

# **TRAINING PLAN**

#### **LA ROAD RUNNERS - MARATHON TRAINING**



#### **LEVEL 1: 5% INTENSITY**

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Week 1</b> 9/16-9/22	30 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	35 MIN EASY	30 MIN EASY	30 MIN EASY	3 MILES EASY	30 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 2</b> 9/23-9/29	40 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	45 MIN EASY	40 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	4 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 3</b> 9/30-10/6	40 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	45 MIN EASY	45 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	5 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 4</b> 10/7-10/13	35 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 3 MIN T-PACE + 3 MIN HMRP X2 10 MIN EASY	35 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	7 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 5</b> 10/14-10/20 Taper Week	<b>30</b> MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 2 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN WALK X2 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	DAY OFF	5 MILES EASY	15 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 6</b> 10/21-10/27	10 MIN EASY 10 MIN MRP 20 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 3 MIN T-PACE + 3 MIN HMRP X2 10 MIN EASY	40 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	8 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH

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<b>Week 7</b> 10/28-11/3	10 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY  2:30 MIN T-PACE + 2:30 MIN HMRP  X3  10 MIN EASY	40 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	9 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 8</b> 11/4-11/10	20 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY  2:30 MIN T-PACE + 2:30 MIN HMRP  X3  10 MIN EASY	42 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
Week 9 11/11-11/17 Taper Week	10 MIN EASY 10 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 2 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X2 15 MIN EASY	30 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	5 MILES EASY	STRENGTH
<b>Week 10</b> 11/18-11/24	20 MIN EASY 25 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 3 MIN I-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 10 MIN EASY	45 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	11 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 11</b> 11/25-12/1	<b>20</b> MIN EASY <b>25</b> MIN MRP <b>10</b> MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 4 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 10 MIN EASY	50 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	13 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 12</b> 12/2-12/8	20 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP 5 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 5 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 5 MIN EASY	55 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	14 MILES EASY	35 MIN EASY + STRENGTH
<b>Week 13</b> 12/9-12/15 Taper Week	15 MIN EASY 15 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 5 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X2 5 MIN EASY	35 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	7 MILES EASY	STRENGTH

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<b>Week 14</b> 12/16-12/22	20 MIN EASY 15 MIN MRP 15 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 6 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 10 MIN EASY	1 HOUR EASY	DAY OFF	15 MILES EASY	15 MIN EASY 40 MIN MRP + STRENGTH
<b>Week 15</b> 12/23-12/29	20 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 15 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 6 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X4 5 MIN EASY	1:02 EASY	DAY OFF	16 MILES EASY	10 MIN EASY 40 MIN MRP + STRENGTH
<b>Week 16</b> 12/30-1/5	15 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 7 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 5 MIN EASY	1:05 EASY	DAY OFF	17 MILES EASY	20 MIN EASY 40 MIN MRP + STRENGTH
<b>Week 17</b> 1/6-1/12 Taper Week	15 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY  2 MILE TIME TRIAL  5 MIN EASY	15 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	6 MILES EASY	10 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP + STRENGTH
<b>Week 18</b> 1/13-1/19 Race Week	10 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 5 MIN T-PACE 10 MIN EASY	<b>5</b> MIN EASY <b>20</b> MIN MRP	DAY OFF	<b>10 MIN</b> MRP	ROSE BOWL HALF MARATHON & 5K RACE DAY HAVE FUN!
<b>Week 19</b> 1/20-1/26	10 MIN EASY 10 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 7 MIN T-PACE + 3 MIN HMRP X2 10 MIN EASY	30 MIN EASY + STRENGTH	DAY OFF	9 MILES EASY	DAY OFF
<b>Week 20</b> 1/27-2/2	20 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP 5 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 7 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 15 MIN EASY	1 HOUR EASY + STRENGTH	DAY OFF	18 MILES EASY	<b>15</b> MIN EASY <b>40</b> MIN MRP

