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8 WEEK TRAINING GUIDE



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5.4K BEGINNER

If you find running for 20-minutes straight challenging, struggle to improve your pace or you have never done speed work before – this program is perfect for you.

GOAL = TO RUN 5.4K!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	25min walk	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 4min run + 2min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	4 x 6min run + 2min walk
2	Rest	25min walk	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 4min run + 2min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	4 x 6min run + 2min walk
3	Rest	15min walk + 10min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 4min run + 1min walk Cool down: 5min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	3 x 8min run + 2min walk
4	Rest	15min walk + 10min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 4min run + 1min walk Cool down: 5min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	Warm up: 1K walk 3K run Cool down: 1K walk
5	Rest	10min walk + 15min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 6 x 4min run + 1min walk Cool down: 1min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	Warm up: 1K walk 4K run Cool down: 1K walk
6	Rest	10min walk + 15min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 6 x 4min run + 1min walk Cool down: 1min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	Warm up: 1K walk 5K run Cool down: 1K walk
7	Rest	5min walk + 20min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 5min run + 1min walk	Rest	Cross training/Gym	Warm up: 1K walk 5K run Cool down: 1K walk
8	Rest	15min run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 5 x 2min run + 1min walk	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 10min run	RACE DAY

LONG RUN:

This is a long, slow distance run to build endurance. These should be done at an easy conversational pace. It's okay to walk if you need to, just focus on covering the distance for the day.

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10K BEGINNER

If you have run on and off for six months, this program will help guide you from running/walking to tackling a 10K run in 8 weeks.

GOAL = TO RUN 10K!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 6 min run 6 x 3min moderate run + 1min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	7-8K
2	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 5min run 5 x 4min moderate run +1min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	8-9K
3	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 8 x 2min mod/hard run + 1min easy run Cool down: 6min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	8-9K
4	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 8 x 2min mod/hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 9-6 min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	7-8K
5	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 1K mod/hard run + 2min rest Cool down: 5 min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	9-11K
6	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 1K mod/hard run + 2min rest Cool down: 5 min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	9-11K
7	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 800m mod/hard run + 2min rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	8K
8	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min 5 x 2min moderate run + 1min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 15min run	RACE DAY

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21.1K BEGINNER

You might be an experienced 10K or 5K runner, but now you want to step it up. This is the perfect guide to take you from running/walking a 21.1K to running to the finish line in 8 weeks.

GOAL = TO RUN A HALF MARATHON!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 4min moderate run + 1min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	12-14K
2	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 5 x 4min moderate run + 1min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	14-16K
3	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 8 x 2min mod/hard run + 1min easy run Cool down: 6min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	10K
4	Rest	35min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 1K mod/hard run + 2min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	16-18K
5	Rest	35min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 1.2K mod/hard run + 2min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	18-20K
6	Rest	40min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 4 x 1.6K mod/hard run + 2min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	20-21K
7	Rest	35min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 800m moderate/hard run + 2min rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	12K
8	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 2min moderate run + 1min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 15min run Cool down: 5min easy run	RACE DAY

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5.4K INTERMEDIATE

If you can run 20 minutes but want to run even faster to help you get that PB – this is the perfect guide for you.

GOAL = TO RUN 5.4K, FAST!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	20min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 6 × 2min mod/hard to hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 6min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	6K
2	Rest	25min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 5 × 3min mod/hard to hard run + 1min easy run Cool down: 10min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	6K
3	Rest	25min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 5 × 3min mod/hard to hard run + 1min easy run Cool down: 10min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	7K
4	Rest	25min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 5 × 800m mod/hard to hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	7K Include 3K @ your target race pace or a moderately hard pace
5	Rest	30min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 5 × 800m mod/hard to hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	7K Include 3K @ your target race pace or a moderately hard pace
6	Rest	30min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 4 × 1K mod/hard to hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	8K Include 5K @ your target race pace or a moderately hard pace
7	Rest	30min easy run	Cross training/ Gym	Warm up: 10min easy run 4 × 1K mod/hard to hard run + 2min easy run Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 20min run	6K Include 3K @ your target race pace or a moderately hard pace
8	Rest	20min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min easy run 5 × 2min mod/hard run Cool down: 2min easy run	Rest	20min run Include 3K at target race pace	RACE DAY

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10K INTERMEDIATE

If you've run 10K fun runs before but want to improve your time, this guide is perfect for building up your speed and smashing your target on race day.

GOAL = TO RUN 10K!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	40min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15 min run 5 x 1K @ target race pace + 90sec rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	8K
2	Rest	40min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 5 x 1K @ target race pace + 90 sec rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 30min run	10K
3	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 4 x 1500m @ 30 sec per K faster than target race pace + 90sec rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym or easy 30min run	10K
4	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 4 x 1500m 30 sec per K faster than target race pace + 90sec rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	30min run - mod/hard pace	10K
5	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 6-8 x 2min efforts up a hill + jog down for a full recovery before starting the next repeat Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	10-12K
6	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 6-8 x 2min efforts up a hill + jog down for a full recovery before starting the next repeat Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	10-12K
7	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 6 x 800m faster than target race pace + 90 sec rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	8-10K
8	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 2min moderate run + 1min easy Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	30min - include 3 x 2min builds	RACE DAY

BUILDS:

Begin your run at an easy pace, during the middle of the run increase your pace, and then increase it a second time to finish.

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21.1K INTERMEDIATE

Take on this guide if you've run a few Half Marathons before and are ready to chase the time you've always wanted. Use this plan to score yourself your dream 21.1K goal.

GOAL = TO RUN A HALF MARATHON & PB!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY LONG RUN
1	Rest	40min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 1min fast + 1min easy + 2min fast + 1 min easy + 3min fast + 2min easy + 3min fast + 2min easy + 2min fast + 1min easy + 1min fast +1min easy Cool down: 10min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym/ easy 30-40min run	16-18K
2	Rest	40min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 15min run 1min fast + 1min easy + 2min fast + 1 min easy + 3min fast + 2min easy + 3min fast + 2min easy + 2min fast + 1min easy + 1min fast + 1min easy Cool down: 10min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym/ easy 30-40min run	16-18K
3	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 8 x 2min mod/hard run + 1min easy run Cool down: 6min easy run	Rest	Easy 30min run	10K (RACE PACE)
4	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 2 x 90sec fast/90 sec easy + 4 x 60sec fast/60sec easy + 4x30sec fast/30sec easy, 4x15sec fast/15sec easy Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	40min run including a 20min tempo	18-20K
5	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 4 x 1.6K mod/hard run + 2min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym/ easy 30-40min run	20-22K
6	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 4 x 1.6K mod/hard run + 2min walk Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym/ easy 30-40min run	20-22K
7	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 800m mod/hard run + 2min rest Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Cross training/Gym	12-15K
8	Rest	30min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 10min run 5 x 2min moderate run + 1min easy Cool down: 5min easy run	Rest	Warm up: 5min walk 15min run	RACE DAY

TEMPO:

A run that's faster than moderate pace but not exactly hard.

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