

Home Gym Specs Addresses Layout Changes Needed as Mobility Training Gains Industry Attention

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Home Gym Specs, an independent educational planning resource for residential strength spaces, has outlined a planning perspective for homeowners following the release of the American College of Sports Medicine 2027 Worldwide Fitness Trends report. The report, published October 20, 2026, in ACSM's Health & Fitness Journal, points to growing industry interest in movement quality, mobility, balance, core strength and training for older adults, raising a practical question for anyone building a home gym: whether a space designed around stationary equipment can also support these forms of exercise.

The ACSM report draws on responses from more than 1,400 fitness professionals who assessed 50 potential trends. It measures professional sentiment worldwide rather than homeowner behavior or home-gym safety. Still, the direction of those trends carries implications for how residential training spaces are organized, particularly as mobility and balance work involve lateral movement, reaching, kneeling, floor transitions and changes in direction that equipment dimensions alone do not account for.

Many home gym layouts prioritize racks, benches and cardio machines, leaving limited usable open floor for other training activities. Home Gym Specs notes that a functional space also needs movement clearance and a practical way to transition between activities. A clear multi-purpose area can accommodate mobility exercises, warm-ups, bodyweight work and stretching at different times, with storage positioned along suitable walls to keep that area usable.

The company's published guidance addresses how room shape changes these decisions. Square, narrow and shared-use rooms each carry different equipment-placement constraints, and Home Gym Specs advises testing movement clearance and accessibility before committing to large or fixed equipment. These considerations are detailed in the Home Gym Specs Home Gym Layout Guide, which introduces a framework for measuring a room, assigning zones and planning clear walking paths.

"Start with the room, not the rack," said Oded Feigin, Founder and Lead Author of Home Gym Specs. "When mobility and balance work enter the picture, open floor stops being empty space and becomes a training zone in its own right. Planning the order of strength, mobility, cardio and cool-down activities, then separating equipment zones from walking paths, is what allows several training styles to coexist in one room."

Feigin's background in mechanical engineering and residential renovation planning informs the company's approach of treating a room as a system before any equipment is installed. The Home Gym Specs Workout Room Layout Guide applies this by organizing a space around training sequence, while the Home Gym Specs Small Home Gym Layout Guide focuses on optimizing layouts according to room shape for homeowners working with limited square footage.

"The goal is not to abandon strength machines," Feigin added. "It is to show that multiple training modalities can share a residential space when the layout is planned deliberately rather than assembled piece by piece."

Home Gym Specs provides engineering and planning guides for home gyms, helping homeowners design strength spaces as engineered systems. The company offers expert-led guidance on structural readiness, clearance and spatial planning, decision-friendly equipment reviews, and organized topic hubs covering strength zone design, compact equipment and garage gym setups. Home Gym Specs is a reader-supported, independent resource and does not provide certified designs or medical exercise prescriptions.

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