12-WEEK HALF MARATHON TRAINING PLAN: BEGINNER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thanks for choosing the Run Farmington Half Marathon training plan! The plan on the next page has been tailored to a general race and base weekly mileage. Every runner, however, is different, and you may need to make individual changes to the plan. Here are some simple guidelines if you need to adjust it to match your training.

Beginning mileage: Each plan has a ramp-up period in the first couple of weeks, where the mileage starts low and slowly builds to your ideal weekly mileage. If you are already running your goal weekly mileage, there is no reason to drop to the lower mileage. Instead, replace the easy runs with your normal longer runs. For example, run weeks 3 and 4 in place of weeks 1 and 2, then repeat weeks 3 and 4 before moving on to week 5.

Workouts: The workouts are all basic workouts that everyone should be able to figure out with the instructions next to the plan. If you need to change them for more advanced workouts, that is fine. Try to keep them a similar intensity to the planned workout, as the intensity of the workouts is balanced with the mileage.

Run on roads as MUCH AS POSSIBLE! You want to get your feet used to the pavement (avoid treadmills when possible). No excuses. =)

Lastly, always consult a physician before beginning any exercise or diet program. Neither Coach Ryan Head nor Race Pace Events are licensed physicians or medical providers; they are a certified running coach and a race organization. In no way should the information provided be considered medical advice, and at all times the advice of a medical professional should supersede recommendations from Coach Ryan Head or Race Pace Events. We assume no responsibility for the improper use of the training plan(s).

MEET COACH RYAN

Ryan has been running his whole life! From his first 5K to his most recent ultramarathon, Ryan has always pushed himself to the next level. In 2018, Ryan ran his first marathon. In 2023, he ran his first 100-mile race, the Wasatch 100, and sees it as the greatest accomplishment of his running journey. He has run countless races, including many marathons and 100-milers, and continues to pursue more year after year. He has also coached many athletes, from the 5K to the 100-miler. He is here to help you accomplish your goals, too!

Coach Ryan is a certified running coach through UESCA. If you have questions, he would love to answer them.

To learn more about his coaching plans and offerings, please scan the QR code below! You can also call or text him with any questions!

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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL WEEKLY MILES	NOTES
WEEK 1 (FEB. 14)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	1-2 MILES WALKING	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	3 MILES EASY	10-14	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS, KEEP PACE EASY IN RPE 1-4.
WEEK 2 (FEB. 21)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	1-2 MILES WALKING	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	4 MILES EASY	11-15	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS, KEEP PACE EASY IN RPE 1-4.
WEEK 3 (FEB. 28)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	1-2 MILES WALKING	REST	3 MILES EASY	5 MILES EASY	13-16	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS, KEEP PACE EASY IN RPE 1-4.
WEEK 4 (MAR. 7)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	1-2 MILES WALKING	REST	1-2 MILES WALKING	4 MILES EASY	10-14	RECOVERY WEEK, EACH RUN SHOULD BE EASY AS WE START TO BUILD IN THE WEEKS TO COME.
WEEK 5 (MAR. 14)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	6 MILES EASY	14-18	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS AND KEEP RPE AROUND 1-4
WEEK 6 (MAR. 21)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	3 MILES EASY RUN W/3X STRIDES	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	7 MILES EASY	16-19	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS, KEEP PACE EASY IN RPE 1-4. ADD THOSE "STRIDES" IN ON TUESDAY.
WEEK 7 (MAR. 28)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	3 MILES EASY RUN W/3X STRIDES	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	3 MILES EASY RUN	8 MILES EASY	18-20	FOCUS ON BUILDING FITNESS, KEEP PACE EASY IN RPE 1-4. ADD THOSE STRIDES ON TUESDAY.
WEEK 8 (APR. 4)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	6 MILES EASY	14-18	RECOVERY WEEK, EACH RUN SHOULD BE EASY AS WE CONTINUE TO STRETCH YOU OUT AND PREPARE YOU FOR RACE DAY.
WEEK 9 (APR. 11)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	3 MILES EASY RUN W/3X STRIDES	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	1-2 MILES EASY RUN	10 MILES EASY	18-21	THIS WEEK AND THE NEXT WE WILL BE MAKING OUR FINAL PUSHES TO BUILD ENDURANCE. GET YOUR SPEED WORK IN AND TAKE YOUR EASY DAYS EASY!
WEEK 10 (APR. 18)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	3 MILES TEMPO RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	1-2 MILES EASY RUN	11 MILES EASY	19-22	HARDEST WEEK WITH 11 MILE RUN ON SATURDAY! YOU GOT THIS. FOLLOW THE PLAN AND DO THE TEMPO RUN ON TUESDAY!
WEEK 11 (APR. 25)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	REST	1-2 MILES EASY RUN	5 MILES EASY	12-16	TAPER TIME! FOLLOW THE PLAN AND ALLOW YOUR BODY TO START TO RECOVER.
WEEK 12 (MAY 2)	REST	2-3 MILES EASY RUN	2 MILES EASY RUN	REST	REST	OPTIONAL 3 MILE SHAKEOUT OR REST	RACE DAY! 		CONGRATULATIONS!!!! YOU DID IT!!!!

DEFINITIONS:

- **RPE: RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION (EX: 1-2 IS A VERY EASY EFFORT, 8-9 IS VERY HARD.)**
- REST DAY: NO RUNNING, WALKING IS PERMITTED BUT USE GOOD JUDGEMENT. IF YOU NEED TO REST, BE SURE TO TAKE IT.
- EASY RUN: YOUR RUN SHOULD BE IN RPE 1-4. DON'T GO HIGHER THAN THAT.
- TEMPO RUN: AFTER A HALF MILE WARM UP, RUN 30 SECONDS SLOWER (PER MILE) THAN YOUR 5K RACE PACE.
- STRIDES: STRIDES ARE SMALL BURSTS OF ACCELERATION. TYPICALLY, STRIDES ARE ABOUT 100 METERS, LAST 20-30 SECONDS. FOR THIS PLAN, THEY CAN BE DONE ONCE EVERY MILE, WHEN PART OF THE TRAINING.