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1-Jan	Race Week with Lactate Clearance	30	35	40	5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	7 1.5M w/u; 4M @ MP; 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	4.5 Recommended race: NYRR @ Armory (1000m, 600m, 3K). Optional workout instead: 20min w/u; 400m/ 800m/ 1200m/ 1200m/ 800m/ 400m @ 10K pace (1:30 recovery jog); 15min c/d	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	9 1:15 - 1:30 at long run pace	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
8-Jan					5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	6 1.5M w/u; 3-4 x 1000m @ 10K pace (1:00 jog recovery); 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	7.5 Recommended race: Miles Mania @ Ocean Breeze (mile, 800, 2mile). Optional workout instead: 20min w/u; 4-5 x 1200m @ 10K pace (1:30 recovery jog); 15min c/d.	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	10 1:15 - 1:30 at long run pace	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
15-Jan	Aerobic Conditioning	33	38	43	5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	6 2M w/u; 6-10 x 400m uphill @ 10K pace (downhill recovery); 2M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	5.5 20min w/u; 4 x (3x200). 1st and 2nd set @ mile pace plus 1-2 sec, 3rd set mile pace, 4th set mile pace minus 1-2 sec (200 meter/ 400m recovery); 15min c/d. Optional race: NYRR @ Armory (800m, 5K)	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	10 1:15 - 1:30 at long run pace	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
22-Jan					5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	8 1.5M w/u; 2M @ HMP, 3:00 recovery, 4-6 x 400m @ 10K pace (1:00 recovery); 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	7.5 20min w/u; 6x800 @ 5K pace, 2x200 @ 800 pace (2:00 walk-jog rest); 15min c/d. Optional race: Miles Mania @ Ocean Breeze (mile, 800, 2mile).	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	11 1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
29-Jan	Specific Endurance & Aerobic Conditioning	36	41	46	5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	8 1.5M w/u; 2 x 2M @ HMP (3:00 recovery); 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	6.5 20min w/u; 200-400-600-800-800-600-400-200 @ up the ladder = 5K pace, down the ladder = 3K pace (1:30 walk-jog rest); 15min c/d. Optional Race: NYRR @ Armory (400m, 3K)	3 REST (advanced = up to 25 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	11 1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace. If racing on Sunday, 30-40 min of easy running	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
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12-Feb					5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	6.5 1.5M w/u; 3 x Mile, First two @ 5K-10K pace, third @ 3K-5K pace (3:00 recovery); 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	5.5 20min w/u; 3 x (3x400). In each set, run the first two at 5K pace, third at 3K pace (200m walk-jog/ 400m jog recovery); 15min c/d.	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	11 1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	4 30-45 min easy run w/ strides & drills), or rest
19-Feb	Aerobic Conditioning	29	34	39	5 NYRR @ Armory (1 mile), OR 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	6 1.5M w/u; 3M @ 10K-15K pace; 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	5.5 20min w/u; 3 x 1200m @ 5K pace (1:30 jog recovery); 15min c/d. Optional race: Miles Mania @ Ocean Breeze (mile, 800, 2mile).	5 REST (advanced = up to 40 min easy run w/ strides & drills)	8 USATF NY/ NJ Indoor Champs (various events) @ Ocean Breeze OR Al Gordon 4M @ Prospect Park OR 1:20-1:40 at long run pace	4 Rest or up to 30 min easy
26-Feb					5 40-50 min easy w/ strides & drills	6.5 1.5M w/u; 3x400m @ 3K/2M pace, 4x200m @ mile pace, 2x200m @ 800 pace (2:00 rest); 1.5M c/d	5 40-50 min easy run w/ strides & drills, aerobic cross training or rest	4.5 20min w/u; 6x200 (2 @ 3K/@M pace, 2 @ mile pace, 2 @ 800 pace) (1:30 walk-jog rest); 1.5 c/d.	0 Rest	3 REST or up to 25 min easy run w/ strides & drills	6 Washington Heights 5K
4-Mar	Neuromuscular Fitness	36	42	45	6 45-60 mins easy w/ 4x15 secs strides	8 1.5M warm-up 4-8 x 800m at 5k pace w/ 2:30 jog rest 1.5M cool-down	6 45-60 mins easy or rest	7 20min w/u; 3xMile @ LT pace (1:30 rest), 2x800 @ 10K pace (2:00 rest), 4x200 (1:30 rest); 15min c/d	3 Rest (Advanced runners: 20-40 mins easy)	11 1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	4 30-45 mins easy, or rest
11-Mar					6 45-60 mins easy- w/ 4x15 secs strides	9 1.5M warm-up 2x2mi at HM pace w/ 3min jog rest; 4x400m at 10k pace w/ 1:30 jog rest 1.5M cool-down	6 45-60 mins easy or rest	10.5 20min w/u; 2x1200 @ 10K; 3x800 @ 5K; 4x400 @ >5K (2:30/ 2:00/ 1:30 rest); 15min c/d	3 Rest (Advanced runners: 20-40 mins easy)	11 1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	4 30-45 mins easy, or rest

