

# HALF MARATHON

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14-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME



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THIS 14-WEEK

TRAINING PLAN

COMBINES

SPEED,

ENDURANCE

AND

RECOVERY

TO GET YOU READY TO

TACKLE A HALF-MARATHON.

**BEFORE DIVING STRAIGHT INTO THE TRAINING PLAN, READ ALL OF THE MATERIAL TO ENSURE YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF IT.**

This plan is built to adapt to your experience level, but it's also uniquely flexible to your needs. Here's what you should know to get the most out of the Nike+ Run Club Training Plan:

### **IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT DISTANCE**

This training plan is built to help you to maximise your efforts on race day through Speed, Endurance and Recovery.

### **THIS PLAN WORKS FOR YOU**

Your schedule varies. So does the weather and how you feel, but here are a few things to keep in mind as you modify this plan to your needs:

- Speed and Endurance Runs are essential parts of the plan to maximise your training.
- You have four Recovery days – use them to break up your Speed and Endurance Runs. Avoid doing Speed and Endurance runs on back-to-back days.
- Use Recovery days as you choose. You can run a few miles, cross-train or take a rest. We recommend running on two of your four Recovery days.
- Stay within the recommended distance ranges during Endurance and Recovery Day runs.

### **TRAINING STARTS WHEN YOU START**

This plan was designed around a 14-week schedule for maximum results. It was built to adapt to your experience level and intended to be uniquely flexible to your needs as you prepare to tackle a Half-Marathon. Whether you're eight or fourteen weeks from race day, you can jump into this programme whenever it suits you. You're in control of what you put into the programme.

### **TOOLS TO TAKE YOU FURTHER**

- You ran those miles. Now claim them. Share your progress with the Nike+ Running App to get cheers, motivation and encouragement from your friends.
- The N+TC App is a great way to add cross-training to your schedule.

# WEEKLY WORKOUTS



This plan includes three types of workout activities each week. All three are important to get the fittest, strongest and fastest version of you to the finish line.

## SPEED

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Building strength through speed training is important as you prepare. Throughout this plan you'll be introduced to a variety of speed workouts and drills that will make you faster.

## ENDURANCE

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You need endurance training to help prepare your body and mind to go the distance on race day. You will work on endurance with weekly Long Runs.

## RECOVERY

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Recovering from your workout days is just as important as the workouts themselves. Use these days to recover based on how you feel. Either take the day off, try a N+TC workout or go for a few Recovery miles.

# HOW TO USE THE PACE CHART

Throughout the plan, you will see references to different paces you should aim to maintain during specific workouts. Over the course of your training, you will run using different pace targets. Knowing your pace targets will make your speed work easier.

Treat each pace target as the middle of a range. You may train slightly above or below these paces. They are not exact paces and you are not a robot.

The chart on page 8 will help you understand which pace you should aim to run during each session.

## **FIND YOUR STARTING PACE**

To get started, you'll need to identify the row of pace targets that is right for you.

You can find the right row based on any of the following:

Use a recent 5km, 10km, Half-Marathon or Marathon time, if you have run one. By "recent" we mean in the last month or two.

Use the Nike+ Running App and go on a few runs to determine your average pace. This will be your Recovery day pace.

If you already run often, you could make an educated guess based on your current fitness.

Whichever one you use, this will be your starting point to find your row of pace targets within the Pace Chart.

## FOR EXAMPLE

If your last race was a 27-minute 5km, find that 5km time under the 5km column on the Pace Chart and slide across the row left or right to find your other pace targets. In this case, the pace targets would be as follows:

MILE BEST	5KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	TEMPO AVG MILE PACE	HALF MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	RECOVERY DAY PACE
8:00	27:00 / 8:40	55:50 / 9:00	9:25	2:05:00 / 9:30	4:15:00 / 9:45	10:30

Start with your 5km Best / Avg Mile Pace and read left or right.

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE

If your Mile Best time is 9:30, find that Mile Best time on the Pace Chart and slide across to see your other average mile pace targets.

Here, your pace targets would be as follows:

MILE BEST	5KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	TEMPO AVG MILE PACE	HALF MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	RECOVERY DAY PACE
9:30	31:45 / 10:15	66:00 / 10:35	11:00	2:25:00 / 11:05	5:00:00 / 11:25	12:10

Start with your Mile Best and read right for your other pace targets.

## THINGS TO KNOW

When you have your range of pace targets, it helps to understand a few things about how you will use them:

During your training there will be days you may be a little ahead of pace, and other days a little behind. Remember that the paces are only to be used as a guide. You will have good days and bad days so be flexible with your expectations. Hopefully, you will be increasing your fitness each week and your paces will increase in speed as you go.

