## INTERMEDIATE

# 10-WEEK PROGRAM OLYMPIC DISTANCE TRIATHLON 

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# WEEK 1 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 40 minutes, easy effort: $6 \times 30$ seconds at threshold

Wednesday: Run 2.5 miles: 1-mile warm-up, $4 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ (tempo),
.5 -mile cool down / swim 1800 yards: warm up \#1 / $4 \times 100$ aerobic $/ 6 \times 50$ tempo / $4 \times 100$ aerobic / 200 cool down
Thursday: Bike 45 minutes: steady state ride, aerobic zone Strength Session

Friday: Run 2.5 miles: steady state run, aerobic zone Swim 1900 yards: warm up \#2 / $2 \times 400$ easy effort / 200 paddles / 200 cool down

Saturday: Bike 70 minutes, aerobic zone; incorporate $6 \times 1$ minute at threshold

Sunday: Run 4 miles: steady state, aerobic zone Strength Session

# WEEK 2 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 45 minutes: $6 \times 50$ seconds at threshold

Wednesday: Run 2.5 miles: 1-mile warm-up, $4 \times 400$ slightly above threshold, .5 mile cool down run: Swim 1900 yards: warm up \#2 / $3 \times 50$ drill / $10 \times 25$ max effort / $8 \times 50$ threshold / $4 \times 100$ tempo / 200 cool down

Thursday: Bike 45 minutes: steady state, aerobic zone Strength Session

Friday: Run 3 miles: aerobic zone
Swim 1900 yards: warm up \#4 / $4 \times 50$ drill / $3 \times 300$ aerobic / 200 cool down

Saturday: Bike 65 minutes: $5 \times 2$ minutes at threshold +10 minute run

Sunday: Run 4 miles: steady state, aerobic zone, last mile at tempo Strength Session

# WEEK 3 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 45 minutes, aerobic zone: $6 \times 1$ minute at threshold

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: 1 mile warm up, $4 \times 800 \mathrm{~m}$ at threshold Swim 1900 yards: warm up \#5 / upper drill $6 \times 50$ / lower drill $6 \times 50 / 2 \times 300 / 200$ cool down

Thursday: Bike 60 minutes, aerobic zone, 5 minutes at tempo Strength Session

Friday: Run 3 miles: aerobic zone
Swim 1900 yards: warm up \#1 / $3 \times 50$ drill / $3 \times 50$ drill / $6 \times 50$ fast- 50 slow /
$3 \times 100$ tempo / 200 cool down
Saturday: Bike 75 minutes: $7 \times 2$ minutes at threshold +10 minute run

Sunday: Run 5 miles: $5 \times 1$ minute at threshold Strength Session

# WEEK 4 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 50 minutes: $5 \times 1$ min max effort

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: hill repeats
Swim 2100 yards: warm up \#2 / $4 \times 50$ drill / $4 \times 50$ max effort / $4 \times 200$ aerobic / 200 cool down

Thursday: Bike 60 minutes: steady state, aerobic zone Strength Session

Friday: Run 3 miles: steady state, aerobic zone Swim 2200 yards: $4 \times 50$ drill / $4 \times 300$ aerobic / $1 \times 100$ pull / 200 cool down

Saturday: Bike 75 minutes aerobic zone, $3 \times 6$ minutes at tempo +10 minute run

Sunday: Run 6 miles: miles 2,4,6 at tempo Strength Session

## ENDURELITE: FUELING FAST

## WEEK 5

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 45 minutes: steady state, aerobic zone

Wednesday: Run 2 miles: tempo run
Swim 1600 yards: warm up \#4 / $4 \times 100$ free - 100 pull
Thursday: Bike 45 minutes, aerobic zone, $5 \times 1$ minute at tempo Strength Session

Friday: Run 2.5 miles: steady, aerobic zone Swim 1600 yards: warm up \#5 / $4 \times 200$ aerobic

Saturday: Bike 65 minutes: steady state, aerobic

Sunday: Run 5 miles: easy effort Strength Session

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## WEEK 6

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 60 minutes: $5 \times 3$ minutes at threshold Strength Session

