



## Marathon Training Program

16 Weeks - 4 Runs Per Week

### Beginner Program

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Week 1	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	Easy Run 65-70 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 90-100 minutes at Moderate Pace (max 12 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 2	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	Brisk Pace Run 50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 75 minutes (10m max) First 60 mins @ easy pace last 15 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 3	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	Easy Run 70-75 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 105-115 minutes at Moderate Pace (max 14 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 4	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	Fast Repeats 10 minute warm-up 15 x 1:00 w 1:00 jog 10 minute cool-down	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 80 minutes (11m max) First 60 mins @ easy pace last 20 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 5	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 35-45 minutes	Easy Run 75-80 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 45-55 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 120-130 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 16 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 6	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 35-45 minutes	Brisk Pace Run 60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 45-55 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 90 minutes (12m max) First 60 mins @ easy pace last 30 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 7	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 35-45 minutes	Easy Run 80-85 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 45-55 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 135-145 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 18 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 8	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 35-45 minutes	VO2 Max Repeats 10 minute warm-up 8 x 3:00 w 2:15 jog 10 minute cool-down	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 45-55 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 100 minutes (14m max) First 70 mins @ easy pace last 30 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Form Drill Circuits	Core Circuits	-	-
Week 9	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Easy Run 85-90 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 150-160 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 20 miles)
	Strength	-	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 10	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Brisk Pace Run 70 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 110 minutes (15m max) First 80 mins @ easy pace last 30 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-



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Week 11	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Easy Run 90-95 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 165-175 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 22 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	
Week 12	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Groove Repeats 10 minute warm-up 6 x 5:00 w 2:30 jog 10 minute cool-down	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 120 minutes (16m max) First 90 mins @ easy pace last 30 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	
Week 13	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Easy Run 100 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 180-200 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 24 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 14	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Brisk Pace Run 80 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 50-60 minutes	rest day or cross train	Fast Finish Long Run 120 minutes (16m Max) First 90 mins @ easy pace last 30 mins @ Brisk Pace
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 15	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	Easy Run 60-65 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	rest day or cross train	Moderate Rhythm Long Run 90-100 minutes at Moderate Pace (max of 12 miles)
	Strength	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	Leg Strength Circuit	Form Drill & Core Circuits	Core Circuit	-
Week 16	Primary	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 40-50 minutes	Easy Run 30-40 minutes	rest day or cross train	Easy Run 20-30 minutes	rest day or cross train	<b>Marathon Goal Race</b>
	Strength	Core Circuit	Form Drill Circuits	Core Circuit		Core Circuits	-	-

#### Easy Runs

Category: Recovery  
 Purpose: promote recovery from stress workouts while maintaining or advancing cardiovascular fitness and adaptations to running  
 Workout: between 20 and 90 minutes of easy running  
 Feel: comfortable and relaxed, can easily carry on a conversation with training partner, never pushing the pace  
 Heart Rate: 65% to 75% of Heart Rate Max.  
 Pace Range: see Easy pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Fast Repeats

Category: Stress - Speed  
 Purpose: improves speed, stride power and running economy  
 Workout: Repeats of between :30 and 2:00, totaling 12 to 20 minutes  
 Recovery: slow jog of 100% of repeat duration between repeats  
 Feel: hard, quick, aggressive rhythm, but never straining  
 Heart Rate: N/A (not a good guide for this workout)  
 Pace Range: see Fast pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### VO2 Max Repeats

Category: Stress - Speed



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**Purpose:** improves maximum oxygen intake/utilization (VO2 Max) and stresses aerobic power  
**Workout:** Repeats of between 2:00 and 5:00, totaling 20 to 28 minutes  
**Recovery:** slow jog of 75% of repeat duration between repeats (up to 3:00 max)  
**Feel:** strong, hard rhythm, but smooth and controlled  
**Heart Rate:** 98-100% of Maximum Heart Rate (after ramp up over first 60-90 seconds)  
**Pace Range:** see VO2 Max pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Groove Repeats

**Category:** Stress - Speed  
**Purpose:** improves body's adaptations to running in a higher lactate environment and running at a high percentage of max. HR for extended periods of time  
**Workout:** Repeats of between 4:00 and 8:00, totaling 28 to 36 minutes  
**Recovery:** slow jog of 50% of repeat duration between repeats (up to 3:00 max)  
**Feel:** quick, strong rhythm; pressing but sustainable for moderate durations  
**Heart Rate:** 93-97% of Maximum Heart Rate (after ramp up over first 60-90 seconds)  
**Pace Range:** see Groove pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Hill Repeats

