## TRAININGZONE

Peak performance

# MOVE ON TO MARATHONS

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SEASON'S TRAINING TO BAG YOURSELF AN AUTUMN RUN PB

## Meet the expert

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RUNNING A successful marathon means banking your training miles to develop a strong aerobic foundation, great stamina, better economy and efficiency and the ability to keep running for a long time. With your triathlon racing season in full swing, it's likely you've got a strong cardiovascular base from your swimming, cycling and running training, but you'll probably lack the specific running fitness necessary to complete a marathon.

The most important features of successful marathon training plans are consistency over time, focused threshold runs, progressive long runs, an understanding of marathon pace, and getting race day nutrition right.

These training plans are aimed at triathletes who have entered an autumn marathon and want to 1) race the marathon well on 6-8hrs training per week, or 2) race the marathon hard on 10 to 12 hrs training per week. They assume you'll already be training regularly for triathlon (Olympic-

distance or greater). There are no shortcuts to a marathon. Work backwards 12 weeks from your marathon race date to start the plan. Both plans include an extra focus on running, and specifically the key training you'll need to bag a successful marathon while maintaining your triathlon fitness to see out the racing year in style.

#### The key sessions

#### Long run (LR)

Long runs are vital and are the key ingredient of your marathon plan. After all, a marathon is a very long run. They develop stamina, strength and the ability to go the distance. Long runs are done at a controlled, steady pace. Talking is possible.

#### Threshold run (TR)

Running at threshold pace is about running under 'controlled discomfort' and is great for improving your running economy. After long endurance runs, threshold runs are probably your most valuable workouts. You'll only be capable of uttering four or five words as you run.

#### Interval run (IR)

Interval running is structured periods of hard effort interspersed with periods of recovery. They are the most intense run efforts in your mix and will mean running fast.

#### Marathon paced run. (MP)

These runs are done at your target marathon completion pace and are an essential aspect of understanding how best to race your marathon.

### **How it works**

Get your guide ready to go



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Fold the guide in quarters using the fold guides



Now carry it with you for reference while training

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## **THE PLAN** 6-8 HOURS PER WEEK



**PLANKEY:** LR = Long run TR = Threshold run IR = Interval running MP = Marathon paced run

### **Type** Swim **Time** 1 hr **Level** Recovery **Instructions** Recovery swim day (drills **Type** Swim **Time** 45mins **Instructions** Swim race pace simulation: (100m hard, 75m steady, 25measy) x 6 and technique focus) **Type** Threshold run **Time** 40 mins **Instructions** 10 mins easy; 20 mins **Type** Thresholdrun **Time** 56 mins **Instructions** 10mins easy; 2x15mins at threshold(3mins recovery); 10mins easy at threshold; 10 mins easy **Type** Turbo or bike **Time** 1hr **Instructions** Steady 1hr spin. Include 4x2min big ring threshold intervals (with Type Bike Time 1hr 30mins Instructions Turbo or bike 1hr 30mins steady paced riding 2mins recovery) $\textbf{Type} \, \mathsf{Interval} \, \mathsf{run} \, \textbf{Time} \, \mathsf{lhr}$ **Type** Run **Time** 30 mins **Instructions** Easy paced 30 min run. Feel good about the weekend tri race. Instructions 15mins easy run; Pyramid. 2-3-4-5-4-3-2mins hard (90 srec); Type Swim Time 1hr Instructions Swim squad or solo Rest day swimsession **Type** Long run **Time** 1hr 30mins **Instructions** Build long run volume. 1hr 30mins steady **Rest day** Type Mini brick Distance 12 miles Instructions 10 miles bike (at 25 mile TT PLANNED TRIATHLON RACE pace)2mile run

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Thur	Type Threshold run Time 50 mins Instructions 10 mins easy, 30 mins threshold, 10 mins easy	TypeIntervalrun Instructions I5minseasy, 4xImilehard (2minsrecovery), 15minseasy. Timeeach one. Aimfor consistency
Fri	Type Swim Time Ihr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim session (Ihr)	Type Swim Time Ihr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim session (Ihr)
Sat	Type Longrun Time Ihr 50 mins Instructions Build longrun volume. Ihr 50 mins steady. Take drinks and gels at 45 and 1 hr 30 mins	Type Long run Time 2hrs 15 mins Instructions Run 2hrs 15 mins steady paced. Pick up the pace for final 45 mins
Sun	Type Brick (swim-bike) Instructions Open-water swim (hard) then 1 hr 30 mins bike, including 3x10 mins big ring efforts (2 mins recovery)	Type Minibrick (swim-bike) Time 3hrs Instructions Open waterswim (45mins) into bike ride (1hr 30mins hard, 45mins steady)