When this plan is over and you head out for race day be confident in all the work you have done. It is that work that will take you to new fitness levels, faster paces, this starting line and the all the ones beyond.

# PACE CHART



MILE BEST	5KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10KM BEST / AVG MILE PACE	TEMPO AVG MILE PACE	HALF MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	MARATHON BEST / AVG MILE PACE	RECOVERY DAY PACE
5:00	17:05 / 5:30	35:45 / 5:45	6:05	1:18:00 / 6:00	2:44:00 / 6:15	7:00
5:30	18:45 / 6:00	39:00 / 6:15	6:35	1:25:00 / 6:30	3:00:00 / 6:50	7:35
6:00	20:15 / 6:30	42:00 / 6:45	7:05	1:35:00 / 7:15	3:15:00 / 7:25	8:10
6:30	22:00 / 7:05	45:45 / 7:20	7:40	1:40:00 / 7:35	3:30:00 / 8:00	8:45
7:00	23:45 / 7:40	49:00 / 7:55	8:15	1:50:00 / 8:20	3:45:00 / 8:35	9:20
7:30	25:15 / 8:05	52:30 / 8:25	8:50	1:55:00 / 8:45	4:00:00 / 9:10	9:55
8:00	27:00 / 8:40	55:50 / 9:00	9:25	2:05:00 / 9:30	4:15:00 / 9:45	10:30
8:30	28:30 / 9:10	59:00 / 9:30	9:55	2:10:00 / 9:55	4:30:00 / 10:15	11:00
9:00	30:00 / 9:40	62:30 / 10:00	10:30	2:20:00 / 10:40	4:45:00 / 10:50	11:35
9:30	31:45 / 10:15	66:00 / 10:35	11:00	2:25:00 / 11:05	5:00:00 / 11:25	12:10
10:00	33:00 / 10:40	69:00 / 11:05	11:35	2:35:00 / 11:45	5:15:00 / 12:00	12:45
10:30	35:00 / 11:15	72:00 / 11:35	12:00	2:40:00 / 12:10	5:30:00 / 12:35	13:20
11:00	36:15 / 11:40	75:00 / 12:00	12:35	2:50:00 / 12:55	5:40:00 / 13:00	13:45
11:30	38:00 / 12:15	78:30 / 12:35	13:00	2:55:00 / 13:15	5:50:00 / 13:20	14:05
12:00	39:30 / 12:40	81:30 / 13:05	13:35	3:05:00 / 14:05	6:00:00 / 13:45	14:30



# GLOSSARY



This glossary elaborates on the running-specific terms you'll see referenced throughout this plan. It's important to understand the different types of runs that this plan includes in order to get the most out of the full training journey.

## WORKOUTS

### SPEED

The best way to improve your fastest pace is to work on it for brief periods in a series of speed intervals. They can be the same length and pace with the same amount of recovery time, or can involve various distances, paces and recovery periods. Long intervals, Fartlek, Tempo and Hill Runs are all Speed workouts. See Types of Runs below for definitions of these.

### ENDURANCE

Your weekly Endurance Run is a long-distance run at a comfortable pace. It is an essential part of your training that helps the body and mind adapt to increased distances. It also helps you get familiar with the physical and mental challenges that you might face during a race. This run should be run as a Progression Run. See Types of Runs for a definition of Progression Run.

### RECOVERY

Recovery is just as important as your hard workouts. Listen to what your body needs on recovery days, whether that means taking the day off completely, cross-training with the N+TC App or running a few Recovery miles. Ideally, at least two of your Recovery days should be spent running. Recovery Runs increase your stamina and help you recover at the highest quality possible after intense training. They should be run as Progression Runs. See Types of Runs below for a definition of Progression Run.

## TYPES OF RUNS

### PROGRESSION

Progression Runs improve stamina and allow the body to adapt to the stress of running. Build your pace over the course of each run by starting at a slower than Recovery Pace and finishing at a faster than Recovery Pace. Over the course of the run you will average your Recovery Pace. Your Endurance and Recovery Runs should always be run as Progression Runs.

### TRACK

Track refers to a session that includes a series of speed intervals. Ideally, this type of a workout is done on a track as the surface allows you to play with faster paces with precise measurements, but it can be done just about anywhere. You may choose to use streets, traffic lights or even trees as interval markers.

### STRIDES

Strides refer to very short runs that are usually done prior to a run or workout, or immediately after. A series of strides should become faster in pace—often, the first Stride will be the longest and the slowest. There should be a brief recovery between each Stride.

