



Beginner Training Program

| Week | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|
| 9/2 | 20 min | Rest | 20 min | 2 mi | Cross T or Rest | 30 min | Rest |
| 9/9 | 20 min | Rest | 30 min | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 40 min | Rest |
| 9/16 | 3 mi | Rest | 3 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 4 mi | Rest |
| 9/23 | 3 mi | Rest | 3 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 5 mi | Rest |
| 9/30 | 3 mi | Rest | 4 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 7 mi | Rest |
| 10/7 | 3 mi | Rest | 4 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 5 mi | Rest |
| 10/14 | 3 mi | Rest | 4 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 7 mi | Rest |
| 10/21 | 3 mi | Rest | 5 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 9 mi | Rest |
| 10/28 | 4 mi | Rest | 5 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 10 mi | Rest |
| 11/4 | 4 mi | Rest | 6 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 12 mi | Rest |
| 11/11 | 3 mi | Rest | 4 mi | 3 mi | Cross T or Rest | 6 mi | Rest |
| 11/18 | 3 mi | Rest | 2-3 mi | Rest | 15-20 min | Rest | Norfolk Harbor 13.1 |

Notes:

1. The twelve week training period begins Monday, September 2, 2019.
2. The program lists both miles and times. Don't worry about distance with the timed runs. For runners, don't feel you need to run the entire time. Just stay on your feet for the time specified and use whatever combination of running and walking you are most comfortable with. For example, start your session with a 5-10 minute walk then progress to X minutes of running and Y minutes of walking. (ex. Run 2 minutes, walk 2 minutes). Experiment with different ratios but never run to the point of exhaustion. The key is to take your walk breaks early when you are still feeling strong. You'll be amazed at how far you'll be able to go with experimenting with different run/walk ratios to find the one you are most comfortable with and which will enable you to complete the listed distance.
3. If you do not have a measured course where you most often run or walk, use time instead—based on your pace. In other words, if you are scheduled to complete 2 miles and you normally run or walk a 12 minute mile, stay out for 24 minutes.
4. Cross training is recommended to maintain your cardiovascular fitness while giving your legs a break from running or walking. Biking and swimming are good forms of cross training. The schedule lists Friday as your cross training day, but you can easily cross train on other days as well.
5. The long distances on Saturdays are the key workouts. Again, do not worry about the distance—just run or walk for time. These events should be slow! You should be able to carry a reasonable conversation without huffing and puffing. Again, if Saturday is not convenient for your long run or walk, move it to a different day and adjust the rest of your schedule accordingly.
6. Change days of the week that you run on to work what's best for you. Just try to maintain the same general sequence of events. If you miss a day or two—don't panic. There is a great deal of flexibility in the schedule.
7. Good luck and have fun! 😊