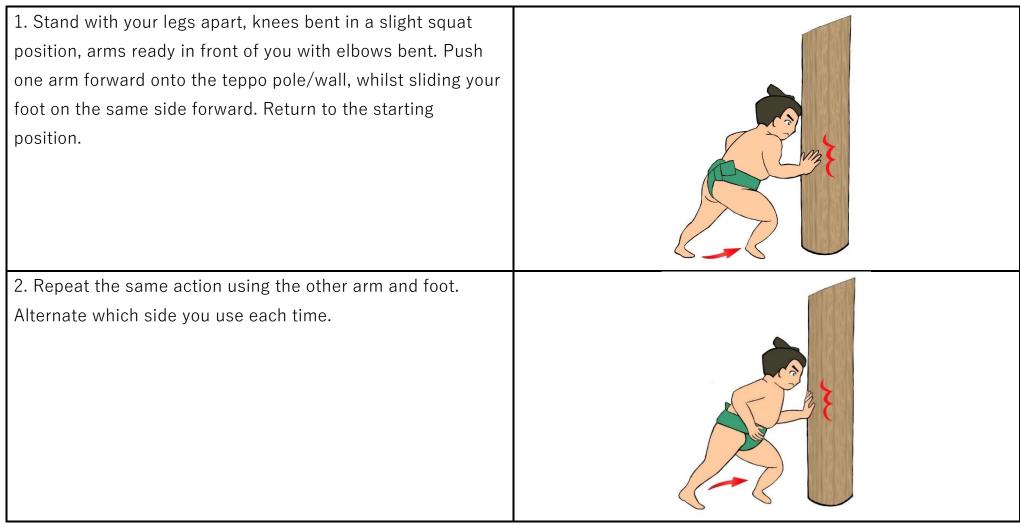
2. Walk your hands forward away from your body, as you try to stretch as far forward as you can. Keep your arms stretched out ahead of you to help you stretch further forward.

Did you know?

Sumo wrestlers are extremely flexible. Many can open their legs 180 degrees and lean forward until their chest touches the ground.



5. Teppo 鉄砲



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