

# BEGINNER MARATHON TRAINING PLAN



## TERMINOLOGY

### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Mix of short bursts of effort (intervals) with circuit-style training using bodyweight, weights, or machines. Supports endurance, recovery, and strength.

### MOBILITY

Controlled, flowing movements to improve flexibility, range of motion, and reduce injury risk.

### STRENGTH

Full-body lifts (squats, deadlifts, presses) and single-leg exercises to build balance, stability, posture, and running efficiency.

### EASY RUNS

Controlled pace where you can maintain a conversation. Focus on comfort, not speed.

### STEADY RUNS

Comfortable but harder than easy pace.

### TEMPO RUNS

Harder than steady pace but sustainable for ~30 mins. Not all-out.

### TARGET PACE

Specific pace for goal race time (e.g., 2-hour half marathon = 9.09 min/mile or 5.41 min/km).

### FARTLEK RUN

Continuous run alternating 2:30 at 5K pace with 2:30 steady pace, repeated.

### LONG RUNS

Easy, comfortable pace. Focus on time on feet rather than distance or pace.

### PROGRESSION RUNS

Start easy, gradually increase to target race pace.

### INTERVALS

High effort, aim for 5K pace.

### STRIDES

3 x 20s at 85–90% effort. Improves form and running economy.

### WARM UP + COOL DOWN

Very easy pace before and after harder sessions.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 01	Build Up Run: 20min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Build Up Run: 30min	Rest	Build Up Long Run: 30min	Rest
WEEK 02	Easy Run: 30min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Berlin: 6 x 1min effort with 1 minute off between each	Rest	Long Run: 40min	Rest
WEEK 03	Easy Run: 35min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 30min (10min @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 50min	Rest
WEEK 04	Easy Run: 35min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Los Angeles: 5 x 2min efforts with 90 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 60min	Rest
WEEK 05	Easy Run: 40min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Albufeira: 1 x 4min, 2 x 3min, 4 x 2min	Rest	Long Run: 70min	Rest
WEEK 06	Easy Run: 35min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 35min (15min @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 60min	Rest
WEEK 07	Easy Run: 40min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Helsinki: 5 x 3min with 60 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 80min	Rest
WEEK 08	Easy Run: 45min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The St Louis: 1/2/3/4/5min with 90 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 90min	Rest

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 09	Easy Run: 45min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Kuala Lumpur: 5 x 4min with 2 minutes recovery	Rest	Long Run: 1h45m	Rest
WEEK 10	Easy Run: 35min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 60min (20min @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 90min	Rest
WEEK 11	Easy Run: 45min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The London: 8 x 2:30min with 60 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 2h	Rest
WEEK 12	Easy Run: 50min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Progression Run: 10min Blocks	Rest	Long Run: 2h15m	Rest
WEEK 13	Easy Run: 50min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The St Louis: 1/2/3/4/5min with 90 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 2h30	Rest
WEEK 14	Easy Run: 40min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 65min (25min @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 90min	Rest
WEEK 15	Easy Run: 60min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Piraeus: 6 x 3min with 60 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 3h	Rest
WEEK 16	Easy Run: 60min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Split: 5 x 5min with 60 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 3h15m	Rest

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 17	Easy Run: 45min	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	The Budapest: 12 x 2.5min with 60 seconds recovery	Rest	Long Run: 3h30m	Rest
WEEK 18	Easy Run: 30min (+ Strides)	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 7 Miles (3 Miles @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 2h	Rest
WEEK 19	Easy Run: 30min (+ Strides)	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Tempo Run: 4 Miles (1 Mile @ Tempo)	Rest	Long Run: 60min	Rest
WEEK 20	Easy Run: 30min (+ Strides)	Strength & Conditioning	Rest	Easy Run: 30min (+ Strides)	Rest	Easy Run: 20mins (+ Strides)	Race Day