

### 1 Week PPL A/B Format

|                      | Exercise  | Muscles   | Equipment Options  | Set 1    | Set 2    | Set 3    | Set 4    |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Day 1:<br>Push Day A | Chest Press   | Pecs, Anterior Delts,<br>Triceps                  | Dumbbells, Chest Press<br>Machine, Smith Machine Flat  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | High Incline Chest Press  | Anterior Delts, Pecs,<br>Triceps                  | Dumbbells, Chest Press<br>Machine, Smith Machine w/<br>Incline Bench                                     | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Close Grip Chest Press  | Pecs, Triceps,<br>Anterior Delts                  | Smith Machine, Flat Bench  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Cable Crossover or<br>Decline Cable Press,<br>Bilateral or Single Side,<br>kneeling | Pecs  | Cable Machine  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Front Raises  | Anterior Delts                                    | Dumbbells, or Cable Machine, single-side   | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Cable Triceps Extensions,<br>Attachment of Choice                                   | Triceps   | EZ Curl, V-bar, Rope, or<br>Stirrup Handles  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
| Day 2:<br>Pull Day A | Dumbbell Hammer Curls or Palms-up Curls   | Biceps, Brachialis,<br>Brachioradialis            | Dumbbells, Cable Machine with Rope or Handle   | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Lat Pulldowns   | Lats, Teres Major,<br>Mid/Lower Traps             | Cable Machine, or Lat<br>Pulldown Machine  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Seated Low Row  | Mid/Lower Traps,<br>Lats, Rear Delts,<br>Erectors | Dumbbells, Seated Cable<br>Row Machine, or<br>Chest-Supported Seated Low<br>Row Machine                  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Shrugs  | Upper Traps                                       | Dumbbells, or Smith Machine  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 |  |  |  |
|                      | Chest Supported Incline DB Rows   | Rear Delts, Teres<br>Major, Lats                  | Dumbbells and Incline Bench  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
| Day3:<br>Leg Day A   | Heel Elevated Squats  | Quads   | Dumbbells ** or Smith<br>Machine   | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Bulgarian Split Squats<br>(Rear foot elevated)                                      | Quads, Glutes                                     | Dumbbells, bench   | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | RDLs or Single-Leg<br>B-Stance RDLs   | Quads, Glutes,<br>Adductors                       | Dumbbells or Trap (Hex) Bar  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Hip Extensions, or 45°<br>Hyperextensions*  | Glutes, Hamstrings                                | Cable Machine (with ankle cuff), or Kick-Back Machine. 45° Hyperextension bench                          | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Seated Leg Curls  | Hamstrings  | Seated Leg Curl Machine  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 15 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Calf Raises   | Calves  | Dumbbells from a Step, Leg<br>Press, or Calf Press Machine   | 15 to 20 | 15 to 20 | 15 to 20 | 15 to 20 |  |  |  |
| Day 4                | REST  |   |  |          |          |          |          |  |  |  |
| Day 5:<br>Push Day B | DB Pullovers  | Pecs (sterno-costal division)                     | Single Dumbbell  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Low-High Cable Flyes,<br>Single or Two-arm  | Pecs<br>(sterno-clavicular<br>division)           | Dumbbells, High Incline Press<br>Machine, Smith Machine<br>(Adjustable Bench Setting 5 or<br>6)          | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | High-Low Cable Flyes,<br>Single-Side  | Pecs  | Cable Machine  | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |
|                      | Lateral Raises  | Middle Delts                                      | Cable Machine, Dumbbell, or<br>Shoulder Fly Machine. Can<br>perform supported with high<br>incline bench | 15 to 20 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |  |  |  |

