

# **Half Marathon Plan: 12 Weeks**

## **Intermediate Plan**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	45 min Endurance Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	10km Long Run 2km W/U 2x3mins@50% HMP with 3mins rec 2km W/D
Week 2	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	6km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	12km Long Run 2km W/U 3x3 mins @70% HMP with 3mims rec 2km W/D
Week 3	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	Interval Run: 1 km warm up 3 km @ 70 % 2 km @ 80 % 1 km easy	REST	ParkRun: 5km Run	15km Long Run 2km W/U 2x 4mins @80%HMP with 2mims rec 2km W/D
Week 4	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	8km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 30 mins @ comfortable pace	10km Long Run 2km W/U 3x 4mins @90%HMP with 2mins rec 2km W/D



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Week 5	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	Interval Run: 3 km warmup 5 X 2 min effort/ 2 min recovery 3 km cool down	REST	ParkRun: 5km Run	15km Long Run 2km W/U 4x4mins @HMP with 4mis rec 2km W/D
Week 6	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	11km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	17km Long Run @ comfortable pace
Week 7	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	10km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	19km Long Run 2x8mins @80% 10kmp with 4mins rec
Week 8	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	45 mins @ comfortable pace	REST	Pick up run: 1km easy 1km@hmp 1km@10kmp 1km@hmp 1km easy	11km Long Run 3x8mins @ HMP with 4mins rec



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Week 9	REST	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	Progression run: 2 km easy 3 km @ HMP 3 km @ 10KP 2 km easy	REST	ParkRun: 5km Run	20km Long Run 4x8mins and change of pace only, rec 4mins
Week 10	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	8km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	16km Long Run 6x3mins @ 10kmp with 3 mins rec
Week 11	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	8km Recovery Run	REST	ParkRun: 1 km warm up 2 km @ 70% 2 km @ 80% 1 km easy	10km Long Run 4x1min @ 5km pace with 1min rec
Week 12	REST/ Gym Session/ Cross Training	DCR Skills Session	REST	8km Recovery Run	REST	1km W/U and drills 6x45 strides 1km W/D	RACE DAY



## Legend

## **Long Run**

Run between 45 - 60 seconds slower than anticipated race pace. You should be able to hold a conversation comfortably. Key is time on feet not speed!

## **Recovery Run**

An easy 'conversational' pace run to allow your body to actively recover.

#### **DCR Skills Session**

Please check Team App for weekly Skills Session info.

## **HMP (Half Marathon Pace)**

The pace you are aiming to run on race day.

#### **10KP (10km Pace)**

To find your 10km race pace - look at the time you completed your last 10km race (or PB 10km) and what pace you did to achieve this. Eg; a 60 minutes.

## **Cross Training**

As part of this plan we recommend incorporating rest days and non-impact cross/strength training, on the days you are not running. Pilates, Yoga, bike riding or weights sessions are ideal.



## Notes

- These plans are to be treated as weekly not daily. There is no set day each week that we recommend doing these sessions. Training for a half marathon needs to be flexible to accommodate weather conditions (below zero anyone?), how you are feeling and the day-to-day demands of life!
- A key point to remember when training for a half marathon is that you are predominantly training for distance (not speed). This is why long slow runs are so important.
- The DCR Coaching Team are always happy to help. If you have any questions about training for a half marathon, please email dcrcoaching@gmail.com