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## THE PLAN 10+ HOURS PER WEEK

**TRAINING NOTES** 

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#### WEEK **01 Type** Swim **Distance** 1,800 m **Instructions** Swim session: Race pace simulation: (200 m hard, 50 m steady, 25 m Type Swim Time 1hr Instructions Recovery swim day (drills and technique focus) hard,25measy)x6 Tue **Type** Threshold run **Time** 50 mins **Instructions** 10 mins easy; 30 mins **Type** Thresholdrun **Time** 1hr (approx) **Instructions** 10mins easy; 2x20mins at threshold (3mins rec); 10mins easy at threshold; 10 mins easy AM Type Swim Time 1 hr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim AM Type Swim Time 1hr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim PM Type Turbo or bike **Time** 1hr 30mins Instructions 1hr 30mins steady paced PMType Turbo or bike Time Ihour Instructions Steady Ihrspin, include 5x3min big ring threshold intervals riding **Type**Intervalrun **Instructions** 15minseasyrun,8x1kmfast (2minsrec),15minseasy **Type** Run **Time** 40 mins **Instructions** Easy paced 40 min run. Feel good about the weekend trirace **Rest day Type** Swim **Time** 1hr **Instructions** Swim squador solo H swimsession **Type** Long run **Time** 1hr 45mins **Instructions** Build long runvolume. 1hr 45mins steady Sat **Rest day Type** Brick (bike-run) Instructions (10miles bike (at 25mile Time Trial pace), 2mile run) X2 (8mins Sun **PLANNED** TRIATHLON RACE

	WEEK <b>03</b>	WEEK <b>04</b>
Mon	REST DAY OR Type Swim Time 30 mins Instructions Recovery swimday (drills and technique)	Rest day
Tue	Type Run Time 40 mins Instructions Steady 40 minactive recovery run	Type Thresholdrun Time I hr 10mins (approx) Instructions 10mins easy, 45mins threshold (3mins rec), 10mins easy
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Fri	Type Swim Time 1 hr Instructions Swimsquador solo swimsession	Type Swim Time I hr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim session
Sat	Type Longrun Time 2hrs 15mins Instructions Build longrun volume. 2hrs 15mins steady. Takedrinks/gels at 45mins, 1hr, 1hr 30mins	<b>Type</b> Longrun <b>Distance</b> 18 miles <b>Instructions</b> Pickup the pace for the final 45 mins
Sun	Type Brick (swim-bike) Time 2hrs Instructions Open-water swim (hard) then Ihr 30mins bike including 4x10mins big ring efforts (2mins recovery)	Type Minibrick (swim-run) Time 2hrs 30 mins Instructions Open-water swim (45 mins) into bike ride (lhr 45 mins as 1hr hard, 45 mins steady)

