

18-WEEK BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON TRAINING PROGRAM
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THE GOAL

OF THE PLAN ISN'T TO GET
YOU ACROSS THE FINISH
LINE, IT'S TO GET THE



THE BEST
VERSION
OF YOU



ACROSS THE FINISH LINE.

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THIS 18-WEEK
TRAINING PLAN
COMBINES

SPEED
ENDURANCE
AND
RECOVERY

TO GET YOU READY TO
TACKLE THE 2019
BANK OF AMERICA
CHICAGO 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 maximize 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 maximize your training.
- You have four Recovery days – use them to break up your Speed and Endurance Runs to 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 Runs.

TRAINING STARTS WHEN YOU START

This plan was designed around an 18-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 the 2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. You're in control of what you put into the program.

TOOLS TO TAKE YOU FARTHER

- 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 Nike Training Club 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

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

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

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 NTC workout or go for a few Recovery miles.

A black and white photograph of three runners in motion, captured from behind. They are running on a paved path under a large concrete bridge structure. The scene is dimly lit, with long shadows cast on the ground. The text is overlaid in a bright green, sans-serif font.

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 5K, 10K, 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 27:00 minute 5K, find that 5K time under the 5K 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	5K BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10K 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 5k 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	5K BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10K 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 CHARTS



MILE BEST	5K BEST / AVG MILE PACE	10K 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	5:55	1:18:00 / 5:00	2:44:00 / 6:15	7:00
5:30	18:45 / 6:00	39:00 / 6:15	6:25	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	7:25	1:40:00 / 7:35	3:30:00 / 8:00	8:45
7:00	23:45 / 7:40	49:00 / 7:55	8:05	1:50:00 / 8:20	3:45:00 / 8:35	9:20
7:30	25:15 / 8:05	52:30 / 8:25	8:40	1:55:00 / 8:45	4:00:00 / 9:10	9:55
8:00	27:00 / 8:40	55:50 / 9:00	9:20	2:05:00 / 9:30	4:15:00 / 9:45	10:30
8:30	28:30 / 9:10	59:00 / 9:30	9:45	2:10:00 / 9:55	4:30:00 / 10:15	11:00
9:00	30:00 / 9:40	62:30 / 10:00	10:25	2:20:00 / 10:40	4:45:00 / 10:50	11:35
9:30	31:45 / 10:15	66:00 / 10:35	10:55	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
12:30	40:20 / 13:00	85:00 / 13:40	13:50	3:07:00 / 14:10	6:20:00 / 14:30	14:50

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 Nike Running 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 city blocks, 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 city block.

SPLIT INTERVALS

Split Intervals refers to running two different paces in one interval. For example, running a 400-meter interval, with the first 200 meters easy and the last 200 meters 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 practiced 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

We've divided our paces into five speeds that we'll reference throughout the training program.

MILE PACE (FASTEST)

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

5K PACE (FASTER)

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

10K 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 10k (FAST) and Recovery (EASY).

RECOVERY PACE (EASY)

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

IF YOU...

IF YOUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT MATCH THE TRAINING SCHEDULE,

Then adjust the training schedule to your needs. For best results, each week should include the three key workouts—speed, endurance and recovery. Prioritize 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 realize 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 your paces, and use at our pace chart guidelines on page 06 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).

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.

2019 BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

WEEK BY WEEK OVERVIEW



This 18-week training plan combines Speed, Endurance and Recovery to get you ready to tackle the 2019 Bank of America Chicago 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 18 weeks down to one allowing you to jump in whenever you need to.

6.9.19-6.15.19

A STARTING LINE



This week you will begin your 18-week journey with a series of runs and light workouts that will introduce you to the training plan.

6.16.19-6.22.19

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.

6.23.19-6.29.19

WARM UP



You are hitting your stride. Some days you will feel great. Other days you will feel tired. Both types of days will show you that you are putting in the work and are on track to get where you need to be.

6.30.19-7.6.19

DEVELOP CONSISTENCY



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

7.7.19-7.13.19

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.

7.14.19-7.20.19

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.

7.21.19-7.27.19

PUSH ENDURANCE



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

7.28.19-8.3.19

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.

8.4.19-8.10.19

TIME TO EVOLVE



You are a different athlete than you were when this started. Now it's time to do the work to become a stronger, faster and better athlete.

