## May 2024 HMR 5k Plan



## NOTES

Our goal for the first month is to build good habits, establish a routine, and create consistency.
Running and walking intervals will help strengthen muscles and tendons without putting too much strain on the body. It is important to have reasonable expectations and set achievable goals. The purpose of the first month of training is to avoid injury while building capacity to handle longer and faster efforts. All running this month should be at an manageable, relaxed pace that can be maintained.

## May 2024 HMR 10 Miler Plan

*Assuming some level of training experience or baseline fitness *

| SUN | MON | IUES |  | WED | THURS |  | FR | SAT |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 3 |  | 4 |
|  |  |  |  | 2 miles easy | 2 miles easy |  | Rest Day | 3 miles easy |  |
|  | 6 |  | 7 | 8 |  | 9 | 10 |  | 11 |
| 3 miles easy | Rest day | 3 miles easy |  | 3 miles easy | 3 miles easy |  | Rest Day | 3 miles easy |  |
|  | 13 |  | 14 | 15 |  | 16 | 17 |  | 18 |
| 5 mile long run | Rest day | 3 miles easy |  | 4 miles easy | 3 miles easy |  | Rest day | 3 miles easy |  |
|  | 20 |  | 21 | 22 |  | 23 | 24 |  | 25 |
| 6 mile long run | Rest day | 4 miles easy |  | 3 miles easy | 4 miles easy |  | 2 miles easy | 4 miles easy |  |
|  | 27 |  | 28 | 29 |  | 30 | 31 |  |  |
| 6 mile long run | Rest Day | 4 miles easy |  | 5 miles easy | 4 miles easy |  | Rest Day |  |  |

## NOTES

Our goal for this first month is to get back into running and slowly progress towards higher mileage.
All running for the first month should be at a manageble and sustainable pace. We are building our capacity to support faster efforts and longer runs. If breaks are needed, try slowing down or adding walking intervals between miles until it feels more comfortable.

General Tips:

- Good running shoes are important, they do not have to be the newest technology, or the most expensive brand, but getting supportive shoes that are meant for running will help you avoid injury. Avoid "fashion fitness" shoes.
- It is important to fuel the run with a snack or meal before the effort and eat something shortly after the exercise to help boost recovery times, and as always, stay hydrated.
- Make sure to get a dynamic warm up before the effort, get the body moving with some light dynamic stretches and exercises to wake the muscles up, and walk around and stretch after the effort.
- Moderating your efforts and staying consistent are the best ways to sustainably improve. Make sure your pace is manageable and you take time off when it is needed. The provided plans are a baseline, but do not force yourself to run if you feel pain or need rest.
- Sleep is the best tool for recovery, do not be surprised if your body feels the need for more sleep or more food.

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