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#### **Marathon Run Hard Plan** WEEK 05 WEEK 06 WEEK 07 WEEK **08** Type Swim Distance 2.600m Instructions Swim: 10x (25mat 100%, 25mat 70%) then 12x (100m hard - 25m Type Swim Time 1 hr Rest day structions Recovery swim day (drills tructions Active recovery swim and technique focus) steady-25mhard-25measy) Type Threshold run Time 1hr 15mins Tue $\textbf{Type} \, \mathsf{Thresholdrun} \, \textbf{Time} \, \mathsf{40} \, \mathsf{mins}$ TypeRunTime1hr Type Thresholdrun Time 1hr (approx) Instructions 10 mins easy, Instructions 10 mins easy, 1x20 mins threshold, 10 mins easy structions steady 1hractive Instructions 10 mins easy, 40 min 4x12mins threshold (90secs rec), 10mins threshold, 10mins easy recovery run AM Type Swim Time 1hr AMType SwimTime1hour Instructions Swimsquadorsoloswim AM Type Swim Time 1hr Instructions Swim squad or solo swim AM Type Swim Distance Ihour Wed Wed Instructions Swimsquad or solo swim PM Type Bike Time 1 hour 30mins Instructions Steady 1hr 30mins bike. Final ons Swim squad or solo swim PM Type Turbo or bike Time 1hr30mins PM Type Turbo or bike Time Ihou PM Type Turbo or bike Time 1hr 30mins 45mins at good pace (80% effort) ions 1hr 30mins steady riding ns 60mins steady (bike kit check) **Type** Interval run Instructions 15 mins easy, 6 x Imile hard (90 srec), 15 mins easy Type Interval run Time 1hr 20 mins **Type Interval** Run **Instructions** 10mins easy. 6x1mile fast (60s rec) 10mins easy KEY Type Run Distance 30 mins Instructions 15mins easy, 10x4mins fast (90srec), 10mins easy ctions Steady 30min run Type Swim Time 1 hr Type Swim Time 1 hour Type Swim Time 1 hr Type Swim Time 20 mins E Instructions Swimsquadorsolo swimsession s Swim squad or solo structions Swim squad or solo swim swim session session Type Longrun Distance 18 miles Type Marathon pacerun Time 45 mins Type Marathon pacerun Distance Rest day Instructions Build longrun: 8 miles at marathon pace, 6 miles at 45 secper mile slower than MP, 4 miles at MP Sat Instructions 15mins at MP, 15mins at 10sec per mile faster than MP, 15mins 20miles Instructions 8miles at MP, 6miles at 45 secs slower than MP, 9 8milesat MP. Or Rest, then race Sun at 20 secs faster than MP **Type** Half marathon race AM Type Brick (swim-bike) Sun Sum Type Longrun Distance 20 miles **PLANNED** Instructions Open-water swim (15 mins hard-15 mins steady-5 mins hard, into 3x20 mins hard on bike. 40 mins easy) tructions Half marathon race plus Instructions Steady pace. Drink every 20mins. Gels at miles 6, 10, 14. 4miles easy run afterwards if you rested yesterday. Rest Day if trained Saturday TRIATHLON RACE WEEK 09 **WEEK 10 WEEK 11 WEEK 12** EY Type Swim Time 1hi KEY Type Swim Time 1h ons Recovery swim day (drills ns Recovery swim day ns Recovery swim day ns Recovery swim day (drills and technique) (drills and technique) and technique) (drills and technique) Type Interval run Time 1hr 10 min Type Threshold run Time 1 hr 20 mins Type Thresholdrun Time 40 mins nstructions 15mins WU, 15mins TR, nstructions 10 mins easy, 2x1 mile at MP. structions 10 mins easy. 3x12 mins structions 10mins easy, 1x20mins 5x3mins(fast, 1min recovery), 10mins at threshold (2mins rec), 10mins easy threshold. 10 mins easy (3mins rec), 10mins easy threshold run, 10mins easy AM Type Swim Time 1 hour AM Type Swim Distance 1hou AMType Swim Time Ihr Wed Wed AMType Swim Time 1hr s Swim squad or solo swim ons Swimsquad or solo swim ns Swim squad or solo swim PM Type Turbo or bike Time 1hr 30 mins PM Type Turbo or bike Time 1hr30mins PM Type Turbo or bike Time 1hr 30 mins Instructions 1hr 30 mins steady s 1hr 30mins steady PMREST ns 1hr 30mins steady **Type** Interval run Instructions 10 mins easy, 2 miles at MP (2 mins rec), 2 x I mile at 30 secs faster than TypeIntervalrun Time 1hr 20 mins (approx) TIDUIT. TypeRun Time1hr Type Run Time 20mins Instructions Easy 20min run including Instructions 15mins easy. Fast 3x (4x2.5mins with 60 secrec) with 3mins nstructions 20mins easy run, 20mins steady run. 20mins fast run 5x30sfaststrides(90srec) recovery at the end of each set, 15mins easy **Rest Day** į, E **Rest Day Rest Day Rest Day** Type Run Distance 22 miles Instructions 16 miles easy (30-40 sper miles lower than MP, then last 6 miles pick Type Longrun Distance 16 miles Type Long run Distance 12 miles Sat Sat TypeRunTime10mins Instructions 8 miles at 45 secs per mile slower than MP8 miles at MP Instructions 8 miles easy, 2 miles at target MP, 2 miles easy ctions Easy 10min jog, or restday unthenace) RACE RESTRAY Sun Type Bike Time Ihour 30mins **Rest Dav AUTUMN** ns Steady 1hr 30 mins recovery Type Bike Time 1hr 30mins ride ns 1hr30mins recovery ride

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