

ADIDAS 4DFWD

ADVANCED

TRAINING PLAN

MARATHON



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BASE PHASE	WEEK 01	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
		TUE	30 MIN EASY RUN + 15 MIN CORE
BASE PHASE	WEEK 02	WED	REST
		THUR	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C
BASE PHASE	WEEK 03	FRI	REST
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 12KM EASY + S&C / CORE
BASE PHASE	WEEK 04	SUN	REST
		MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
BASE PHASE	WEEK 05	TUE	40 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
		WED	REST
BASE PHASE	WEEK 06	THUR	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		FRI	REST
BASE PHASE	WEEK 07	SAT	AR LONG RUN - 14KM EASY + S&C / CORE
		SUN	REST
BASE PHASE	WEEK 08	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
		TUE	40 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
BASE PHASE	WEEK 09	WED	REST
		THUR	8 X 90S WITH 2 MINUTES JOG IN BETWEEN (7/10 EFFORT) + S&C / CORE (UNILATERAL MOVEMENTS)
BASE PHASE	WEEK 10	FRI	REST
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 16KM EASY
BASE PHASE	WEEK 11	SUN	REST

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BUILD PHASE

WEEK 04

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
45 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
4 X 4 MINUTES WITH 2 MIN JOG RECOVERIES (7/10
EFFORT) + S&C / CORE (UNILATERAL MOVEMENTS)
REST
AR LONG RUN - 18KM EASY ON A HILLY ROUTE
REST

BUILD PHASE

WEEK 05

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
45 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
3X7 MINUTES WITH 2 MIN JOG RECOVERIES
(8/10 EFFORT)
S&C
AR LONG RUN - 18KM EASY
REST

BUILD PHASE

WEEK 06

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
45 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
10 MINS @ 7/10 EFFORT, FOLLOWED BY 5 MINS
(3/10 EFFORT) REPEAT
20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
AR LONG RUN - 21KM EASY
(16KM EASY PACE INTO 5KM @ MP)
REST

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BUILD PHASE

WEEK 07

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
5X 5 MIN @7/10 EFFORT FOLLOWED BY 2 MIN RECOVERY JOG
20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
AR LONG RUN - 25KM EASY RUN
REST

BUILD PHASE

WEEK 08

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
12X 1 MIN @7/10 EFFORT WITH 1 MIN RECOVERY JOG BETWEEN REPS
20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
AR LONG RUN - 27KM - 15KM EASY, 5KM GOAL MP, 5KM EASY, FINAL 2KM HARDER THAN MP
REST

BUILD PHASE

WEEK 09

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT
SUN

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
60 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
40 MIN RUN - 22 MIN @6/10 EFFORT, 18 MIN + 10%
20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
AR LONG RUN - 30KM 5KM EASY FOLLOWED BY 5KM @ MP FOR THE 30KM
REST

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PEAK PHASE	WEEK 10	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
		TUE	50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
		WED	REST
		THUR	2X(5/4/3/2/1 MINS @ 7-8/10 EFFORT WITH 1MIN RECOVERY JOG BTWN REPS) (2MIN JOG BETWEEN SETS)
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 27KM ON A HILLY ROUTE
		SUN	REST
PEAK PHASE	WEEK 11	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
		TUE	60 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
		WED	REST
		THUR	SESSION (25" TEMPO), 7/10 EFFORT AFTER A THOROUGH DYNAMIC WARM UP
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 32KM RUN, 10KM EASY PACE +10KM ALT 1KM@ HARDER THAN MP/ 1KM EASY/ 10KM EASY/ 2KM @MP
		SUN	REST
PEAK PHASE	WEEK 12	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
		TUE	50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
		WED	REST
		THUR	14X 1 MIN @8/10 EFFORT WITH 1 MIN RECOVERY JOG BETWEEN REPS
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 34KM
		SUN	REST

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TAPER PHASE	WEEK	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
			TUE 50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
	13	WED	REST
		THUR	14X 1 MIN @8/10 EFFORT WITH 1 MIN RECOVERY JOG BETWEEN REPS
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 25KM
		SUN	REST
TAPER PHASE	WEEK	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
			TUE 50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
	14	WED	REST
		THUR	7X 3 MIN @8/10 EFFORT WITH 90 SEC JOG RECOVERY INTERVALS
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 16KM
		SUN	REST
TAPER PHASE	WEEK	MON	AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
			TUE 50 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
	15	WED	REST
		THUR	2X 15 MIN @8/10 EFFORT WITH 1 MIN RECOVERY JOG BETWEEN REPS
		FRI	20 MIN EASY RUN + S&C (OPTIONAL)
		SAT	AR LONG RUN - 12KM
		SUN	REST

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TAPER PHASE

WEEK 16

MON
TUE
WED
THUR
FRI
SAT

AR SIGNATURE RUN + STRETCH & 15 MIN CORE
40 MIN EASY RUN + STRIDES (4 TO 6 X 100)
REST
SESSION (4 X 2")
REST
RACE DAY //

AR MARATHON TRAINING PLAN

THIS TRAINING PLAN HAS BEEN CREATED TO PREPARE YOU TO RUN A MARATHON. WHETHER IT IS YOUR FIRST HALF MARATHON, OR YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN RUNNING THE DISTANCE, THIS PLAN WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH STRUCTURED WEEKLY SESSIONS. THE TRAINING PLAN IS SET OVER A 16-WEEK PERIOD AND WILL HELP GUIDE YOU IN ACHIEVING THE TIME YOU WANT.