8.11.19-8.17.19

LOOK AHEAD



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

8.18.19-8.24.19

RUN CONFIDENT



You have handled it all. Long Runs. Speed Runs. Progression Runs. It's time to run these miles confidently.

8.25.19-8.31.19

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.

9.1.19-9.7.19

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.

9.8.19-9.14.19

READY TO RUN



You are fit, strong and ready to take on any workout on any day. The miles will start to pass by more quickly. Make sure you appreciate what you have done and what you are doing.

9.15.19-9.21.19

HIT YOUR PEAK



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

9.22.19-9.28.19

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.

9.29.19 - 10.5.19

MAINTAIN YOUR WORK



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

10.6.19-10.13.19

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.

SAMPLE PLAN BREAKDOWN



Combining Speed, Endurance and Recovery, this 18-week training plan was designed to adapt to your experience level and intended to be uniquely flexible, allowing you to get the most out of your training. Use this as a visual guide and get ready to tackle the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
18	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Hills	2-5 Miles	6 Miles	Recovery
17	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Strength	2-5 Miles	7-8 Miles	Recovery
16	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Strength	2-5 Miles	6-7 Miles	Recovery
15	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Strength	2-5 Miles	9-10 Miles	Recovery
14	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Fartlek	2-5 Miles	8 Miles	Recovery
13	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Hills	2-5 Miles	9-11 Miles	Recovery
12	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Track	2-5 Miles	12 Miles	Recovery
11	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Tempo	2-5 Miles	13-14 Miles	Recovery
10	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Tempo	2-5 Miles	15-16 Miles	Recovery
09	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Hills	2-5 Miles	17-18 Miles	Recovery
08	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Track	2-5 Miles	14 Miles	Recovery
07	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Fartlek	2-5 Miles	17-18 Miles	Recovery
06	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Fartlek	2-5 Miles	14 Miles	Recovery
05	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Progression	2-5 Miles	16-18 Miles	Recovery
04	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Tempo	2-5 Miles	20-22 Miles	Recovery
03	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Hills	2-5 Miles	14-16 Miles	Recovery
02	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Track	2-5 Miles	10-12 Miles	Recovery
01	3-7 Miles	Track	Recovery	Track	2-5 Miles	3 Miles	Marathon

6.9.19 – 6.15.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 3-7 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

800m / 4:00 min at 10k pace
(4x) 400m / 2:00 min at 5k pace
800m / 4:00 min at 10k pace
2-minute recovery after everything

RECOVERY

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

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.

RECOVERY

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

SPEED

TEMPO

1 mile Easy run
1.5 mile Tempo run
1 mile Easy run

6.16.19 - 6.22.19

SET GOOD HABITS

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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.

RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 3-7 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off.

SPEED

TRACK

3:00 min at	10k	pace
2:30 min at	10k	pace
2:00 min at	5k	pace
1:30 min at	5k	pace
1:00 min at	Mile	pace
0:30 sec	as fast as you can	

90-second recovery between each interval.

RECOVERY

The purpose of today is to recover. Try a 2-5 mile run that gradually builds in speed so your last mile is your fastest mile.

ENDURANCE

7-8 MILES

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

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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

2-3 mile run at your Tempo pace.

6.23.19 - 6.29.19

WARM UP



You are hitting your stride. Some days you will feel great. Other days you will feel tired. Both types of days will show you that you are putting in the work and are on track to get where you need to be. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 3-7 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(2x) 200 meters at	5k pace
(4x) 400 meters at	Mile pace
(2x) 200 meters at	5k pace
(4x) 400 meters at	Mile pace

60-second recovery between each 200-meter interval, 2-minute recovery between each 400-meter 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

6 - 7 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.

RECOVERY

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

SPEED

TEMPO

(8x) 100-meter Strides
20-second rest between each Stride
3.5 mile Tempo run
5-minute rest
(8x) 100-meter Strides
20-second rest between each Stride.

6.30.19 – 7.6.19

DEVELOP CONSISTENCY



In your fourth 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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 3-7 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(25x) 200 meters at 5k pace

60-second recovery between each 200-meter 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

9-10 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

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

SPEED

TEMPO

1 mile at your Tempo pace
(2x) 800 meters at 5k pace
1 mile at Tempo pace

2:30-minute recovery between each interval, except Strides.

