



THE RUN FORMULA

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10 WEEK - 5K RUN PLAN

This plan is 10 weeks long and will prepare you to complete the Narragansett Summer Running Festival 5K! It is written using rated perceived exertion (RPE) and the provided chart will help you know the effort levels for your runs each day.

Minimum training requirements suggested for this plan:

It is recommended that you should be able to comfortably walk for a total of 45 minutes prior to beginning this plan. Keep in mind this is a beginner's plan that is designed to get you to your first 5K finish line.

Estimates for this plan:

Weekly total volumes start at: Approximately 30 minutes of running

Weekly total volumes peak at: Approximately 2hrs and 20 minutes of running

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A Few Notes about the plan:

- Run workouts are mostly written in duration. All workouts can be adjusted by simply reducing or increasing the length of the workout. If the starting volume is too high, then start the run program at a reduced volume and slowly increase the volume each week. Increasing by 10% each week is a good rule of thumb to use.
- When possible, try to keep your training as scheduled on the plan. If you do need to make adjustments, do not "stack" your workouts so that you have multiple run/hard days in a row. The key is allowing your body to recover from the hard sessions by incorporating easier days in-between. Make an effort to have a rest or recovery day one day per week. If you need to take an additional day off each week - skip the workouts listed as recovery or cross training days.
- Here is a guide to some of the common terminology referred to in the plan. **Examples:** - **RI** (Rest Interval) - Amount of Rest between each set, **30"** (30 seconds), **2'** (2 minutes), **Z1** (Zone One RPE)

Example workout: **25' Aerobic - Z1**
 4' walk steady pace
 1' run for total of 25'

This refers to – total workout 25 minutes – Aerobic Z1 pace. The breakdown of the workout is 4 minutes of walking and 1 minute of running – total 25 minutes. In this example, you would end up running a total of 5 minutes for the workout.

- The plan includes cross training days that are meant to give you a break from the pounding of running, but still keep your body active and your blood flowing! These days could include a walk, a swim or a spin class. Also, of importance is to include some strength work.

WEEK ONE (MAY 6) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25' Aerobic - Z1 3' walk steady pace 2' run for total of 25' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	30' Aerobic - Z1 3' walk steady pace 2' run for total of 30' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	25' Aerobic - Z1 2' walk steady pace 3' run for total of 25' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	35' Aerobic - Z1 15' walk 20' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK TWO (MAY 13) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 4' run for total of 25' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	30' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 4' run for total of 30' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	30' Aerobic - Z1 Run 10' Walk 5' Run 5' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	40' Aerobic - Z1 15' walk 25' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK THREE (MAY 20) - RECOVERY WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 4' run for total of 20' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	25' Aerobic - Z1 2' walk steady pace 3' run for total of 25' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Day Off	30' Aerobic - Z1 15' walk 15' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK FOUR (MAY 27) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
35' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 6' run for total of 35' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	35' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 6' run for total of 35' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	34' Aerobic - Z1 30" walk steady pace 8' run for total of 34' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	40' Aerobic - Z1 15' walk 25' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK FIVE (JUNE 3) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
33' Aerobic - Z1 1' walk steady pace 10' run for total of 33' Keep effort in Z1 for first 7' of run segment – build to Z2 for remainder.	Day Off	33' Aerobic - Z1 30" walk steady pace 10' run for total of 33' Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	35' Aerobic - Z1 30" walk steady pace 1 mile run Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	45' Aerobic – Z1 15' walk 30' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK SIX (JUNE 10) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1 mile run with 1' walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for first run segment. Build to Z2 by the end of the second mile.	Day Off	35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1.25 mile run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for first mile of run segment. Final .25 mile of each build to high Z2. 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	40' Aerobic - Z1 3 x 1 mile run with 1' walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	50' Aerobic – Z1 15' walk 35' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK SEVEN (JUNE 17) - RECOVERY WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1.5 mile run with 1' walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1 mile run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	40' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1.5 mile run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	35' Aerobic – Z1 15' walk 20' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises

WEEK EIGHT (JUNE 24) - BUILD WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
45' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 2 mile run with 1' walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 15' run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for first 15' run segment – Z2 for second run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	45' Aerobic - Z1 3 x 1.25 mile run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for first mile of run segment. Final .25 mile of each build to low Z3.	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	50' Aerobic – Z1 15' walk 35' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK NINE (JULY 1) - PEAK WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30' Aerobic - Z1 5' walk 20' run 5' walk Keep effort in Z1 for first 15' run segment – build to low Z3 for final 5'	Day Off	45' Aerobic - Z1 3 x 15' run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for run segment 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength	50' Aerobic - Z1 3 x 1.5 mile run with 30" walk between each Keep effort in Z1 for first two run segments. Build to Z2 for final run	Cross Train - Bike Ride, Walk, Swim, Strength 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	55' Aerobic – Z1 15' walk 40' Aerobic - Z1 Run as long as possible while maintaining effort in Zone 1 - walk remainder of session

WEEK TEN (JULY 8) - RACE WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
35' Aerobic - Z1 2 x 1 mile run with 30" walk between each Allow effort to go into Z2 for the run segment	15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	30' Aerobic - Z1 5' walk 20' run 5' walk Keep effort in Z1 for run segment	Day Off	20' Aerobic - Z1 5' walk 10' Aerobic - Z1 build to Z2 5' walk 15' Stretch/Foam Roll/Core Exercises	RACE DAY!!	Enjoy and Celebrate

The Run Formula Zones By Effort Level

Zone	Talking Indicator	On a Scale of 1-10	Your Face
ZR	Singing	3 or below	
Z1	Conversation	4 - 6.5	
Z2	Phrase	6.5 - 8	
Z3	Word	8 - 9	
Best Sustainable Effort	NO talking	>9	



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