

OhioHealth Training Schedules

Whatever your level of experience, we have a variety of training schedules to help you cross the finish line.

+ **5K BEGINNER:**

Perfect for anyone to start training for their first race. This plan can be followed for anyone wanting to walk, run/walk, or run a 5K.

+ **5K INTERMEDIATE:**

Designed for runners or walkers that can comfortably train 1 mile continuously, 2–3 times per week. This plan can be followed for anyone wanting to walk, run/walk, or run a 5K.

+ **QUARTER MARATHON BEGINNER:**

Designed for runners or walkers that are currently training 1–2 miles, 3 times a week. Preferably athletes who have been training for 6 months or more.

+ **QUARTER MARATHON INTERMEDIATE:**

Designed for runners or walkers that have successfully trained for and completed a 10K race without injury and are currently training 2–3 miles, 3–4 times a week. Preferably athletes who have been training for 1 year or more.

+ **HALF MARATHON BEGINNER:**

Designed for runners or walkers that are currently training 2 miles, 3 times a week. Preferably athletes who have been training for 6–12 months or more.

+ **HALF MARATHON INTERMEDIATE:**

Designed for runners or walkers that have successfully trained for and completed 2 or more half marathons without injury and are currently training 3–4 miles, 4 times a week. Preferably athletes who have been training for 1 year or more.

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Beginner 5K Run/Walk Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	.5	●	.5	.5	●	1
WEEK 2	●	.5	●	.5	.5	●	1
WEEK 3	●	.75	●	.5	.5	●	1.5
WEEK 4	●	.75	●	.75	.75	●	1.5
WEEK 5	●	1	●	.75	.75	●	1.75
WEEK 6	●	1	●	.75	1	●	2
WEEK 7	●	1	●	1	1	●	2.25
WEEK 8	●	1.25	●	1	1	●	2.25
WEEK 9	●	1.25	●	1.25	1	●	2.5
WEEK 10	●	1.5	●	1.25	1	●	2.5
WEEK 11	●	1.5	●	1.5	1	●	2.75
WEEK 12	●	1.75	●	1.5	1	●	3
WEEK 13	●	1.75	●	1	1	●	2
WEEK 14	●	1	●	.5	●	●	3.1

- Day off/rest
- Walk
- 30 sec. run/60 sec. walk (miles)
- 60 sec. run/60 sec. walk (miles)
- 60 sec. run/30 sec. walk (miles)
- 90 sec. run/30 sec. walk (miles)
- Race Day (miles)

All workouts begin with a 5 min walk for warmup and end with a 5 min walk for cool down.

Run segments should be an easy pace (able to talk in short full sentences while running). If not, slow down.

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This 14 week plan is designed for someone who is currently able to comfortably walk or walk/run continuously for 20 minutes as of the start week 1. The goal is to train for and finish a 5k using the walk/run approach. Walk/run means you will walk for a specific amount of time and then run for a specific amount of time, repeat. The segments will change over the plan but there will always be some walking.

Check with your doctor before starting this or any training plan or exercise regimen.



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Intermediate 5K Run Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	.5	●	.5	.5	●	1
WEEK 2	●	.75	●	.5	.5	●	1.25
WEEK 3	●	.75	●	.75	1	●	1.5
WEEK 4	●	1	●	.75	1	●	1.75
WEEK 5	●	1	●	1	1	●	2
WEEK 6	●	1.25	●	1	1	●	2.25
WEEK 7	●	1.25	●	1	1.25	●	2.5
WEEK 8	●	1.5	●	1	1.25	●	2.75
WEEK 9	●	1.5	●	1.25	1.5	●	2.75
WEEK 10	●	1.75	●	1.5	1.5	●	3
WEEK 11	●	2.25	●	1.5	2	●	2
WEEK 12	●	2.5	●	1.5	2	●	3
WEEK 13	●	1.75	●	1	2	●	2
WEEK 14	●	1	●	.5	●	●	3.1

- Day off/rest
- Walk (miles)
- Easy pace running (miles)
- Race Day (miles)

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This 14 week plan is designed for someone who is currently able to comfortably run 1 mile continuously 2-3 times per week at the start of week 1. The goal is to train for and complete a running 5k. If you are not yet able to comfortably run 1 mile, or prefer to use the run/walk approach check out the Beginner 5K Run/Walk plan.