### FARTLEK

Fartleks work on speed and strength by alternating distances and paces during a continuous run. An example Fartlek workout structure could be one minute running easy followed by one minute running hard, repeated for a certain amount of minutes, miles or alternating every street.

### SPLIT INTERVALS

Split Intervals refers to running two different paces in one interval. For example, running a 400-metre interval, with the first 200 metres easy and the last 200 metres fast. This effectively divides the interval into two parts.

### HILLS

Hill workouts develop speed and form. It takes extra effort to run uphill so you do not need to run as fast as you would on a flat section. While running uphill, remain in control of your breathing. Don't lean too far forward. A light lean with the chin leading the chest is enough. Uphills are a great way to develop speed and strength with minimal pounding on the legs.

### TEMPO

Tempo is a hard but controlled pace that can be run as long intervals or a steady run of 1-10 miles. The purpose of a Tempo Run is to build mental and physical endurance and to become comfortable with being uncomfortable.

### TURNAROUNDS

Turnarounds are practised during short intervals. Rather than stopping at the end of an interval, run through the line and turn around as quickly and safely as you can to start the next repeat.

## TYPES OF PACES

### MILE PACE (FASTEST)

This is the pace you could race or run hard for one mile.

### 5KM PACE (FASTER)

This is the pace you could race or run hard for about 3 miles.

### 10KM PACE (FAST)

This is the pace you could race or run hard for about 6 miles.

### TEMPO PACE

Teaching your body to be comfortable being uncomfortable by maintaining a pace between 10km (FAST) and Recovery (EASY).

### RECOVERY PACE (EASY)

A pace easy enough that you can catch your breath while running.

# IF YOU . . .

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**EVERYONE'S TRAINING JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT. BUT THERE ARE SOME RECURRING CHALLENGES AND QUESTIONS THAT MANY RUNNERS ENCOUNTER ALONG THE WAY. HERE'S HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND OVERCOME THESE COMMON HURDLES ON YOUR ROAD TO RACE DAY.**

## **IF YOUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT MATCH THE TRAINING SCHEDULE,**

adjust the training schedule to your needs. For best results, each week should include the three key workouts – Speed, Endurance and Recovery. Prioritise Speed and Endurance workouts and make sure you recover intelligently.

## **IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGURE OUT YOUR PACE,**

then experiment until you find it. When you're out running, you run on feel. You have different gears whether you realise it or not. Be patient, pay attention and have fun experimenting with your comfort level while running at different speeds across different distances. Use the Nike+ Running App while you run to keep track of your paces, and use our Pace Chart guidelines on page 6 to find your pace targets.

## **IF YOU'RE TIRED,**

figure out why. Feeling fatigued is normal as your training progresses, but make sure you're supporting yourself in all other aspects of your life: get enough sleep, eat right, hydrate properly, respect Recovery days and wear the proper shoes. Sometimes the best training is to focus on recovery and rest.

## **IF YOU LACK MOTIVATION,**

look for inspiration. Even where you don't expect to find it – like on a run that you don't want to do. Go out for ten minutes and if you don't feel like running anymore then come back. Just make sure you come back running.

## **IF YOU HAVE A TERRIBLE RUN,**

move on to the next one. Some runs are just terrible—sometimes there's no reason, sometimes there is. Take a moment to see if there's a reason and learn something about yourself if there is. Being comfortable with a bad run is just as important as the joy of a great run.

## **IF YOU'RE HURT,**

stop running. There is a difference between hurting and being hurt. It's essential to listen to and learn from your body throughout your training. Sometimes missing miles in the present lets you run better miles in the future.

## **IF YOU ARE GOING TO RACE,**

give yourself time to recover—beforehand and afterwards. You may want to back off in terms of distance or pace a few days prior to the race. Be sure to give yourself a few days of recovery after it's over too (regardless of whether or not you consider it a successful race).

# WEEK-BY-WEEK OVERVIEW



This 14-week training plan combines Speed, Endurance and Recovery to get you ready to tackle a Half-Marathon.

This plan is built for you to adapt to your experience level and your schedule. The plan starts when you do, so weeks count down from 14 weeks down to one allowing you to jump in whenever you need to.

14 WEEKS TO GO

## A STARTING LINE



This week you will begin your 14-week journey with a series of runs and light workouts that will introduce you to the training plan.

13 WEEKS TO GO

## SET GOOD HABITS



Time to develop new habits. This week draws special attention to the how and why of the training. Work on building stamina and proper pacing on workout days.