7.7.19 – 7.13.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

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

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

SPEED

TRACK

800 meters	at	10k	pace
800 meters	at	Tempo	pace
800 meters	at	5k	pace
800 meters	at	Tempo	pace
400 meters	at	Mile	pace
800 meters	at	Tempo	pace
(2x) 200 meters	at	Tempo	pace
800 meters	at	Tempo	pace

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

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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

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

7.14.19 - 7.20.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles.

To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 3-7 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(16x) 400 meters alternating between your 10k pace and your 5k pace.

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

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

9 - 11 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 Progression miles, do a NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

Run up a short hill at your Mile pace for 30 seconds. Repeat 5x.

Run up a long hill at your 10k pace for 45 seconds. Repeat 5x.

Run up a short hill at your Mile pace for 30 seconds. Repeat 5x.

Easy jog back downhill between intervals.

7.21.19 - 7.27.19

PUSH ENDURANCE



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

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 3-7 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

1000 meters	at	10k	pace
500 meters	at	5k	pace
500 meters	at	5k	pace
200 meters	at	Mile	pace
400 meters	at	5k	pace
400 meters	at	5k	pace
(5x) 200 meters	at	Mile	pace

90 seconds of recovery after 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.

ENDURANCE

12 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.

RECOVERY

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

SPEED

TEMPO

(8x) 100m strides
(2x) 1200m at 10k pace
(1x) 1200m at Marathon pace
(2x) 1200m at 10k pace
(8x) 100m strides

3 minutes of recovery between each interval.

7.28.19 - 8.3.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY



Recover from your last effort with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off.

SPEED



TRACK

1000 meters	at	10k	pace
500 meters	at	5k	pace
500 meters	at	5k	pace
200 meters	at	Mile	pace
400 meters	at	5k	pace
400 meters	at	5k	pace
(5x) 200 meters	at	Mile	pace

90 seconds of recovery after each interval.

RECOVERY



The purpose of today is to recover. Try a 2-5 mile run that gradually builds in speed so your last mile is your fastest mile.

ENDURANCE



13 - 14 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body whatever it craves today.

SPEED



TEMPO

(4x) 150-meter Strides

5 mile Tempo

(4x) 150-meter Strides

8.4.19 - 8.10.19

TIME TO EVOLVE



You are a different athlete than you were when this started. Now it's time to do the work to become a stronger, faster and better athlete. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 5-9 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(4x) 100 meters	at	Mile	pace
1000 meters	at	5k	pace
400 meters	at	10k	pace
(4x) 100 meters	at	Mile	pace
400 meters	at	10k	pace
1000 meters	at	5k	pace

(4x) 100 meters 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

15 - 16 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TEMPO

Run 6 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.

8.11.19 – 8.17.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

16 x 200 meters alternating between your Mile pace and your 5k pace.

Follow each 200-meter 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

17-18 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

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.

8.18.19 – 8.24.19

RUN CONFIDENT



You have handled it all. Long Runs. Speed Runs. Progression Runs. It's time to run these miles confidently. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off.

SPEED

TRACK

6-8 Mile repeats at Tempo pace
1-minute recovery after each mile.

RECOVERY

The purpose of today is to recover. Try a 2-5 mile run that gradually builds in speed so your last mile is your fastest mile.

ENDURANCE

14 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.

RECOVERY

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

SPEED

TEMPO

1 mile at your 10k pace
800 meters at 5k pace

Follow each interval with 3 minutes of recovery.

Repeat series 3x.

8.25.19 – 8.31.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles.

To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 5-9 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

400 meters	at	10k	pace
(2x) 400 meters	at	5k	pace
400 meters	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

17-18 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

1 mile at your Tempo pace
2-min recovery

Follow with this Fartlek sequence:

1-min at a hard pace, 30-sec easy pace
2-min hard, 1-min easy
3-min hard, 1:30-min easy
3-min hard, 1:30-min easy
2-min hard pace, 1-min easy
1-min at a hard pace, 30-sec easy
2-min recovery
1 mile at Tempo pace

9.1.19 – 9.7.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

1 Mile run at 10k pace
6-8 mile run at Marathon pace
1 Mile run at 10k pace

2:00 recovery after each run

RECOVERY

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

ENDURANCE

14 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TEMPO

1000 meters	at	10k	pace
1000 meters	at	Tempo	pace
1000 meters	at	10k	pace
1000 meters	at	Tempo	pace
1000 meters	at	10k	pace
1000 meters	at	Tempo	pace
(6x) 100-meter strides			

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

9.8.19 - 9.14.19

READY TO RUN



You are fit, strong and ready to take on any workout. The miles will start to pass by more quickly. Make sure you appreciate what you have done and what you are doing. You can modify the following sequence to suit your week, but don't do Speed & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 5-9 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

Run 8-10 Miles: Alternate each Mile between Tempo and Marathon pace.