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Beginner Quarter Marathon Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	2	●	2	2	●	2
WEEK 2	●	2	●	2.5	2	●	2
WEEK 3	●	2	●	2.5	2	●	3
WEEK 4	●	2.5	●	2.5	2	●	3
WEEK 5	●	2.5	●	2.5	2	●	4
WEEK 6	●	2.5	●	3	2	●	2
WEEK 7	●	3	●	3	2	●	4
WEEK 8	●	3	●	3.5	2	●	4
WEEK 9	●	2	●	2.5	2	●	3
WEEK 10	●	3	●	3.5	2	●	5
WEEK 11	●	2	●	3.5	2	●	3
WEEK 12	●	3	●	4	2	●	5
WEEK 13	●	3	●	4	2	●	6
WEEK 14	●	3	●	4	2	●	3
WEEK 15	●	3	●	4	2	●	6
WEEK 16	●	3	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 17	●	●	2.5	●	●	2	6.55

- **Day off/rest**
- **Active Recovery (20-30 minutes)**
can be 20-30 minutes of anything aerobic (walking, swimming, cycling, elliptical, etc.). The active recovery workout should not add to your fatigue level. If it does, either slow down or take the day off.
- **Easy Pace (miles)** means you should be able to talk in short full sentences while running if not, slow down.
- **Very easy pace (miles)**
- **Race Day (miles)**

All workouts begin with a 5 min walk for warmup and end with a 5 min walk for cool down.

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Intermediate Quarter Marathon Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	2	●	2.5	2	●	3
WEEK 2	●	2.5	●	2.5	2	●	3.5
WEEK 3	●	2.5	●	3	2	●	4
WEEK 4	●	3	●	3	2	●	4
WEEK 5	●	2	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 6	●	3	●	3	2	●	4
WEEK 7	●	3	●	3	2	●	5
WEEK 8	●	2	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 9	●	3	●	3.5	2	●	5
WEEK 10	●	3	●	4	2	●	5
WEEK 11	●	3	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 12	●	3	●	4	2	●	6
WEEK 13	●	3.5	●	4	2	●	6
WEEK 14	●	3	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 15	●	4	●	4	2	●	6
WEEK 16	●	3	●	3	2	●	3
WEEK 17	●	●	2	●	●	2	6.55

- **Day off/rest**
- **Easy Running (miles)** means you should be able to talk in short sentences while running, if not slow down!
- **Active Recovery** can be 20-30 minutes of anything aerobic (running, walking, swimming, cycling, elliptical, etc). If running on active recovery day, make sure the pace is VERY relaxed. The active recovery workout should not add to your fatigue level, if it does, either slow down or take the day off.
- **Quality Workout (miles)** will start/finish with easy paced run and have a faster component in the middle. For specifics of each quality workout please see next page.
- **Race Day (miles)**

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**This schedule is for runners, walkers, and run/walkers who have successfully trained for and completed a 10k race or longer without injury. Athletes should have been running/walking consistently for at least one year and are currently running or walking 2-3 continuous miles 3-4x per week as of the start of week 1. Check with your doctor before starting this or any training plan or exercise regimen.*

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Intermediate Quarter Marathon Quality Workouts

Workout Terms

WARM UP (W/U): Easy running before the quality component of the workout. This should be done at a pace that is same or slower than your long run pace. You should be able to talk in full sentences. Do not skip the warm up; it is part of the workout.

COOL DOWN (C/D): Easy running after the quality component of the workout. Meant to bring your heart rate back down and your body back to a resting state. Run the C/D at easy pace or slower. Do not skip the cool down, stopping immediately after a speed workout with no cool down can be dangerous.

SURGES: Pace for surges is simply faster running, not a sprint. They don't have to be the same each time and should not be faster than your 5k pace.

1:1 REST: Same amount of time working as rest (i.e. if you took 2 mins to run a 0.5 mile then rest for 2 mins)

HALF MARATHON/10K/5K PACE(S): Your **CURRENT** pace for these distances, **NOT** your goal pace.

REST: Standing or slow walking, unless otherwise listed.

Workout Details

Week 6 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 1 mile with 3-4 surges, 1 mile C/D. Surges should be 30 seconds to 1 min each, with full recovery between (walking or slow jogging until your heart rate is back down to zone 2 or feel fully recovered).

Week 7 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 1 mile with 4-5 surges, 1 mile C/D. Surges should be 30 seconds to 1 min each, with full recovery between (walking or slow jogging until your heart rate is back down to zone 2 or feel fully recovered).

Week 8 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 4x400 meters at 10k pace on 1:1 rest, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 9 — 3.5 miles total: 1.25 mile W/U, 2x400 at 10k pace (no faster) on 1:1 rest, then 1x400 at 5k pace on 1:1 rest, then 2x400 at 10k pace on 1:1 rest, finish with 1 mile C/D. Don't try to "beat" your 5k and 10k times. The goal is to learn to feel your 10k/quarter marathon pace. The 5k pace 400 in the middle will make the last two 400s at 10k pace feel different from the first two, but you still want to hit the paces.

Week 10 — 4 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 800 meters at 10k pace (no faster), 2 mins rest, then run 1 mile with 4-5 surges, finish with 1 mile C/D. Surges should be 30 seconds to 1 min each, with full recovery between (walking or slow jogging until your

heart rate is back down to zone 2 or feel fully recovered).