12 WEEKS TO GO

## DEVELOP CONSISTENCY



In your third week of training, you will now begin to feel a rhythm to your running. The secret to running well is consistency.

11 WEEKS TO GO

## LEARN TO FOCUS



Training this week may tax you both physically and mentally. Be focused in the moment and by preparing ahead of time for each day's workout.

10 WEEKS TO GO

## BUILD UP STRENGTH



The training so far has had its greatest effect on your strength. This week you will test that by taking on more strength work.

9 WEEKS TO GO

## PUSH ENDURANCE



Your endurance has improved. This week you will put it to work. Longer intervals and a longer Long Run are on the menu.

8 WEEKS TO GO

## PICK UP THE PACE



This week, you're going to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. Break out of the paces you've set for yourself and try experimenting with new paces that test your limits.

7 WEEKS TO GO

## LOOK AHEAD



This week, training shifts from foundational running and base workouts to getting race ready.

6 WEEKS TO GO

## EMBRACE FAST



You have been getting faster each week. Now it's time to be as fast as you can. This week you will be working on both your speed and strength.

5 WEEKS TO GO

## MOVE AHEAD



This week is a great opportunity to look ahead to the athlete you want to be. Be that athlete now. Take on some faster paces and consider adjusting your race goals to match the runner you've become.

4 WEEKS TO GO

## HIT YOUR PEAK



Your training will hit its peak this week. Be prepared to work hard, be tired and enjoy every minute of it.

3 WEEKS TO GO

## SHARPEN EVERY STEP



You don't taper. You sharpen. This week the speed picks up but the recovery picks up even more. It's quality running and quality recovery from now on.

2 WEEKS TO GO

## MAINTAIN YOUR WORK



You have done the training. Now it's time to maintain this body of work. As the intensity winds down, it's important to focus on sleep, hydration, diet and fun.

1 WEEK TO GO

## THE STARTING LINE



You've made it. Run strong and confidently this week. Use what you have learned and the progress you have made. You are ready to take the line.

14 WEEKS TO GO

# A STARTING LINE



This week you will begin your journey with a series of runs and light workouts that will introduce you to the training plan. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

We recommend recovering with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Easy does it. Run a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

- 800 metres at 10km pace
- 800 metres at Tempo pace
- 800 metres at 5km pace
- 800 metres at Tempo pace
- 400 metres at Mile pace
- 800 metres at Tempo pace
- (2x) 200 metres at Mile pace
- 800 metres at Tempo pace

90-second recovery between each interval.

## RECOVERY

The purpose of today's 2-5 mile run is to recover after your last workout. Gradually build up speed so your last mile is your fastest.

## ENDURANCE

### 4 MILES

This is your longest run of the week. Run this distance consistently to build your endurance for race day.

In these early weeks, the goal is to get your body used to longer distances. Don't worry too much about the pace, it should feel comfortable. After the run, look over your mile splits on the Nike+ Running App, which will serve as a great benchmark for future runs.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

## SPEED

### FARTLEK

Follow this time-based interval sequence, alternating from an easy to a hard pace without stopping.

- 1-min easy pace, 1-min hard pace
- 2-min easy, 2-min hard
- 3-min easy, 3-min hard
- 1-min easy, 1-min hard
- 2-min easy, 2-min hard
- 3-min easy, 3-min hard

13 WEEKS TO GO

# SET GOOD HABITS



Time to develop new habits. This week draws special attention to the how and why of the training. Work on building stamina and proper pacing on workout days. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Focus on control as you recover from your last workout. Recover with 2-5 Progression miles. Gradually build speed from your first mile to your last.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

(16x) 400 metres alternating between your 10km pace and your 5km pace.

Follow each 400-metre interval with 2 minutes of rest.

## ENDURANCE

### 4 MILES

Your longest run yet. Run this distance consistently to prepare your mind and body for race day.

Now that you've made it this far, start to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is 60-90 seconds slower than your goal pace for race day.

## SPEED

### HILLS

Run up a short hill at your Mile pace for 25 seconds. Repeat 6x.

Run up a long hill at your 5km pace for 60 seconds. Repeat 6x.

Run up a short hill at your Mile pace for 25 seconds. Repeat 6x.

Jog back downhill between intervals.