THE PLAN IS CREATED WITH DISTANCE (KM) BASED LONG RUNS WHICH SHOULD HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT THE DISTANCES WE WILL BE COVERING WHILST ALSO ALLOWING YOU TO CLEARLY SEE PROGRESSION EACH WEEK. AS A PREREQUISITE BEFORE ENTERING ANY OF THESE PLANS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMFORTABLY RUN +10KM UNINTERRUPTED AND HAVE COMPLETED 2 MONTHS OF RUNNING UNDER YOUR BELT BEFORE EMBARKING ON ONE OF THESE PLANS.

SPANNING THE PLAN OVER A 16 WEEK PERIOD WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ADEQUATE TIME TO IMPROVE YOUR RUNNING ENDURANCE AND FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH A STRUCTURED WEEKLY RUNNING ROUTINE – AFTER ALL, THERE ARE NO QUICK WINS WITH DISTANCE RUNNING AND CONSISTENCY IS KEY.

BACKGROUND TO THIS PLAN

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO RUN 3-4 TIMES A WEEK. IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW ANY PLAN PRECISELY – LIFE GETS IN THE WAY; WORK/ PERSONAL COMMITMENTS CROP UP – IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US. DON'T STRESS IF YOU NEED TO MOVE ANY OF THE RUNS AROUND TO SUIT YOU BETTER. HOWEVER, DO ENSURE TO MAINTAIN THE PATTERN OF SEPARATING THE TWO KEY SESSIONS IN YOUR RUNNING WEEK - LONG RUNS AND SPEED DAYS SHOULD BE SEPARATED WITH RECOVERY DAYS AS SHOWN IN THIS PLAN. THIS WILL ENSURE YOUR BODY IS RECOVERING ENOUGH BETWEEN THESE KEY SESSIONS.

KEY TIPS

- PLEASE SPEND 15 MINUTES WARMING UP BEFORE EACH RUN. THIS WILL ENSURE YOUR MUSCLES ARE SWITCHED ON AND READY TO GO AND WILL HELP PREVENT INJURIES.
- ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES OF COOL DOWN AFTER EACH RUN. THIS MAY INCLUDE SOME GENTLE WALKING AND STRETCHING THAT WILL AID THE RECOVERY PROCESS.
- INCLUDE TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO STRETCH.
- PLEASE ADD SOME CORE WORK AND STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ONCE OR TWICE PER WEEK. THIS IS THE SIDE DISH TO YOUR RUNNING WHICH WILL HELP YOU BECOME A STRONGER AND MORE ROBUST RUNNER.
- EFFORT & PACE: THE TRAINING PLAN INDICATES WHAT EFFORT YOU SHOULD BE RUNNING VARIOUS SESSIONS AT. PACE VARIES FOR EVERYONE AND CAN CHANGE DUE TO MANY FACTORS INCLUDING FATIGUE / FITNESS/ WEATHER/ TERRAIN ETC. LISTEN TO YOUR BODY AND RUN BASED ON EFFORT LEVELS AND HOW YOU FEEL ON THE DAY.
- 1-3/10 EFFORT = EASY CONVERSATIONAL PACE. YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE AND CAN TALK IN FULL SENTENCES.

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- 4-6/10 EFFORT = MODERATE PACE. YOU CAN TALK BUT NOT IN FULL SENTENCES. YOUR BREATHING IS MORE STRENUOUS; YOU'RE WORKING BUT COMFORTABLE.
- 7-9/10 EFFORT = HARD PACE. YOU CAN ONLY MANAGE ONE WORD SENTENCES WITH HEAVY BREATHING. THIS IS OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE.

TRAINING PHASES

BASE PHASE

THIS IS A VITAL STAGE IN PREPARATION FOR A LONG DISTANCE EVENT. HERE WE BUILD THE ENGINE. THIS STAGE DEVELOPS OUR AEROBIC BASE AND IMPROVES OUR RUNNING ECONOMY. THIS PHASE WILL ALSO HELP US BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO A RUNNING ROUTINE AND GET A FEEL FOR THE TYPES OF TRAINING REQUIRED EACH DAY.

BUILD

AFTER DEVELOPING SOME ROBUSTNESS AND CONSISTENCY IN THE BASE PHASE, WE NOW MOVE ONTO BUILDING ENDURANCE WITH FOCUS ON STEADILY INCREASING LONG RUNS.

