

## RUNMUMS Fast Half Marathon Training Programme

This advanced running plan is designed to get you running a fast Half Marathon in twelve weeks. At this stage you will probably already be doing a minimum of 30-35 miles a week and have previously completed a half-marathon or something similar before and want to take your running up to the next level.

Just a few things to bear in mind:

- Follow our RUNMUMS Advanced Fast Half Marathon programme and make a commitment to run five times a week for 12 weeks. It does not matter which days you run but allow at least one rest day between each run when you first begin.
- Each of the five runs is designed:
- Two easy/steady runs designed to run at a conversational pace. So, if in doubt slow down.
- One tempo run operating a race pace heart and effort or slightly higher.
- Two slightly harder sessions to try and get the heart rate up by including some hills and/or speed work. Try and maintain good form and pace. It will feel harder, but it will make your stronger.
- One longer run on or off-road. These are designed as slow, steady, gradual increases in your weekly mileage.
- Always start with a 5-minute warm-up jog or walk with some dynamic stretches.
- Always finish with a 5-10 stretching programme.
- Rest and recovery days are just as important as run days; without them you will not improve. It allows your muscles to recover and build up strength.
- An option for your two rest days is to stretch or cross train such as biking, swimming, walking, Pilates, depending on how your body feels, but do not do too much that you burn yourself out.
- Depending on if you've got a target date, then don't be afraid to repeat a week or drop back a week. Everyone is different.
- You can start at any stage depending on your current level of fitness.
- The programme is only a guide so please feel free to make any minor changes or swap the days around.

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| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 1 | 40-mins easy run. Weights session. | 1-mile warmup, $8 \times 3$ min hard runs (HR above 80\%), 2-min jog recovery in between, 1mile cooldown. | 45-min <br> steady/easy run. <br> Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 6-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up. Stretch. Run 2 sets $x 7$ hills (200-250m hill). Jog down to recover and walk between each set. 1-mile cool-down. | 10-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 2 | 40-mins <br> easy <br> run. <br> Weights <br> session | 1-mile warmup, $9 \times 3$ min hard runs (HR above 80\%), 2-min jog recovery in between, 1mile cooldown. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 6.5-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up Stretch. 40-mins of fartlek, set off at easy pace, picking it up to faster for stretches varying from 20 secs2mins, slow to easy to recover, 1-mile jog. | 12-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 3 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile <br> warmup, $6 \times 5$ <br> min hard runs <br> (HR above <br> 80\%), 2-min <br> jog recovery in <br> between, 1- <br> mile cool- <br> down. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 6.5-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up. Stretch. Run 2 sets $x 7$ hills (200-250m hill). Jog down to recover and walk between each set. 1-mile cool-down. | 12-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 4 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile <br> warmup, 10 x <br> 3 min hard, 2min jog recovery in between, or 4 sets $\times 1000 \mathrm{~m}$, $800 \mathrm{~m}, 600 \mathrm{~m}$ with 200 m jog recovery between each rep, 1-mile cool-down. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 7-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog. Stretch. 45-mins of fartlek. 1-mile jog. | 13-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 5 | 45-mins <br> easy <br> run. <br> Weights | 1-mile warmup, $5 \times 6$ min hard runs (HR above | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 7-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core <br> strength <br> and <br> stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up. Stretch. Run 2 sets $x 8$ hills (200-250m hill). Jog down to | 14-mile steady run off road if possible |


|  | session | $80 \%$ ), 2-min jog recovery in between, 1mile cooldown. |  |  |  | recover and walk between each set. 1-mile cool-down. |  |
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| 6 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile warmup, 3 <br> sets x $4 \mathrm{~min}, 3$ <br> min, 2 min <br> hard, 2-min jog <br> recovery in between, or 6 <br> sets $\times 800 \mathrm{~m}$ <br> and $6 \times 600 \mathrm{~m}$ <br> with 200 m jog <br> recovery <br> between each <br> rep, 1-mile <br> cool-down. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 4-mile tempo if racing Saturday or 6.5-mile tempo if not racing, 1 mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 10k-race or 45mins of fartlek inc 1-mile warmup and cool-down. | 14-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 7 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile warmup, $5 \times 6$ min hard runs (HR above 80\%), 2-min jog recovery in between, 1mile cooldown. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 2-mile faster than race pace, 1-mile slower than race pace, 2-miles faster than race pace, 1-mile slower than race pace, 1-mile faster, 1-mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up. Stretch. Run 2 x sets of 8 hills (200250m hill). Jog down to recover and walk between each set. 1-mile cool-down. | 15-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 8 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile <br> warmup, 8 x <br> $1,000 \mathrm{~m}$ reps, <br> 2-min jog <br> recovery in- <br> between, or 8 <br> x 4 mins hard <br> effort, 2-min <br> jog recovery <br> in-between, 1- <br> mile cool- <br> down. | 9-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 7-mile tempo, 1mile cool-down | Core <br> strength <br> and <br> Stretch | 1-mile jog. Stretch. 50-mins of fartlek. 2-mile jog. | 13-mile <br> steady run off road if possible |
| 9 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile warmup, Mixed tempo run. 2mile faster than target race pace, 1- | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 5 $x 3 \mathrm{~min}$ at $70-80 \%$ of max HR-mile, with 90-sec jog recovery, 1-mile cool-down | Core <br> strength <br> and <br> Stretch | Rest day if racing on Sunday. | 10K Race |


|  |  | mile slower, 2- <br> miles faster, 1- <br> mile cool-down |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 10 | 45-mins easy run. Weights session | 1-mile warmup, $6 \times 6$-min hard effort, 2min jog recovery, 1mile cool-down | 8 to 9 -mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, 7 to 8-mile tempo, 1-mile cool-down | Core strength and Stretch | 1-mile jog. Stretch. 45-mins of fartlek. 1-mile jog. | 13-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 11 | 45-mins <br> easy <br> run. <br> Weights <br> session | 1-mile warmup, either track: 9 x 1000m at 10k race pace, with 200 m jog recovery or 10 x 3 mins hard runs with 90sec jog recovery, 1mile cool-down | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 1-mile warm-up, <br> 6-mile tempo, 4 x <br> 100 m strides walk <br> in between to recovery, 1-mile cool-down | Core strength and stretch | 1-mile jog warm-up. Stretch. Run 2 x sets of 6 hills (200250m hill). Jog down to recover and walk between each set. 1-mile cool-down. | 10-mile steady run off road if possible |
| 12 | Rest or 3 to 4mile easy. <br> Core strength and conditio ning. | 1-mile warmup, $8 \times 2$ mins controlled at 10k pace with 90-sec recovery, 1mile cool down. | 8-mile easy run. Weights programme. | 6-mile easy run | Core strength and stretch | Rest Day | Half <br> Marathon |
| Congratulations on reaching your Half Marathon GOAL! |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