## RECOVERY

Recovery miles are as important as your Speed and Endurance Runs. Try running 2-5 miles progressively today. Start slow and gradually build your speed so your last mile is faster than your first.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Progression miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

12 WEEKS TO GO

# DEVELOP CONSISTENCY



In your third week of training, you will now begin to feel a rhythm to your running. The secret to running well is consistency. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 2-5 mile run that lets you recover as efficiently as possible. Build your speed gradually so your first mile is your slowest and your last is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

1000 metres at 10km pace  
500 metres at 5km pace  
500 metres at 5km pace  
200 metres at Mile pace  
400 metres at 5km pace  
400 metres at 5km pace  
(5x) 200 metres at Mile pace  
90 seconds of recovery after each interval.

## ENDURANCE

### 6 MILES

Running this distance consistently will help prepare the body and mind to go the distance on race day.

In these early weeks, the goal is to get your body used to longer distances. Don't worry too much about the pace; it should feel comfortable. After the run, look over your mile splits on the Nike+ Running App, which will serve as a great benchmark for future runs.

## SPEED

### TRACK

(8x) 100-metre Strides  
(2x) 1200 metres at 10km pace  
(1x) 1200 metres at Marathon pace  
(2x) 1200 metres at 10km pace  
(8x) 100-metre Strides

3 minutes of recovery between each interval.

## RECOVERY

We recommend recovering with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Give your body what it craves today by running a few easy miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

11 WEEKS TO GO

# LEARN TO FOCUS



Training this week may tax you both physically and mentally. Be focused in the moment and by preparing ahead of time for each day's workout. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Easy does it. Run a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

- (4x) 200 metres at **Mile** pace
- 400 metres at **5km** pace
- (4x) 200 metres at **Mile** pace
- 400 metres at **5km** pace
- (4x) 200 metres at **Mile** pace
- 400 metres at **5km** pace

- (4x) 100 metres as turnarounds
- 60 seconds'** recovery after 200 s
- 2 minutes'** recovery after 400 s

## RECOVERY

The purpose of today's 2-5 mile run is to recover after your last workout. Gradually build up speed so your last mile is your fastest.

## ENDURANCE

### 6 MILES

Your longest run yet. Run this distance consistently to prepare your mind and body for race day.

Now that you've made it this far, start to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is **60-90 seconds** slower than your goal pace for race day.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

## SPEED

### TEMPO

- (4x) 150-metre Strides

**3-mile Tempo**

- (4x) 150-metre Strides

10 WEEKS TO GO

# BUILD UP STRENGTH



The training so far has had its greatest effect on your strength. This week you will test that by taking on more strength work. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Focus on control as you recover from your last workout. Recover with 2-5 Progression miles. Gradually build speed from your first mile to your last.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

(4x) 100 metres at **Mile** pace  
1000 metres at **5km** pace  
400 metres at **10km** pace  
(4x) 100 metres at **Mile** pace  
400 metres at **10km** pace  
1000 metres at **5km** pace

(4x) 100 metres at **Mile** pace as turnarounds **90-second** recovery after each interval.

## RECOVERY

Recovery miles are as important as your Speed and Endurance Runs. Try running 2-5 miles progressively today. Start slow and gradually build your speed so your last mile is faster than your first.

## ENDURANCE

### 8 MILES

Running this distance consistently will help prepare the body and mind to go the distance on race day.

Remember to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is **60-90 seconds** slower than your goal pace for race day.

## RECOVERY

Give your body what it craves today by running a few easy miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TEMPO

Run **4 miles** at your **Tempo** pace. Push yourself up any hills along your route, but if you're on flat terrain then push yourself for **60 seconds** every **5 minutes**.



9 WEEKS TO GO

# PUSH ENDURANCE



Your endurance has improved. This week you will put it to work. Longer intervals and a longer Long Run are on the menu. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 2-5 mile run that lets you recover as efficiently as possible. Build your speed gradually so your first mile is your slowest and your last is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

(16x) 200 metres alternating between your 10km pace and your 5km pace.

Follow each 200-metre interval with 90 seconds of rest.

## RECOVERY

We recommend recovering with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## ENDURANCE

### 10 MILES

Get ready to go the distance on race day with your week's longest run.

Remember to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is 60-90 seconds slower than your goal pace for race day.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Progression miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

## SPEED

### HILLS

Run up and over a hill 9x.

Don't just stop at the top of the hill—run for an additional 20 seconds when you reach the top.

8 WEEKS TO GO

# PICK UP THE PACE



This week, you're going to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. Break out of the paces you've set for yourself and try experimenting with new paces that test your limits. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance.

To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Easy does it. Run a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

(2x) 200 metres at Mile pace  
Split 800: 600 metres at 5km pace,  
then 200 metres at Mile pace  
400 metres at 5km pace  
Split 800: 600 metres at 5km pace,  
then 200 metres at Mile pace  
400 metres at 5km pace  
(2x) 200 metres at Mile pace  
60-second recovery after 200-metre intervals.  
2-minute recovery after all other intervals.