Follow with 2-minute recovery.

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

16 - 18 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TEMPO

Run 9 miles as a Progression Run. Your pace should drop so the last 4 miles are run at a Tempo pace.

9.15.19 - 9.21.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(12x) 400 meters at 5k pace
2 minute recovery after each.

RECOVERY

The purpose of today is to recover. Try a 2-5 mile run that gradually builds in speed so your last mile is your fastest mile.

ENDURANCE

20 - 22 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 NTC 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-meter Strides

9.22.19 – 9.28.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles.

To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Get the most out of today with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

Run 10:00: Alternate running 1:00 at Tempo pace then 1:00 at 5k pace.
Follow with 3-minute recovery.
Run 8:00: 1:00 at Tempo pace then 1:00 at 5k pace. 3-minute recovery.
Run 6:00: 1:00 at Tempo pace then 1:00 at Mile pace. 2-minute recovery.
Run 4:00: 1:00 at Tempo pace then 1:00 at Mile pace
Run 2:00: 1:00 @ Tempo pace then 1:00 at Best 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

14 - 16 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

SPEED

TEMPO

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 10k to a Mile pace and repeat 6x.

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

9.29.19 - 10.5.19

MAINTAIN YOUR WORK



You have done the training. Now it's time to maintain this body of work. As the intensity dials itself 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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Recover from your last effort with a 5-9 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 NTC workout or take the whole day off.

SPEED

TRACK

(4x) 200 meters	at	Mile	pace
(2x) 400 meters	at	10k	pace
(4x) 200 meters	at	5k	pace
(2x) 400 meters	at	10k	pace
(4x) 200 meters	at	Marathon	pace
(2x) 400 meters	at	10k	pace

60-second recovery between each interval.

RECOVERY

The purpose of today is to recover. Try a 2-5 mile run that gradually builds in speed so your last mile is your fastest mile.

ENDURANCE

10-12 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.

RECOVERY

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

SPEED

TEMPO

1.5 mile Recovery Run
1000 meters at Tempo pace
1000 meters at Tempo pace
1.5 mile Recovery Run

2-minute recovery between each

10.6.19 – 10.13.19

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 & Endurance runs back-to-back and stick to the recommended miles. To round out your training, add NTC workouts into your routine to get fit, fast.

RECOVERY

Focus on control as your recover from your last workout. 5-9 Recovery miles should do the trick. 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 NTC workout or take the day off.

SPEED

TRACK

2:00 minutes	at	10k	pace
8:00 minutes	at	Marathon	pace
2:00 minutes	at	5k	pace
8:00 minutes	at	Marathon	pace

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

26.2 MILES



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

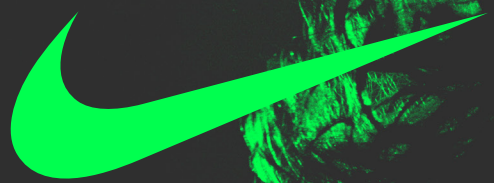
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Go for a few Progression miles, do a NTC workout or take the whole day off. Give your body what it craves today.

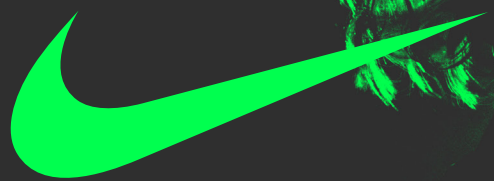
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TEMPO

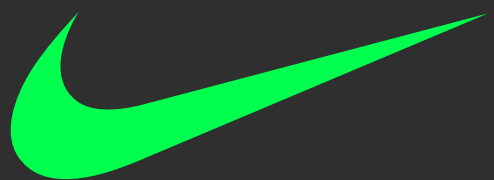
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(8x) 100m strides
1 mile Recovery run



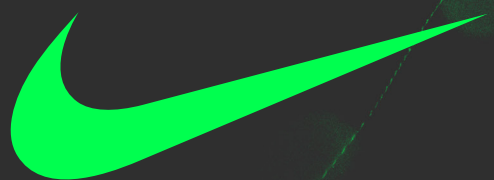
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