

## Beginner - 5K Training Routine and Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Rest	3 Miles	3 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	2 Miles	4 Miles
2	Rest	3 Miles	Fartlek (4 Miles)	2 Miles	Rest	2 Miles	5 Miles
3	Rest	3 Miles	Fartlek (4 Miles)	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	4 Miles
4	Rest	3 Miles	4-5 Hills (5K pace)	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	6 Miles
5	Rest	4 Miles	4 x 440s (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	5 Miles
6	Rest	4 Miles	3-4 long hills (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	6 Miles
7	Rest	4 Miles	4 x 880s (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	5 Miles
8	Rest	4 Miles	3-4 long hills (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	6 Miles
9	Rest	4 Miles	5 x 880s (5K Pace)	4 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	5 Miles
10	Rest	4 Miles	5 x 440s (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	6 Miles
11	Rest	4 Miles	5 x 880s (5K Pace)	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	5 Miles
12	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	3 Miles	Off	Rest	2 Miles	Day of Race

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**Fartlek (for Speed and Pace)** - Run at an moderate training pace then add in bursts of speed for various distances throughout the run. Vary the speed and times of the speed sections, from as short as 15 seconds to as long as two or three minutes. Between these bursts, allow yourself enough recovery time to match roughly 2/3 of the effort time.

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**Tempo Runs (for Speed and Pace)** - After your typical warmup routine (i.e. running at your easy training pace for at least ten minutes), pick up the pace. The increase in speed should be close to your 10K race pace (approximately 80%-85% of maximum heart rate). The time, distance and pace of your tempo run, as with all phases of your running, depends on both your ability and your goals. For the distance you choose (3 and 5 miles are popular tempo distances), find a pace that is not so fast that you cannot sustain it for the distance, but not so slow that you do not feel challenged toward the end. Tempo runs should be tough, but not impossible.

**Intervals (for Speed)** - Interval sessions are the most formal of the speed workouts because the distances and target paces are precisely defined before you run. The intent is to run a series of relatively short repetitions over distances from 220 yards to one mile, with rest periods of slower running in between. Interval training involves a shorter period of effort than your usual run (i.e. 45 minutes at a steady pace). This forces you to run much faster than you usually do, thus, requiring your body to adapt to the higher demands you are placing on it.

**Long Runs (for Endurance)** - Including "Long Runs" in your running routine produces significant benefits to your overall running endurance. During a long run your body will maintain an aerobic heart rate for an extended period of time and also use energy differently than on your shorter runs. If you plan on running a marathon in the future, then the 20-22 mile distance is where you want to build up to on your long runs. However, if you intend to run only 5k races, then a long run of 6 to 8 miles is sufficient. Long runs are excellent for developing cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and mental toughness.

**Easy Run (for Recovery)** - The Easy run is one of the most important components of a good training program and it should not be overlooked. Too many runners, determined only to increase their speed and mileage, completely overlook the importance of the easy run; often running themselves into injury. Your body needs a chance to rest, so make sure that somewhere between those killer hill workouts and aggressive interval sessions you manage to squeeze in some recovery time (i.e. the Easy Run).

## Beginner - 10K Training Routine and Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Rest	4 Miles	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	4 Miles
2	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	4 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	5 Miles
3	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	4 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	6 Miles
4	Rest	4-5 hills (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	7 Miles
5	Rest	5 x 440s (5K-10K pace)	4 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	6 Miles
6	Rest	3-4 Long Hills (5K-10K pace)	4 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	5K Race (Or 7 Miles)
7	Rest	5 Miles	3 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	8 Miles
8	Rest	4-5 Long Hills (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	10K Race (Or 7 Miles)
9	Rest	4 Miles	3 Miles	6 x 880s (5K-10K pace)	Rest	4 Miles	6 Miles
10	Rest	5 x 440s (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	5 Miles
11	Rest	5 x 880s (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	5 Miles
12	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	3 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	2 Miles	Day of Race

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## Beginner - Half Marathon Training Routine and Schedule

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1	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	4 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	6 Miles
2	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	5 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	7 Miles
3	Rest	4-5 Hills 5K-10K pace	5 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	6 Miles
4	Rest	3-4 Long Hills 5K-10K pace	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	8 Miles
5	Rest	5-6 Hills 5K-10K pace	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	7 Miles
6	Rest	3 x mile 5K-10K pace	4 Miles	6 Miles	Rest	5 Miles	9 Miles
7	Rest	3 x mile 5K-10K pace	3 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	7 Miles
8	Rest	6 x 880s 5K-10K pace	5 Miles	6 Miles	Rest	5 Miles	10 Miles
9	Rest	6 x 880s 5K-10K pace	4 Miles	7 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	10K Race (Or 8 Miles run)
10	Rest	4 x mile 5K-10K pace	6 Miles	7 Miles	Rest	6 Miles	12 Miles
11	Rest	5 Miles	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	8 Miles
12	Rest	5 Miles	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	Day of Race

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1	Rest	3 Miles	4 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	6 Miles
2	Rest	3 Miles	5 Miles	3 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	7 Miles
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4	Rest	Fartlek (4 Miles)	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	10 Miles
5	Rest	4-5 Hills (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	4 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	12 Miles
6	Rest	3-4 Long Hills (5K-10K pace)	4 Miles	6 Miles	Rest	5 Miles	5 Miles
7	Rest	3 x mile (5K-10K pace)	3 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	15 Miles
8	Rest	6 Miles	5 Miles	6 Miles	Rest	5 Miles	7 Miles
9	Rest	5-6 Hills (5K-10K pace)	4 Miles	7 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	18 Miles
10	Rest	7 Miles	6 Miles	7 Miles	Rest	6 Miles	9 Miles
11	Rest	4-5 Long Hills (5K-10K pace)	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	20 Miles
12	Rest	3 x mile (5K-10K pace)	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	10K Race (Or 10 Miles)
13	Rest	6 x 880s (5K-10K pace)	6 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	22 Miles
14	Rest	7 Miles	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	5 Miles	10K Race (Or 10 Miles)
15	Rest	6 x 880s (5K-10K pace)	6 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	24 Miles
16	Rest	4 x mile (5K-10K pace)	7 Miles	10 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	10K Race (Or 10 Miles)
17	Rest	5 Miles	3 Miles	5 Miles	Rest	3 Miles	26 Miles
18	Rest	6 Miles	5 Miles	8 Miles	Rest	4 Miles	12 Miles
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