## ENDURANCE

### 8 MILES

This is your longest run of the week. Run this distance consistently to build your endurance for race day.

Remember to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is 60-90 seconds slower than your goal pace for race day.

## SPEED

### TRACK

1 mile at your 10km pace  
400 metres at Mile pace  
800 metres at 5km pace

Follow each interval with 3 minutes of recovery.

Repeat series 2x.

## RECOVERY

The purpose of today's 2-5 mile run is to recover after your last workout. Gradually build up speed so your last mile is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

7 WEEKS TO GO

# LOOK AHEAD



This week, training shifts from foundational running and base workouts to getting race-ready. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Focus on control as you recover from your last workout. Recover with 2-5 Progression miles. Gradually build speed from your first mile to your last.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

400 metres at 10km pace  
(2x) 400 metres at 5km pace  
400 metres at Mile pace

2-minute recovery between each interval.  
Repeat series 4x.

## RECOVERY

Recovery miles are as important as your Speed and Endurance Runs. Try running 2-5 miles progressively today. Start slow and gradually build your speed so your last mile is faster than your first.

## ENDURANCE

### 10 MILES

Get ready to go the distance on race day with your week's longest run.

Remember to pay more attention to the quality of your pace over the course of your runs. Try to maintain a pace that is **60-90 seconds** slower than your goal pace for race day.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Progression miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

## SPEED

### FARTLEK

1 mile at your Tempo pace

Follow with this Fartlek sequence:  
1 min at a hard pace, 30 sec easy pace  
2 min hard, 1 min easy  
3 min hard, 1.5 min easy  
3 min hard, 1.5 min easy  
2 min hard pace, 1 min easy  
1 min at a hard pace, 30 sec easy  
1 mile at Tempo pace

6 WEEKS TO GO

# EMBRACE FAST



You have been getting faster each week. Now it's time to be as fast as you can. This week you will be working on both your speed and strength. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 2-5 mile run that lets you recover as efficiently as possible. Build your speed gradually so your first mile is your slowest and your last is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

200 metres at	Mile	pace	45-sec	recovery
800 metres at	10km	pace	2-min	recovery
200 metres at	Mile	pace	45-sec	recovery
600 metres at	10km	pace	2-min	recovery
200 metres at	Mile	pace	45-sec	recovery
400 metres at	10km	pace	2-min	recovery
800 metres at	5km	pace	45-sec	recovery
200 metres at	Mile	pace	2-min	recovery
600 metres at	5km	pace	45-sec	recovery
200 metres at	Mile	pace	2-min	recovery
400 metres at	5km	pace	45-sec	recovery
200 metres at	Mile	pace		

## RECOVERY

We recommend recovering with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## ENDURANCE

### 8 MILES

Running this distance consistently will help prepare the body and mind to go the distance on race day.

You're almost there! For the last six weeks of training, monitor your average pace over the course of your runs. The mix of pace and distance will serve as an important ingredient to your success on race day.

## RECOVERY

Give your body what it craves today by running a few easy miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### INTERVALS

1000 metres at	10km	pace
1000 metres at	Tempo	pace
1000 metres at	10km	pace
1000 metres at	Tempo	pace
1000 metres at	10km	pace
1000 metres at	Tempo	pace
(6x) 100-metre strides		

2-minute rest between each interval.  
30 seconds between Strides.

5 WEEKS TO GO

# MOVE AHEAD



This week is a great opportunity to look ahead to the athlete you want to be. Be that athlete now. Take on some faster paces and consider adjusting your race goals to match the runner you've become. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Easy does it. Run a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

300 metres at	Mile pace 45-sec	recovery
400 metres at	5km pace 2-min	recovery
500 metres at	5km pace 2-min	recovery
600 metres at	10km pace 2-min	recovery
500 metres at	5km pace 2-min	recovery
400 metres at	5km pace 2-min	recovery
300 metres at	Mile pace 45-sec	recovery

## RECOVERY

The purpose of today's 2-5 mile run is to recover after your last workout. Gradually build up speed so your last mile is your fastest.

## ENDURANCE

### 10 MILES

Get ready to go the distance on race day with your week's longest run.

For the last five weeks of training, monitor your average pace over the course of your runs. The mix of pace and distance will serve as an important ingredient to your success on race day.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

## SPEED

### TEMPO

4 mile Progression Run averaging your Tempo pace.

