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Olympic Triathlon Beginners

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	Rest or/. Swim 20 mins freestyle, easy effort, 4×5 mins with 2 min recovery	Run 30 mins easy conversational pace (add a 1 min walk every 5 mins if required)	Rest	Swim 6×75m steady effort with 30 sec recovery	Rest	Bike 45 mins easy effort	Run 30 mins easy conversational pace (add a 1 min walk every 5 mins if required)
2	Rest or/. Swim 20 mins freestyle, easy effort, 4×5 mins with 2 min recovery	Run 4x (4 mins at threshold effort, 3 min jog/walk recovery) all built into 30 mins running	Rest	Swim 8×75m, steady effort with 30 sec recovery	Rest	Bike 50 mins easy effort	Run 45 mins easy effort (add 1 min walk sections if required every 5 mins)
3	Rest or/. Swim 30 mins freestyle, easy effort, 3×10 mins with 2–3 min recovery	Run 3x (5 mins at threshold effort, 2 min jog recovery) all built into 30 mins running	Rest	Swim 10×75m steady effort with 30 sec recovery + 90 sec recovery + 50m fast effort	Rest	Bike 60 mins easy effort	Run 45 mins easy effort (add 1 min walk sections if required every 5 mins)
4	Rest or/. Swim 30 mins freestyle, easy effort, 3×10 mins with 2-3 min recovery	Run 4x (5 mins at threshold effort, 2 min jog recovery) all built into 30 mins running	Rest	AM: Swim 6×100m steady effort with 30 sec recovery + 90 sec recovery + 100m fast recording time PM: Run 20 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Bike 60–70 mins easy effort	Run 45–60 mins easy conversational pace
5	Rest or/. Swim 30 mins freestyle, easy effort, 3×10 mins with 90 sec recovery	Run 30 mins including 3×5 mins at threshold effort with 2 min jog/walk recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 30 min go as far as you can whilst maintaining control	Rest	Run 5k local park run or GPS time trial - Good luck!	Bike 60 min easy effort ride



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6	Rest or/. Swim 30 mins easy effort	Brick Session Bike: 30 mins easy with last 10 at threshold effort + Run: 4×3 mins at threshold effort with 90 sec jog recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 6×150m steady effort with 20 sec recovery + 90 sec recovery + 100m fast recording time PM: Run 20 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Bike 90 mins easy effort	Run 60 mins easy effort
7	Rest or/. Swim 30 mins easy effort	Run 5x(5mins at threshold effort/90 sec jog recovery) all built into 45 mins running	Rest	AM: Swim 5×200m steady effort with 30 sec recovery PM: Run 30 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Bike 90 mins easy effort	Run 60–70 mins easy pace
8	Rest or/. Swim 35 mins easy effort	Brick Session Bike: 40 mins easy effort with last 20 at race day effort + Run: 4×5 mins at threshold effort with 90 sec jog recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 6×200m steady effort with 30 sec recovery PM: Run 30 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Bike 1hr 45 mins easy effort	Run 70-80 mins easy pace
9	Rest or/. Swim 40 mins easy effort 2×20 mins with 5 min recovery	Run 6x(5mins at threshold effort/90 sec jog recovery)	Rest	AM: Swim 30-40 mins, go as far as you can whilst maintaining control PM: Run 30 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Bike 2hrs easy effort	Run 80 mins easy pace
10	Rest or/. Swim 40 mins easy effort	Brick Session Bike: 45 mins with last 20 at race day effort + Run: 4×6 mins at threshold effort with 90 sec jog recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 8-10×100m at race pace with 15-20 secs recovery between sets PM: Run 30 mins easy effort or rest	Rest	Run 5k local park run or GPS time trial + 20 min easy run after	Bike 90 min with 4×3k at race effort built in off 3 min easy spin out recovery



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11	Swim 30 mins easy effort + core	PM: 6 mins at threshold effort + 5×2 mins at 5k pace + 6 min at threshold effort all with 2 min jog recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 30 mins freestyle, continuous, easy effort or rest PM: Run Continuous progression run 10 mins easy effort, 10 mins steady effort, 10 mins threshold effort	Rest	Bike 75 mins easy effort	Run 45–60 mins relaxed effort
12	Rest	Run 30 min run including 3×5 mins at threshold effort off 3 min jog recovery	Rest	AM: Swim 20 mins freestyle continuous, easy effort	Rest	Run 15 mins easy run and stretches	Race day! Good luck!

Note:

- Please do a 15 minute warm up and cool down before Threshold, Continuous Hills or Interval sessions.
- Please do a 4x25m or 2x50m easy warm up and cool down around faster swim sets.
- Always substitute cross training for running if you are injured, very sore or it is not safe to run.

- Please add a Core Conditioning, Pilates or Yoga class once or twice a week if you have time.
- Try to stretch every day for at least 10 mins.
- Always eat within 20-30 mins of finishing a run, swim or cycle.
- If your swim is in open water please practice some of your swims in a wetsuit. Only swim open water in training in supervised and safe environments.
- Always train at your target pace in race paced sessions, don't compromise or run too hard.
 Tiredness always catches up so take extra rest if required.



