

OLYMPIC-DISTANCE TRAINING PLAN BEGINNER (8 WEEKS)

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70.3: Ultra distance triathlon or "Half Ironman". 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, 13.1 mile run (half marathon).

Active Recovery: Very low intensity exercise or activity after hard training or racing, e.g. easy cycling.

Aero: Short for aerodynamic. Something to shoot for on the bike. Your position can be aero, your wheels, your bottle, your bike etc.

Aerobars: Bars attached to the front of your bike, allowing you to lean down and over and ride in an aero position.

Aerobic: Used to describe workouts of low enough intensity that the muscles can derive all required energy from the oxygen delivered to them from your lungs via your heart. There is no build-up of lactic acid in your blood.

Aerobic threshold: The point at which exercise is just possible without significant lactic acid accumulation. In running, roughly standalone marathon pace.

Anaerobic: When the oxygen delivered to the muscles cannot break down glycogen and produce energy fast enough, lactic acid starts to accumulate, and is used as a complementary energy source. This energy system is less efficient than the aerobic system, and cannot be maintained for as long periods of time.

Anaerobic threshold: The point at which lactic acid accumulates faster than the body can remove it. In running, the pace you can just maintain for 60 minutes in a race situation. Corresponds to FTP.

Breathing pattern: Used mostly in the swim, but also in running and even biking. In swimming, breathing patterns can be categorized as unilateral (always to the same side) or bilateral (to both sides), and further specified to e.g. 3-stroke (breathing on every third stroke) and 4-stroke (every fourth) patterns etc.

Brick: Workouts combining two or more disciplines. Often a ride followed by a run.

Build: A training period after a base period. The build is typically when you start adding more intensity to your training.

Cadence: The number of swim strokes, pedal revolutions or steps per minute in your swim, bike and run. Corresponds to RPM (revolutions per minute) in cycling.

Catch: The first of three underwater phases of your swim stroke after your hand enters the water.

Choice: Usually used in swim workouts meaning your choice of stroke (freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke).

Cooldown: Short period of very easy swim/bike/run at the very end of your workout to bring your heart rate down and set you up for a quicker recovery.

Drill: Common in both swimming and running, but also cycling. Exercises designed to improve your technique in one or a few particular focus areas for that drill.

Fartlek: A workout that consists of non-structured intervals.

Flip turn: A fast way to turn at the end of a swim length and push off against the wall to go back the lane in the opposite direction.

Foam roller: A tube of foam (or harder materials) that you can use for myofascial release to improve muscle recovery and release sore spots.

Foot strike: The way your foot hits the ground when you run. Typically categorized as forefoot, mid-foot or heel-strike.

Functional Threshold Power (FTP): The highest average power you can hold for one hour. Usually approximated based on shorter test protocols, such as 20- or 30-minute tests.

Hand entry: The phase of the swim stroke where your hand enters the water.

Hill reps/repeats: Bike or run workout where you repeatedly go up a hill at a high intensity level.

HR: Heart rate.

Intervals: Type of training where you alternate periods of higher intensity efforts with periods of easy or recovery effort.

Kick: The action of kicking in swimming, and overarching term for kicking drills (e.g. using a kick board with and without swim fins).

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Kick board: Swim training tool made of Styrofoam held out in front of you for kick practice.

Lactate threshold (LT): A point during exhaustive, all-out exercise at which lactate builds up in the bloodstream faster than the body can remove it.

Lactate Tolerance: How your body copes with lactate built up in the bloodstream

Ladder: An interval workout with increasing and decreasing interval distances/durations, such as swim intervals of 50 - 100 - 150 - 100 - 50 m

Long Slow Distance (LSD): Term for aerobic endurance training.

Main set: The focal part of a workout, often the whole workout minus warm up and cool down.

Negative split: When the second half of a race or workout is faster than the first.

Paddles: Training aid for swimming. Plastic paddles attached to your hands that increase water resistance so they help build strength and can also increase awareness of technical errors.

Positive split: When the second half of a race or workout is slower than the first.

Pull: The second underwater phase of the freestyle stroke.

Pull buoy: Floating swim training tool placed between legs to keep your legs up so you can concentrate on your stroke.

Push: The final underwater phase of your stroke

Rest interval: The recovery time/distance between the intense intervals in interval workouts.

Rate of Perceived Exertion (RPE): A subjective rating of intensity and effort level.

RPM: Revolutions per minute. See cadence.

Speedwork: Broad term for high intensity intervals **Spinning:** Pedaling at a high cadence in low gear

Strides/Striders: Strides or pickups are accelerations of 10-30 seconds up to close to maximum speed done during warm-ups before races and speedwork, and as part of technique sessions where focus is on good running form.

Taper: Short period before the race where training volume is decreased so accumulated fatigue disappears just in time for the race without losing too much fitness due to decreased training volume. Can easily lead to madness.

VO2max: The maximum rate of oxygen uptake and utilization in the body. Very common fitness measure.

Warm Up: Easy exercise or movements at the start of a workout/before a race to get the blood flowing and get the muscles primed and prepared for the coming effort.

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WEEK 6								
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