(8x) 100-metre Strides

4 WEEKS TO GO

# HIT YOUR PEAK



Your training will hit its peak this week. Be prepared to work hard, be tired and enjoy every minute of it. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Focus on control as you recover from your last workout. Recover with 2-5 Progression miles. Gradually build speed from your first mile to your last.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

Start out your session with a **2-mile** time trial—running at your race-day pace. **10-minute** recovery after **2 miles**

- 200 metres at **10km** pace
  - 200 metres at **5km** pace
  - 200 metres at **Mile** pace
  - 200 metres at **10km** pace
  - 200 metres at **5km** pace
  - 200 metres at **Mile** pace
- 60-second** recovery between intervals

## RECOVERY

Recovery miles are as important as your Speed and Endurance Runs. Try running 2-5 miles progressively today. Start slow and gradually build your speed so your last mile is faster than your first.

## ENDURANCE

### 11 MILES

Running this distance consistently will help prepare the body and mind to go the distance on race day.

You're almost there! For the last four weeks of training, monitor your average pace over the course of your runs. The mix of pace and distance will serve as an important ingredient to your success on race day.

## RECOVERY

Give your body what it craves today by running a few easy miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TEMPO

Run **6 miles** today. The first 3 miles should be run at Recovery Run Pace. Run the last **3 miles** at your faster **Tempo** Pace.

3 WEEKS TO GO

# SHARPEN EVERY STEP



You don't taper. You sharpen. This week the speed picks up but the recovery picks up even more. It's quality running and quality recovery from now on. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 2-5 mile run that lets you recover as efficiently as possible. Build your speed gradually so your first mile is your slowest and your last is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

Run **1 Mile**: Alternate running **200 metres** at **Tempo** pace then **200 metres** at **Mile** pace. Follow with **4-minute** recovery.

Run **800m**: **200 m** at **Tempo** pace then **200 m** at **Mile** pace. **2-minute** recovery.

Run **400m**: **200 m** at **Tempo** pace then **200 m** at **Mile** pace.

## RECOVERY

We recommend recovering with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## ENDURANCE

### 8 MILES

Get ready to go the distance on race day with your week's longest run.

For the last three weeks of training, monitor your average pace over the course of your runs. The mix of pace and distance will serve as an important ingredient to your success on race day.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Progression miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

## SPEED

### HILLS

Run uphill for **2 minutes**—preferably **90 seconds** up and **30 seconds** over a crest. Repeat **6x**.

If you don't have a hill, do a **2-minute** Progression Run that builds from a **10km** to a **Mile** pace and repeat **6x**.

Whether on a hill or flat, allow for a full recovery between intervals.

2 WEEKS TO GO

# MAINTAIN YOUR WORK



You have done the training. Now it's time to maintain this body of work. As the intensity winds down, it's important to focus on sleep, hydration, diet and fun. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 2-5 mile Progression Run. Start slow and quicken your pace over the course of your run.

## RECOVERY

Easy does it. Run a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off.

## SPEED

### TRACK

- (4x) 200 metres at Mile pace
- (2x) 400 metres at 10km pace
- (4x) 200 metres at 5km pace
- (2x) 400 metres at 10km pace
- (4x) 200 metres at Mile pace

60-second recovery between each interval.

## ENDURANCE

### 6 MILES

Running this distance consistently will help prepare the body and mind to go the distance on race day.

For the last two weeks of training, monitor your average pace over the course of your runs. The mix of pace and distance will serve as an important ingredient to your success on race day.

## SPEED

### TRACK

1.5-mile Recovery Run

- (2x) 100-metre Strides  
1000 metres at Tempo pace
- (2x) 100-metre Strides  
1000 metres at Tempo pace

1.5-mile Recovery Run

## RECOVERY

The purpose of today's 2-5 mile run is to recover after your last workout. Gradually build up speed so your last mile is your fastest.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Recovery miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.



1 WEEK TO GO

# THE STARTING LINE



You've made it. This week, run strong and confident. Use what you have learned and the progress you have made. You are ready to take the line. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed and Endurance runs back to back and stick to the recommended distance. To round out your training, add N+TC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

## RECOVERY

Focus on control as you recover from your last workout. Recover with 2-5 Progression miles. Gradually build speed from your first mile to your last.

## RECOVERY

Today is about recovering. Give your body what it craves by running a few Recovery miles, doing a N+TC workout or take the day off.

## SPEED

## TRACK

(2x) 200 metres at Mile pace  
(2x) 400 metres at 5km pace  
800 metres at 10km pace  
(2x) 400 metres at Marathon pace  
(2x) 200 metres at Mile pace

2-minute recovery between each interval.