|                      | Cable Triceps Extensions  | Triceps                                | EZ Curl, V-bar, Rope, or<br>Stirrup Handles   | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
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| Day 6:<br>Pull Day B | Biceps Curls  | Biceps, Brachialis,<br>Brachioradialis | Bicep Curl Machine, Cable<br>Machine (single-side), or<br>Fixed Weight Barbell (straight<br>or EZ Curl) | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Machine Pull-downs, or<br>Pull-ups with BW or<br>Machine-assisted | Lats, Teres Major,<br>Mid/Lower Traps  | Cable or Selectable Pull-down<br>machine. For Pull-ups,<br>Bodyweight, or Assisted<br>Pull-Up Machine   | 10 to 12           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Motorcycle Rows   | Mid/Lower Traps,<br>Lats, Teres Major  | Cable Machine, EZ Curl or<br>Straight Bar Attachment  | 10 to 12           | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 |
|                      | Barbell Plate Raises, Or Dumbbell "I" Raises                      | Mid/Lower Traps,<br>Delts              | Barbell Plate, or Dumbbells   | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 | 10 to 12 |
|                      | Reverse Flyes   | Rear Delts, Teres<br>Major, Lats       | Reverse Fly Machine, Cable<br>Machine, or Dumbbells lying<br>prone on incline bench                     | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
| Day 7:<br>Leg Day B  | Leg Extensions  | Quads                                  | Leg Extension Machine   | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Hip Abductions  | Middle Glutes                          | Cable Machine w/ Ankle Cuff,<br>or Hip Abduction (Bad Girl)<br>Machine                                  | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Hip Adductions  | Adductors                              | Cable Machine w/ Ankle Cuff,<br>or Hip Abduction (Good Girl)<br>Machine                                 | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Hip Extensions, or 45°<br>Hyperextensions*                        | Glutes, Hamstrings                     | Cable Machine (with ankle cuff), or Kick-Back Machine. 45° Hyperextension bench                         | 15 to 20           | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Seated Leg Curls  | Hamstrings                             | Seated Leg Curl Machine   | 15 to 20           | 10 to 15 | 10 to 12 | 8 to 10  |
|                      | Calf Raises   | Calves (Soleus,<br>Gastrocnemius)      | Dumbbells from a Step, Leg<br>Press Machine, or Calf Press<br>Machine                                   | 15 to 20           | 15 to 20 | 15 to 20 | 15 to 20 |
|                      | Tibialis Anterior Raises  | Hamstrings,<br>Erectors, Adductors     | Bodyweight  | 20                 | 20       | 20       |          |
|                      | LISS**  |  | Treadmill or Exercise Bike  | 45 minutes<br>LISS |          |          |          |

#### **Application Notes:**

- Warm up with a few light sets of the exercise you'll be doing before performing your working sets.
- Recover between each set so you can do the next with the same or greater intensity. One to two minutes for warm-up sets, and three minutes for "working" sets is a good general guideline. Go by feel. Don't watch the clock.
- Three minutes of rest time for upper body. One to two minutes for Legs and Arms.
- Progressive overload always applies. Increase resistance or reps once the load or top end of rep range gets
  easier.
- Do not use momentum: no launching, kipping, hitching, swinging, etc. Make the target muscles do all the work.
- The only reps that count are perfect reps. Always use proper form.
- Select the equipment that allows you to get maximal load on the muscle. This does \*not\* mean "hardest". Pick the equipment that allows you to apply the most intense effort using good stable form.

#### NOTES:

- \*The term "hyperextension" is a misnomer for this exercise. The back and knees are not intended to hyperextend. Round the shoulders and back throughout the motion.
- \*\*Single DB Goblet style, or 2 DBs hands by sides.
- \*\*\*Low Intensity Steady State (LISS) cardio. 10,000 steps is a good rule of thumb for walking distance.

**Disclaimer**: The information contained in this guide is provided for general informational and educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional advice or treatment. While the exercises in this ectomorph workout plan are crafted with the ectomorphic body type in mind, they may not be suitable for all individuals. Every body is unique, and results can vary. If you have any health concerns, medical conditions, or if you are unfamiliar with the exercises, please consult with a healthcare or fitness professional before beginning this or any new exercise program. Always prioritize your safety by listening to your body and performing exercises at a pace and intensity that is comfortable for you. Should you experience pain, discomfort, or any adverse reactions while exercising, stop immediately and seek medical attention if necessary. Safety and adherence to your own body's limits should always be your paramount concern when exercising.