

# Beginner Training Plan

This training plan is aimed at novice marathon runners covering the distance for the first time, with a few tweaks and challenges if you want to test yourself, or if you feel like pushing on a bit if your training is going really well.

The plan assumes that you will run three times a week and that you've done very little running in the past but are generally in good health and committed to your marathon journey.

The days of the week shown are not fixed and only proposed. If you change them, try to ensure that a run day is followed by a rest day (for example, run on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday or Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday).

## Different Types of Training Run

Speed Play: Training involves changing the speed at which you run throughout your training session.

Super Slow: Really, really slow, so slow it hardly seems worth putting your kit on.

Easy Jog: No pressure, just loosening up or a recovery run.

Slow: Still a slow pace but a little faster than an 'easy jog'.

Comfortable: You can chat easily to your training partner and keep the pace consistent.

Steady: Even-paced run where you can chat in short sentences.

Brisk: Slightly breathless, not easy to hold any conversation with your training partner.

Hard: You certainly know you're working, conversation is definitely out.

W/U Warm up. W/D Warm down.



MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

45 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

1 Hour Run/Walk

#### WEEK 2

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

40 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

50 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

40 Mins Easy Jog

Rest/Jog

1.25 Hour Easy Jog



**MONDAY** 

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**SUNDAY** 

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

1 Hour Easy Jog

Rest

40 Mins Easy Jog + 12 Min Fast

Rest/Jog

1.5 Hour very Easy Jog

#### WEEK 4

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

1 Hour Easy Jog

Rest

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest/Jog

1 Hour Easy Jog



MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

30 Mins Easy Jog

1 Hour Easy Jog

Rest

15 Mins W/U

Rest

30 Mins Easy Jog

1.75 Hour very Easy Jog

#### WEEK 6

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

**WEDNESDAY** 

THURSDAY

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

SUNDAY

40 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

70 Mins Easy Jog

Fast W/D

W/U 15 Mins, Fast W/D

Rest

2 Hours Easy Jog



**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

20 Mins Easy Jog

W/U 2.25 Mins , Fast W/D

Rest

Rest

Rest

30 Mins Faster

2.25 Hours very Easy Jog

#### WEEK 8

MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

**WEDNESDAY** 

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

SUNDAY

30 Mins Easy Jog

40 Mins Easy Jog

1 Hour Steady

80 Mins Easy Jog

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

2.5 or 3 Hours Run/Walk



MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Rest

30 Mins Easy

75 Mins Easy

Rest

30 Mins Easy

Rest/Jog

Rest

#### WEEK 10

MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

SUNDAY

30 Mins Easy Jog

40 Mins Easy Jog

1 Hour Easy

80 Mins Easy Jog

30 Mins Easy Jog

Rest

2.5 or 3 Hours Run/Walk



MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Rest

30 Mins Easy

1 Hour Very Easy

Rest

1 Hour Easy

Rest

Half Marathon

## WEEK 12

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

WEDNESDAY

**THURSDAY** 

**FRIDAY** 

**SATURDAY** 

SUNDAY

Rest

Rest

40 Mins Very Easy

Rest

Rest

1.5 Hours Easy