## RACE DAY

## HALF-MARATHON

You've made it. Run strong and confidently this week. Use what you have learned and the progress you have made. You are ready to take the line.

## SPEED

## TRACK

2-mile Recovery Run

(8x) 100-metre Strides

1-mile Recovery Run

## RECOVERY

Recovery miles are as important as your Speed and Endurance Runs. Try running 2-5 miles progressively today. Start slow and gradually build your speed so your last mile is faster than your first.

## RECOVERY

Go for a few Progression miles, do a N+TC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

# SAMPLE PLAN BREAKDOWN



Below is a sample weekly breakdown of the plan. If your schedule doesn't match the training schedule, adjust the training schedule to your needs. For best results, each week should include these key workouts – Speed, Endurance and Recovery, but prioritise Speed and Endurance if you don't have time to do everything. Use this as a visual guide and get ready to tackle a Half-Marathon.

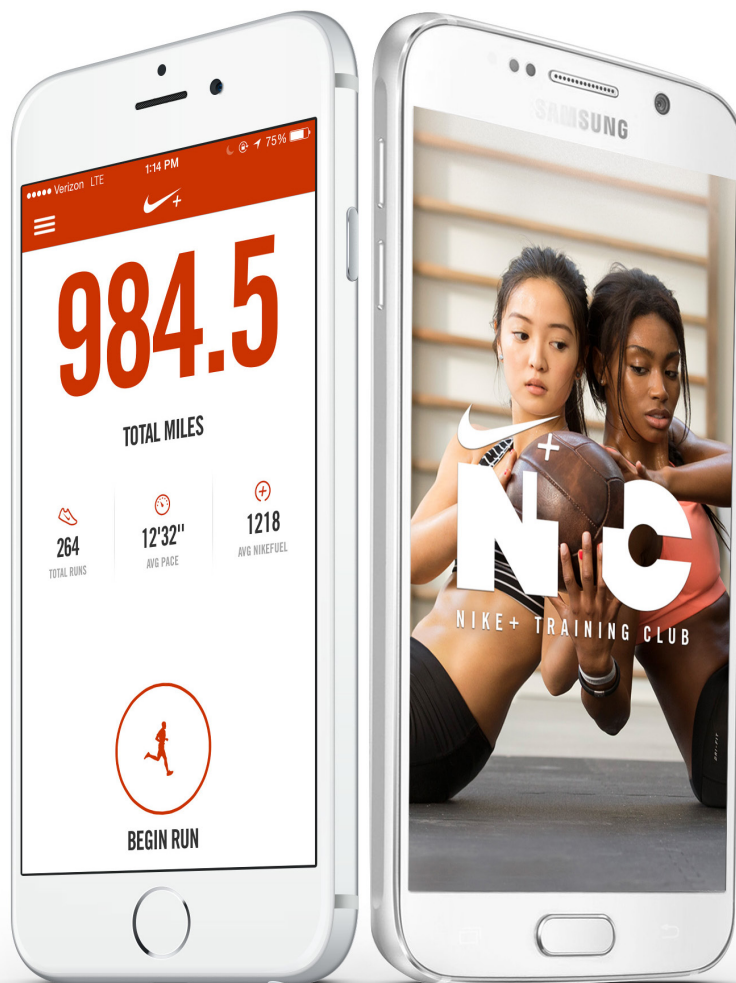
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
14	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	FARTLEK	2-5 MILES	4 MILES	RECOVERY
13	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	HILLS	2-5 MILES	4 MILES	RECOVERY
12	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TRACK	2-5 MILES	6 MILES	RECOVERY
11	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TEMPO	2-5 MILES	6 MILES	RECOVERY
10	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TEMPO	2-5 MILES	8 MILES	RECOVERY
09	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	HILLS	2-5 MILES	10 MILES	RECOVERY
08	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TRACK	2-5 MILES	8 MILES	RECOVERY
07	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	FARTLEK	2-5 MILES	10 MILES	RECOVERY
06	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	INTERVALS	2-5 MILES	8 MILES	RECOVERY
05	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TEMPO	2-5 MILES	10 MILES	RECOVERY
04	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TEMPO	2-5 MILES	11 MILES	RECOVERY
03	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	HILLS	2-5 MILES	8 MILES	RECOVERY
02	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	FARTLEK	2-5 MILES	6 MILES	RECOVERY
01	2-5 MILES	TRACK	RECOVERY	TRACK	RECOVERY	3 MILES	HALF-MARATHON

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