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<b>Week 21</b> 2/3-2/9 Taper Week	10 MIN EASY 10 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY 7 MIN T-PACE + 3 MIN HMRP X2 10 MIN EASY	45 MIN EASY + STRENGTH	DAY OFF	9 MILES EASY	DAY OFF		
<b>Week 22</b> 2/10-2/16	20 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 7 MIN T-PACE + 2 MIN HMRP X3 15 MIN EASY	1 HOUR EASY + STRENGTH	DAY OFF	19 MILES EASY	20 MIN EASY 40 MIN MRP + STRENGTH		
<b>Week 23</b> 2/17-2/23	20 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 10 MIN T-PACE + 3 MIN EASY X3 15 MIN EASY	1 HOUR EASY	DAY OFF	20 MILES EASY	15 MIN EASY 45 MIN MRP + STRENGTH		
<b>Week 24</b> 2/24-3/2 Taper Week	15 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 5 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	<b>5</b> MIN EASY <b>20</b> MIN T-PACE <b>5</b> MIN EASY	10 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MILES EASY	5 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP + STRENGTH		
<b>Week 25</b> 3/3-3/9 Taper Week	15 MIN EASY 15MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	10 MIN EASY  2 MILE TIME TRIAL  5 MIN EASY	10 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 10 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	6 MILES EASY	10 MIN EASY 30 MIN MRP		
<b>Week 26</b> 3/10-3/16 Race Week	10 MIN EASY 20 MIN MRP 5 MIN EASY	DAY OFF	15 MIN EASY 5 MIN T-PACE 10 MIN EASY	<b>5</b> MIN EASY <b>20</b> MIN MRP	DAY OFF	<b>10 MIN</b> MRP	LOS ANGELES MARATHON		

## CONGRATULATIONS!



# LA ROAD RUNNERS – MARATHON TRAINING ABOUT THE TRAINING PLANS



**Congratulations!** You've decided to train for the Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS on March 16, 2025.

Completing 26.2 miles at any pace is a challenging and amazing goal and everyone can benefit from a training plan that focuses on endurance, builds mileage and speed consistently, and incorporates plenty of recovery.

LA Road Runner Coach David Levine has developed five training schedules for beginners through advanced runners, walkers, and run/walkers. Here is how to choose the best plan for you and understand the workout terms.

#### **CHOOSING A TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**Pick a plan based on where you are NOW,** not where you feel you *should* be. Starting out too hard can lead to injury and will limit your endurance. You can switch schedules if you find it is too much - or too little - for your fitness.

Levels are based on total weekly mileage, time spent working out, and intensity (% of mileage that is considered speed work).

**LEVEL 1:** Speed work is 5% of weekly mileage. You are a beginner, walker, run/walker or returning from an injury. Focus is on completing, not competing in the marathon.

**LEVEL 2:** Speed work is 10% of weekly mileage. You are an advanced beginner who is not new to running. You would like to add a little more speed work.

**LEVEL 3:** Speed work is 15% of weekly mileage. You' have completed other races and like being more competitive. You have a goal of a PR and want to add more speed work.

**LEVEL 4:** Speed work is 20% of weekly mileage. You are an experienced runner who does multiple races a year. You have goals for a PR or a qualifying time. You want to be more competitive.

**LEVEL 5:** Mileage and total time spent working out is higher. Speed work is 15% of weekly mileage. You are a competitive runner who wants to rank high in your age group. You are racing the marathon and aiming for a PR.

#### **UNDERSTANDING PACES**

To find your training pace goals, use a recent race result or complete a mile as fast as possible. Plug that time and distance into a running pace calculator.

**EASY**: Slow enough that you can hold a conversation with a friend. 6/10 running effort. Heart Rate Zone 2.

MRP / MARATHON RACE PACE: Pace you expect to run 26.2 miles on race day. Heart Rate Zone 3.

HMRP / HALF MARATHON RACE PACE: Pace you expect to run 13.1 miles on race day. High end of Heart Rate Zone 3.

T-PACE / THRESHOLD: Anaerobic

Threshold pace. Between your 5K and 10K pace. Fast enough that holding a conversation is difficult. Comfortably uncomfortable. 8/10 running effort. Low end of Heart Rate Zone 4.

**I-PACE / INTERVAL**: Fast 800 meters (1/2 mile) to 1,600 meters (1 mile). High end of Heart Rate Zone 4.

**R-PACE / REPETITION**: Fast 200 meters to 800 meters. Just below sprinting. Heart Rate Zone 5.