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: $3 \times 1$ mile repeats slightly above threshold, 2-3 minute rest in between; swim 2200 yards: warm up \#4 / $2 \times 500$ easy / $3 \times 50$ kick-100 pull-50 kick / 100 cool down

Thursday: Bike 65 minutes: aerobic zone

Friday: Run 3 miles: aerobic zone Strength Session

Saturday: Bike 80 minutes: $1 \times 15$ minute at threshold + 15 minute run

Sunday: Run 7 miles: aerobic zone Open Water Swim, target ~2000 yards

# WEEK 7 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 60 minutes: $4 \times 3$ minutes at threshold +10 minute run

Wednesday: Swim 2300 yards: warm up \#2 / $4 \times 50$ drill / $6 \times 200$ at tempo / 200 pull cool down: Strength Training

Thursday: Bike 65 minutes: aerobic zone

Friday: Run 3 miles: aerobic zone Strength Training

Saturday: Bike 80 minutes, $1 \times 15$ minute at threshold +15 minute run

Sunday: Run 7 miles: aerobic with mile 4 and 5 at tempo Open Water Swim, target above 2000 yards

# WEEK 8 

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 65 minutes: $6 \times 4$ minute at threshold

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: hill repeats
Swim 2300 yards: warm up \# 1, swim 1600 continuous, aerobic zone
Thursday: Bike 75 minutes: aerobic, $5 \times 30 \mathrm{sec}$ max effort

Friday: Run 3.5 miles: aerobic zone Strength Training

Saturday: Bike 90 minutes: $1 \times 20$ minute at threshold +10 minute run

Sunday: Run 7 miles: aerobic Open Water Swim, target 2200-2400

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## WEEK 9

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 65 minutes: $6 \times 4$ minutes at threshold

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: 3 miles at threshold
Swim 2300 yards: warm up \#3 / $4 \times 50$ kick 100 pull / $4 \times 200 / 200$ cool down

Thursday: Bike 70 minutes: aerobic zone Strength Training

Friday: Run 5 miles: aerobic zone

Saturday: Bike 90 minutes $2 \times 10$ at threshold +15 minute run

Sunday: Run 8 miles: aerobic, last 3 miles at threshold Open Water Swim, target 2500

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## WEEK 10

## Triathlon Training

Monday: Recovery Day - foam roll \& mobility work

Tuesday: Bike 45 minutes: 5/10, incorporate $5-6 \times 30$ second build to threshold pace

Wednesday: Run 3 miles: easy effort
Swim 1000 yards: $1 \times 200$ / $6 \times 100 / 200$ cool down
Thursday: Bike 45 minutes: aerobic zone

Friday: Run 2 miles: aerobic zone
Swim 800 yards: $1 \times 200 / 2 \times 50$ kick - 100 pull - 100 free / 100 cool down

## Saturday: Rest Day <br> Optional: 15 minute easy effort run OR short open water swim at race venue

## Swim Warm-Up

\#1: 100 free - $\mathbf{5 0}$ kick - $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ pull

- 50 kick - repeat

\#2: 200 free - $\mathbf{5 0}$ kick - $\mathbf{2 0 0}$ pull<br>- 50 kick - 200 paddle

\#3: 50 free - 100 free - 150 free - 200 free
\#4: 100 free - 50 backstroke 100 pull - 50 backstroke repeat

\#5: 500 yards of your choice

## Intensity Zone

## 5/10 Easy Effort:

This should be a very low-intensity training zone. This effort should feel very comfortable.

6/10 Aerobic Zone:
A vast majority of your training will take place in this zone. You should be able to easily hold a conversation at this intensity.

7/10 Tempo:
Breathing rate begins to elevate and holding a conversation becomes difficult.

8/10 Threshold:
This is the level of effort you can hold for approximately 1 hour without fatigue.

9/10 Max Effort:
Very high-intensity effort. Some speed work will be around this intensity.