**Category:** Stress - Speed  
**Purpose:** improves stride power and running economy  
**Workout:** Repeats of between :30 and 2:00 up a hill, totaling 12 to 20 minutes  
**Hill:** moderate hill of 4-6% incline  
**Recovery:** slow jog back down the hill to starting spot  
**Feel:** hard, quick, aggressive rhythm, but never straining  
**Heart Rate:** N/A (not a good guide for this workout)  
**Pace Range:** pace will depend on incline and length of hill but approx. Groove to Lactate Threshold pace range on "Aerobic Titan Calculator"  
**Alternative:** Alternatively, this workout can be done on a treadmill, and doing recovery jog at 0% incline for 100% of the repeat duration

#### Lactate Threshold (LT) Tempo Run

**Category:** Stress - Stamina  
**Purpose:** improves lactate threshold and efficiency at dissipating lactate; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
**Workout:** Continuous run of 24 to 30 minutes in your lactate threshold range  
**Feel:** strong, smooth rhythm; pressing but sustainable for extended periods  
**Heart Rate:** 88-92% of Maximum Heart Rate  
**Pace Range:** see Lactate Threshold pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Lactate Threshold (LT) Repeats

**Category:** Stress - Stamina  
**Purpose:** improves lactate threshold and efficiency at dissipating lactate; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
**Workout:** Repeats of between 5:00 and 20:00, totaling 30 to 40 minutes  
**Recovery:** slow jog of 20% of repeat duration between repeats (up to 3:00 max)  
**Feel:** strong, smooth rhythm; pressing but sustainable for extended periods  
**Heart Rate:** 88-92% of Maximum Heart Rate  
**Pace Range:** see Lactate Threshold pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Lactate Threshold (LT) Progression Run

**Category:** Stress - Stamina  
**Purpose:** improves lactate threshold and efficiency at dissipating lactate; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
**Workout:** Continuous run of 24 to 30 minutes increasing in intensity/speed during the run  
**Feel:** starts off as a comfortably quick rhythm and gradually ramps up in intensity until reaching a quick, strong rhythm by the end



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Heart Rate: starts at approx 84-88% and ramps up to 93-97% of Maximum Heart Rate by the end  
Pace Range: Starts at Aerobic Threshold Pace and ramps up to Groove Pace - see "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator "

#### Lactate Threshold (LT) Wave Tempo

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves lactate threshold and efficiency at dissipating lactate; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
Workout: Continuous run of 24 to 30 minutes alternating intensities every 2-5 minutes between 2 different intensities  
Feel: alternates segments between a comfortably quick rhythm and a quick, strong rhythm  
Heart Rate: alternates segments between approx. 84-88% and 93-97% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: alternates segments between Aerobic Threshold (AT) Pace and Groove Pace - see "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"

#### Aerobic Threshold (AT) Tempo

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves aerobic threshold and efficiency at using energy sources; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
Workout: Continuous run of 48 to 60 minutes in your aerobic threshold range  
Feel: comfortably quick rhythm; strong but smooth and controlled  
Heart Rate: 84-88% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: see Aerobic Threshold pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Aerobic Threshold (AT) Repeats

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves aerobic threshold and efficiency at using energy sources; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
Workout: Repeats of between 10:00 and 40:00, totaling 60 to 80 minutes  
Recovery: slow jog of 15% of repeat duration between repeats (up to 3:00 max)  
Feel: comfortably quick rhythm; strong but smooth and controlled  
Heart Rate: 84-88% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: see Aerobic Threshold pace on the "Aerobic Titan Pace Calculator"

#### Aerobic Threshold (AT) Progression Run

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves aerobic threshold and efficiency at using energy sources; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
Workout: Continuous run of 48 to 60 minutes increasing in intensity during the run  
Feel: starts off as a brisk rhythm and gradually ramps up in intensity until reaching a strong, smooth pressing but sustainable rhythm  
Heart Rate: starts at approx 80-84% and ramps up to 88-92% of Maximum Heart Rate by the end  
Pace Range: Starts at Brisk Pace and ramps up to Lactate Threshold Pace - see "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"

#### Aerobic Threshold (AT) Wave Tempo

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves aerobic threshold and efficiency at using energy sources; the ability to run at a quick pace for extended periods of time  
Workout: Continuous run of 48 to 60 minutes alternating intensities every 5-10 minutes between 2 different intensities  
Feel: alternates segments between a brisk rhythm and a strong, smooth pressing but sustainable rhythm  
Heart Rate: alternates segments between approx. 80-84% and 88-92% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: alternates segments between Brisk Pace and Lactate Threshold Pace - see "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator "

#### Brisk Run

Category: Stress - Stamina  
Purpose: improves the body's efficiency at using different energy sources; hardens the body & mind to longer durations at moderate intensities  
Workout: Continuous run of 60 to 100 minutes at a brisk rhythm (ease into pace/effort range over the first 5 minutes)



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Feel: brisk rhythm at a moderately strong intensity, focus is on staying as smooth and relaxed as possible at this pace  
Heart Rate: 80-84% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: see Brisk Pace on "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"

#### Moderate Rhythm Long Run

Category: Stress - Endurance  
Purpose: improves glycogen storage capacity, improves energy usage efficiency, advances cardiovascular adaptations, hardens body and mind to extended efforts  
Workout: Continuous run of 90 to 200 minutes at a moderate rhythm  
Feel: comfortably and relaxed but never lagging rhythm (i.e. moderate rhythm), just a hair quicker than easy pace runs  
Heart Rate: 75-79% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: see Moderate Pace on "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"  
Fueling: Take 3-6 oz of fluids once every 20-30 minutes a gel/GU once every hour (if needed/desired)

#### Steady State Long Run

Category: Stress - Endurance  
Purpose: improves glycogen storage capacity, improves energy usage efficiency, advances cardiovascular adaptations, hardens body and mind to extended efforts at a moderately quicker intensity  
Workout: Continuous run of 75 to 150 minutes at a moderate rhythm  
Feel: steady state effort, somewhat comfortable but with some sustainable intensity added  
Heart Rate: 78-82% of Maximum Heart Rate  
Pace Range: see Steady State Pace on "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"  
Fueling: Take 3-6 oz of fluids once every 20-30 minutes a gel/GU once every hour (if needed/desired)

#### Tempo Long Run

Category: Stress - Endurance/Stamina  
Purpose: improves energy usage efficiency at faster paces while in lower or partially depleted glycogen state, improves glycogen storage capacity, advances cardiovascular adaptations, hardens body and mind to running at quicker paces while tired/depleted  
Workout: Continuous run of 75 to 150 minutes with the first 20-40% at an Easy Pace, the middle 40-60% at between AT Pace or Brisk Pace, and the last 20-40% at Easy Pace  
Feel: the first and last segment at a comfortable and relaxed rhythm with the middle segment at a comfortably quick or brisk rhythm  
Heart Rate: 65-75% of Maximum Heart Rate during the first and last segments and 80-88% during the middle segment  
Pace Range: see Easy Pace, Brisk Pace or Aerobic Threshold Pace on "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"  
Fueling: Take 3-6 oz of fluids once every 20-30 minutes a gel/GU once every hour (if needed/desired)

#### Fast Finish Long Run

Category: Stress - Endurance/Stamina  
Purpose: improves energy usage efficiency at faster paces while in lower or partially depleted glycogen state, improves glycogen storage capacity, advances cardiovascular adaptations, hardens body and mind to running at quicker paces while tired/depleted  
Workout: Continuous run of 75 to 150 minutes with the first 60-80% at an Easy Pace, and the last 20-40% of the run at AT Pace or Brisk Pace  
Feel: the first segment at a comfortable and relaxed rhythm with the last segment at a comfortably quick rhythm  
Heart Rate: 65-75% of Maximum Heart Rate during the first segment and 80-88% during the last segment  
Pace Range: see Easy Pace and Aerobic Threshold or Brisk paces on "Aerobic Titans Pace Calculator"  
Fueling: Take 3-6 oz of fluids once every 20-30 minutes a gel/GU once every hour (if needed/desired)

**Note on Using HR** *Note: if using Heart Rate as your guide it is important to know your actual Maximum Heart Rate as tested in the real world and not based on a formula. Heart rates can vary significantly from individual to individual of similar fitness and age. Also it is important to have an accurate and reliable heart rate monitor. It is recommended that heart rate, if used, be used in conjunction with pace or feel (or both).*

#### Core Circuit

Push-Ups	2 sets of 10-50	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Bicycle Crunches	2 sets of 20-50	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Prone Alternate Arm Leg Raises	2 sets of 10-30	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website



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Dynamic Plank                      2 sets of :30 - 1:00                      See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website

#### Form Drill Circuit

High Knees Drill	2 x 20-40 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Butt Kicks Drill	2 x 20-40 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
B-Skips Drill	2 x 20-40 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Karaoke Drill	2 x 20-40 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website

#### Leg Strength Circuit

Walking Lunges	2 x 15-20 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Bench Step-Ups	2 x 10-20m (each leg)	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Lateral Band Walk	2 x 10-20m (each leg)	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website
Backwards Rail Walk	2 x 10-20 meters	See video on Aerobic Titans Marathon Club website