PEAK

IN THIS STAGE, WE BEGIN TO FINE TUNE THE ENGINE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AN AEROBIC BASE, BUT BEGIN TO INTRODUCE WORKOUTS WITH SOME INCREASED INTENSITY. THESE FASTER PACED SESSIONS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR MUSCLES AND LIGAMENTS. HERE WE ARE PREPARING OUR MIND AND BODY FOR RACE DAY.

TAPER

DURING THIS PHASE, WE WILL REDUCE THE VOLUME AND INTENSITY OF RUNNING TO ENABLE OUR BODIES REST FROM THE PREVIOUS PEAK WEEKS. THIS ENABLES OUR BODIES TO GET TO THE START LINE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE SHAPE.

RECOVERY

THIS PHASE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY RUNNERS WHO ARE RIDING ON THE RUNNERS' HIGH WAVE POST-RACE DAY. ALTHOUGH THE RECOVERY PHASE SITS OUTSIDE THE REALM OF THIS 12-WEEK PROGRAM, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT A RECOVERY PHASE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER YOU SMASH YOUR HALF MARATHON RACE. THIS PHASE DURATION WILL VARY BETWEEN RUNNERS, BUT TRY TAKE 2-5 WEEKS AFTER RACE DAY TO GIVE YOUR BODY A WELL-DESERVED REST. LISTEN TO YOUR BODY, FOCUS ON EASY EFFORT RUNS, RECOVERY SESSIONS, SLEEP AND NUTRITION. SLOWLY RE-INTRODUCE LONGER RUNS AND SPEED WORK WHEN YOU FEEL READY.

EASY/ RECOVERY RUNS

THESE RUNS SHOULD BE RELAXED AND EASY. THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY TIME BASED SO YOU DON'T FOCUS ON PACE OR DISTANCE – PURELY RUN BY HOW YOU FEEL ON THAT DAY. RUN AT A COMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONAL PACE. RECOVERY RUNS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE HARDER SESSIONS.

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LONG RUNS

LONG RUNS ARE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR DISTANCE TRAINING. THEY WILL TEST YOU BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. DURING THESE RUNS, YOU WILL BE DEVELOPING YOUR ENDURANCE AND ABILITY TO RUN ON TIRED LEGS. THESE SHOULD BE RUN AT CONVERSATIONAL PACE. YOU WILL APPLY SOME PROGRESSIVE INTENSITY TO THEM DURING THE BUILD & PEAK PHASES.

SPEEDWORK

SPEED WORK IS ANOTHER ESSENTIAL PART OF THE HALF MARATHON TRAINING WEEK. DURING THESE RUNS, YOU WILL BE SHARPENING YOUR PACE AND BUILDING STRENGTH. THESE SESSIONS WILL CONSIST OF HILLS, INTERVALS OR FARTLEK. RUN THESE SESSIONS ON EFFORT LEVEL. DON'T FOCUS TOO MUCH ON THE PACE YOUR WATCH IS TELLING YOU - GO BY FEEL AND EFFORT.

TEMPO RUNS

THESE RUNS WILL MAKE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE RUNNING AT A CONTROLLED EFFORT. THEY WILL IMPROVE BOTH YOUR AEROBIC FITNESS AND ENDURANCE FOR RUNNING ON FATIGUED LEGS TOWARDS THE END OF A RACE. YOU WILL ALSO BE TRAINING YOUR MIND IN 'GETTING COMFORTABLE WHEN FEELING UNCOMFORTABLE'.

CROSS TRAINING

THESE SESSIONS WILL SUPPLEMENT YOUR WEEKLY RUNS. THEY ARE AEROBIC WORKOUTS BUT WITHOUT THE IMPACT WE RECEIVE FROM RUNNING. THESE INCLUDE SWIMMING, CYCLING AND WALKING.

CORE WORK / STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

AS AFOREMENTIONED, S&C AND CORE WORK ARE THE SIDE DISHES TO YOUR RUNNING SESSIONS. RUNNING-SPECIFIC EXERCISES WILL IMPROVE YOUR FORM, BUILD STRENGTH IN KEY MUSCLES AND BUILD OVERALL ROBUSTNESS TO YOUR BODY. THESE SESSIONS WILL HELP IN KEEPING YOU INJURY FREE. PILATES AND YOGA ALSO FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.

REST & RECOVERY

OFTEN AN OVERLOOKED AREA OF TRAINING, REST IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT WHEN DISTANCE TRAINING. IT IS SPECIFICALLY PLACED TO ALLOW YOUR BODY REPAIR AND RECOVER BETWEEN THE HARDER SESSIONS. LISTEN TO YOUR BODY AND TAKE THIS DOWNTIME TO ABSORB YOUR TRAINING. TRAINING FOR A HALF MARATHON CAN ADD ADDITIONAL STRESS TO OUR ALREADY BUSY LIVES SO BE SURE NOT TO OVERLOOK SLEEP, ACTIVE RECOVERY, NUTRITION AND GENERAL WELL-BEING.



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