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12	Neuromuscular Fitness	37	43	46	45-60 mins easy w/ 4x15 secs strides	1.5M w/u. 8-12x400m uphill at 5k effort w/ 400m downhill jog recovery. 1.5M c/d. <i>Raced last weekend? Just run easy for 60min</i>	45-60 mins easy or rest	20min warm-up w/ drills 2x200m, 4x400m, 2x200m w/ reps at Mile pace and equal distance jog rest after each rep 10-20min cool-down	Rest (Advanced runners: 20-40 mins easy)	1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	30-45 mins easy, or rest
25-Mar					6	8	6	7	3	11	5
13	Lactate Clearance	37	43	46	45-60 mins easy w/ 4x15 secs stides	1.5M warm-up 3-4mi at HM pace 1.5M cool-down	45 -60 mins easy or rest	20min warm-up 5x800m at 5k pace w/ 400m jog rest 10-20min cool-down	Rest (Advanced runners: 20-40 mins easy)	1:20 - 1:40 at long run pace	30-45 mins easy, or rest

Terminology & Workout Descriptions

Easy pace	Goal: build aerobic conditioning. Very low-intensity effort; should be able to talk on the phone without the caller knowing you are running. Conversation pace!
Recovery/ rest days	One to three days per week should have little or no sustained activity. It is OK for dedicated athletes to do strength/flexibility work (resistance/weights, plyometrics, yoga, stretching, etc.) on these days, but AVOID overdoing strength work -- recovery is critical to developing endurance.
Aerobic conditioning	Capacity and stamina of the heart to supply muscles with oxygen for the main energy supply in races longer than 800 meters. Typically improved via long runs and tempo runs.
Neuromuscular fitness	Strength and efficiency of muscles that convert energy into forward motion. Typically improved via strides, form drills, strength training, and shorter high-speed interval runs with full recovery.
Specific endurance	The appropriate blend of aerobic conditioning and neuromuscular fitness to achieve the best possible result in a specific distance race (for example, a 10K). Typically improved via longer race-pace interval runs with very short recovery (<3 mins).
Lactate clearance	Training at mixed paces around the lactate threshold point (speed at which lactic acid accumulates, an indicator of oncoming fatigue). This training results in a higher threshold, i.e. the ability to race faster without risking fatigue.
Weekends	Weekend workouts are flexible. The plan above may imply you should do your long run on Saturdays, but you can do a long run on either day.
Aerobic cross-training	Any easy run shorter than 30 minutes can be replaced with a comparable duration of LOW INTENSITY aerobic system cross-training, such as swimming, cycling, skating or hiking.
Long Run pace	Goal: build aerobic conditioning and running economy. This is a little faster than easy pace, but is still 45-60 seconds per mile slower than marathon pace.
Progression pace	Goal: build aerobic conditioning. Most of the run is at Long Run pace, but the last 25-50% slowly builds to half marathon pace (or, in the case of marathoners, top speed is marathon pace). Finish with 1M easy.
Tempo pace	Goal: build aerobic conditioning and lactate clearance. Tempo pace is a speed that is between 15K and half marathon pace.
Hill repeats	Goal: develop neuromuscular fitness. Relatively short repeats (200m to 800m) on uphill at faster than 15K race pace, with full recovery.
Hill sets	Goal: develop neuromuscular fitness. Timed sets of repeated uphill/downhill (400m to 800m) at a pace that is somewhere between marathon and half marathon pace. Usually 10-20 minutes in length with no rest, followed by 5 minutes of easy jogging after each set.
Lactate alternation run	Goal: train the body to clear lactic acid efficiently. After warmup, a continuous run that alternates between a faster pace (such as half marathon pace minus 10 seconds per mile) and a moderate pace (such as half marathon pace plus 30 seconds per mile), with no rest between pace changes. Finish with one easy mile.
Canova Ks	Goal: lactate clearance and development of running economy for half marathon and longer. A continuous run that alternates between half marathon pace (for 1K) and marathon pace (for 1K), with no rest between pace changes

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Recovery	All recovery periods after speed intervals should be active (slow jogging) to flush buildup of lactic acid and keep heart working at steady pace. If you start to get fatigued during interval workouts, do NOT lengthen recovery period -- instead, slow down pace of speedwork or end the workout										
Strides, Form drills, Core exercises	Goal: develop neuromuscular fitness. Various exercises to strengthen muscles, teach good form, and improve running economy. Strides: 80-100 meters of steady acceleration, hold at 90% of full speed, steady deceleration. Form drills and core strengthening exercises: Will be taught at each workout to runners who aren't familiar with them.										
MP, HMP, LT pace	MP = projected Marathon Pace. HMP = current Half Marathon Pace. LT = current Lactate Threshold pace, estimated to be your 15K race pace or slightly faster.										