Week 11 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 2x800 at 10k pace with 2:1 rest (if you took 6 min to complete 800 then walk for 3 min), finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 12 — 4 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 2x800 at 10k pace with 2:1 rest (if you took 6 min to complete 800 then walk for 3 min), then 2x400 at 10k pace with 1:1 rest, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 13 — 4 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 1 mile continuous at 10k pace, walking recovery until fully recovered, then 0.5 mile at 10k pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 14 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 2x800 at 10k pace on 1:1 rest, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 15 — 4 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 1 mile continuous at 10k pace, 0.5 mile easy jog for recovery, then 0.5 mile at 10k pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 16 — 3 miles total: 1 mile W/U, 4x400 at 10k pace with 2 mins rest in between, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 17 — 2 miles total: 0.5 mile easy, 1 mile with 3 surges of 30-60 seconds no faster than 10k pace, 0.5 mile easy C/D.

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Beginner Half Marathon Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	2	●	2.5	2.5	●	2.5
WEEK 2	●	3	●	2.5	2.5	●	3
WEEK 3	●	3	●	2.5	2.5	●	4
WEEK 4	●	3.5	●	3	2.5	●	5
WEEK 5	●	3	●	3	3	●	4
WEEK 6	●	3.5	●	3.5	3	●	5
WEEK 7	●	4	●	3.5	3	●	6
WEEK 8	●	4.5	●	3.5	3	●	7
WEEK 9	●	4.5	●	4	3	●	8
WEEK 10	●	3.5	●	3.5	3	●	6
WEEK 11	●	5	●	3.5	3	●	9
WEEK 12	●	5	●	4.5	3.5	●	6
WEEK 13	●	5.5	●	3	3.5	●	10
WEEK 14	●	5.5	●	4.5	3.5	●	6
WEEK 15	●	6	●	3	3.5	●	11
WEEK 16	●	5	●	4.5	3.5	●	6
WEEK 17	●	●	4	●	●	2	13.1

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Intermediate Half Marathon Training Schedule

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1	●	3	●	3.5	3	●	4
WEEK 2	●	3.5	●	3.5	3	●	5
WEEK 3	●	4	●	3.5	3	●	6
WEEK 4	●	4	●	4	3.5	●	6
WEEK 5	●	4.5	●	4	3.5	●	7
WEEK 6	●	3	●	4	3	●	5
WEEK 7	●	5	●	4	3.5	●	8
WEEK 8	●	5	●	4.5	3.5	●	9
WEEK 9	●	5	●	5	3	●	10
WEEK 10	●	4	●	4.5	3	●	6
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WEEK 12	●	6	●	5.5	3	●	11
WEEK 13	●	6.5	●	5.5	3	●	12
WEEK 14	●	4	●	4	3	●	8
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Workout Details

Week 6 — 4 miles total: 1.5 miles W/U, 1 mile with 3-4 surges, 1.5 miles C/D. Surges should be 30 seconds to 1 min each, with full recovery between (walking or slow jogging until your heart rate is back down to zone 2 or feel fully recovered).

Week 7 — 4 miles total: 1.5 miles W/U, 1.5 miles with 4-6 surges, 1 mile C/D. Surges should be 30 seconds to 1 min each, with full recovery between (walking or slow jogging until your heart rate is back down to zone 2 or feel fully recovered).

Week 8 — 4.5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 0.5 mile at 10k pace (no faster) on 1:1 rest, then 1.0 mile at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1.5 mile C/D.

Week 9 — 5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 2x1 mile at Half Marathon Pace with 2 mins rest in between, finish with 1.5 mile C/D.

Week 10 — 4.5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 1.5 miles continuous at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1.5 mile C/D.

Week 11 — 5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace 2 min rest, 0.5 mile at 10k pace (no faster), 2 min rest, 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 12 — 5.5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 3x1 mile at Half Marathon Pace with 2 min rest in between, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 13 — 5.5 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 2 miles continuous at Half Marathon Pace, 2 mins rest, 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 14 — 4 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 2x400 meters at 10k pace (no faster) with 1 min rest in between, 1 min rest, then 2x400 meters at 5k pace (no faster) with 2 min rest in between, finish with 1.5 mile C/D.

Week 15 — 5.5 miles total: This is my FAVORITE workout for pace awareness, it is called "Fix It Immediately." The idea is to run your race pace then have a mile that is too fast and finally you will have to go back to your goal pace. If you start out too fast in a race, you'll know how to correct it! 1.5 mile W/U, 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace, 90-120 seconds rest, 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace-15 seconds (if your Half Marathon Pace is 9 min/mile then this would be 8:45 min/mile), 90-120 seconds rest, then 1 mile at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

Week 16 — 4 miles total: 1.5 mile W/U, 1.5 mile continuous at Half Marathon Pace, finish with 1 mile C/D.

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