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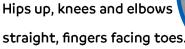


# **SHAPES**

#### **FRONT SUPPORT**

Hips flat, shoulders on top of hands, round back, head forward.

### **BACK SUPPORT**





**SHOULDER STAND** 

Hips flat, toes to roof, tight legs.



#### **ARCH**

Legs and arms lifting high off floor, tight legs, hiding ears.

foundations for all skills in gymnastics



#### DISH

Legs and shoulders off floor, round lower back, tight legs.



#### HANDSTAND ON TUMMY

Armpits on ground, belly button pulled in, bottom squeezed, legs tight, hiding ears.



Hips flat, shoulders on front of hands, round back, head forward.



#### **LONG SUPPORT**

Ears hidden, shoulders behind hands, round back, bottom and legs squeezed.



## **LEVERS**

A strong lever will have straight arms, flat hands and round shoulders.





**TUCK** 







**PIKE** 



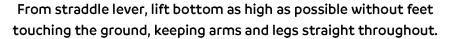
**STRADDLE** 



How long can you balance for?

Try this!













### **FLEXIBILITY**

Flexibility is an important part of the Mini D program. The more these shapes are practiced, the more flexible gymnasts will become.



Square hips, straight line from front foot to back foot, one hand on either side of leg.

Can you get your splits flat?



Square hips, straight line from front foot to back foot, one hand on either side of leg.





No mouse holes under knees, reaching forward, knees facing upward.



**LUNGE-LEFT/RIGHT** 

Big step forwards, push hips forwards, legs in a straight line, front knee not to go past front foot.



No mouse holes under knees, reaching forward, knees facing upward.



#### **BRIDGE**

Arms hiding ears, aiming for straight arms, pushing shoulders away from feet.







### **BASIC STRENGTH**



#### **PUSH UPS**

From front support shape, bend elbows sideways and lower chest to floor, then push back up.
Keep strong shape throughout.



#### SIT UPS

From tuck sit position with arms crossed over chest, lower shoulders to floor without head touching, then bring chest to knees.



#### **LONG JUMPS**

Feet together, swing arms and explode through legs to jump as far as possible.



#### **CALF RAISES**

From standing position with feet together, lift heels up as high as possible and then back down slowly, staying on straight legs. Hold onto something for balance.



#### **WALL HANDSTAND**

Tummy facing wall, hiding ears in a strong rocket shape and holding tight position.

### Key Qualities of a Mini D Gymnasts:

**CONSISTENCY** - Regular practice to make improvements.

HARD WORKING- Learning how to apply and challenge yourself.

**DETERMINED** - Not giving up until a skill or goal is achieved.

PRACTICE- Understanding practicing repetition of activities leads to achievement.

**POSITIVITY** - Learning to celebrate achievements and keep on when things are hard.

**LISTENING/FOCUS** - Developing listening and comprehension skills to follow direction and feedback.

**INSPIRATION** - Drawing motivation from role models and developing individual drive.