

MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNER 5K-4 MILE PLAN

New to running



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Recovery • OFF	Run • 20 minute run • drills	Recovery • OFF	Run • 25 minute run • drills	Recovery • OFF	Run • 20 minute run • drills • strides	Run • 25 minute run
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Recovery • OFF	Run • 25 minute run • drills • strides	Recovery • OFF	Run • 30 minute run • drills	Recovery • OFF	Run • 35 minute run • drills • strides	Run • 35 minute run
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Recovery • OFF	Run • 30 minute run • drills	Run • 20 minute run	Run • 35 minute run • drills	Recovery • OFF	Run • 30 minute run • drills • strides	Run • 35 minute run
Recovery • OFF	Interval Workout • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 4 x 400m @ 5K pace, 2 minute walk/run recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run	Run • 20 minute run	Run • 30 minute run • drills	Recovery • OFF	Run • 30 minute run • drills • strides	Run • 40 minute run

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Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 3 x 800m @ goal 5K pace, 2 minute walk/run recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Fartlek Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • Alternate between running 2 minutes hard, followed by 2 minutes easy three times • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 minute run
Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 4-6 x 30 second hill sprint, walk down recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Tempo Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 1 mile at tempo pace • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 minute run
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Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 4 x 600 @ 5K pace, 2:30 minute walk/run recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Tempo Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 10 minutes @ tempo pace, 3 minutes walk/run to recover, 5 minutes @ tempo pace • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 minute run
Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 6 x 400m @ 5K pace, 2 minute walk/run recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 8 x 100m strides, walk 100m recovery between strides • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 minute run

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Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 6 x 300m @ faster than 5K pace, walk/run 2 minutes recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Fartlek Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minute warm up run • drills • strides • alternate between running 2 minutes hard, followed by 2 minutes easy four times • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 minute run
Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 8 x 200m @ faster than 5K, walk/run 2:30 minutes recovery between intervals • 10 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minute run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minute run • drills 	Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFF 	Interval Workout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minute warm up run • drills • strides • 6 x 100m strides, walk 100m recovery between strides • 5 minute cool down run 	Run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 minute run

Terms & Guidelines

If you are new to running it is suggested and encouraged that you alternate between walking and running until you can run continuously for the specified amount of time.

Run—Running for a specified amount of time or distance at a pace where you can have a conversation without having to take long pauses between words to breathe.

Drills—A series of exercises done to warm the body up and help improve running form. Examples are high knees, a-skips, b-skips, knee hug and lunge, and power-skips.

Strides—A stride is a controlled fast run for 15-30 seconds. They are done at the end of a run to help work on running form, or before a speed workout to help warm the body up. Start with 4 and build up to 8.

Flex Day—These are days where you can choose to take the day off and recover if you are tired, or if you are feeling good you can choose to do the short run prescribed for the day.

Recovery—during these days you should be resting from running. The purpose of a recovery day is to let your body heal and absorb the hard work you have been doing.

Warm up run—very easy run meant to warm the body up before a hard workout.

Cool down run—very easy run meant to flush out the workout and help bring the body back to a resting state.

Progression Run—For this type of workout you start out at your usual run pace and then drop the pace down each mile.

5k pace—This is the pace per mile you can run a 5k at. If your pace is 9:00 per mile for 5k and the workout calls for 5k pace run 9:00 mile pace for the designated interval distance.

1 mile pace—This is the time you can run one mile race in. If the interval says run 400m at 1 mile pace and you run 8:00 for the mile your 400m interval should be in 2 minutes.

Tempo—This is a paced interval that is faster than your regular run, but slower than your 5k time. You should not be able to speak in full sentences while running this pace.

Fartlek Run—A fartlek run is a continuous run in which you alternate between faster running and slower running. The faster portions are typically around your 5k race pace or a little faster and the easy parts are at your regular run effort.

Recovery between intervals—interval workout days will give an amount of time you should rest between intervals. You can jog this very slowly or walk or do a combination of both. You should begin the next interval once your rest time is up.

Time Trial—A time trial is a workout in which you run the specified distance as hard as you can, like you would in a race. Doing 1-2 of these during your training will allow you to see progress and help you know what pace to run your intervals at.