

# Beginner's Training Schedule

Created For Guardian Gals, Inc. Making Change Event

\* Otsego County Park Start/Finish

How FAR will you go? How MUCH CHANGE will you make?

2<sup>nd</sup> Otsego County Exclusive ½ **MARATHON** (13.1 Mile Distance)

**10k** Run (6.2 Mile Distance)

**5k** Run/Walk (3.1 Mile Distance)

**1Mile** Run/Walk

## Training Schedule Created For You By Coach Dave Smith

Coach Dave Smith, USA Cycling, Triathlon, & Track & Field certified coach, has graciously gifted Guardian Gals, Inc. with attached ½ Marathon, 10k, & 5k 12-18 week training schedules that detail his recommended schedule of running, rest, & cross-training days that can guide beginner runners to “go the distance” & finish strong. Coach Dave specializes in training beginner-to-advanced level, running & multi-sport athletes.

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## Beginner Half Marathon Training Program

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>01</b>	20 min	Rest	20 min	20 min	Cross T or Rest	3 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>02</b>	<b>2 mi</b>	<b>Rest</b>	<b>2 mi</b>	<b>2 mi</b>	Cross T or Rest	<b>3 mi</b>	Cross T or Rest
<b>03</b>	2 mi	Rest	2 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	4 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>04</b>	2 mi	Rest	3 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	4 mi	Cross T or Rest

<b>05</b>	2 mi	Rest	3 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	5 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>06</b>	2 mi	Rest	3 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	5 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>07</b>	2 mi	Rest	3 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	7 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>08</b>	3 mi	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	4 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>09</b>	3 mi	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	8 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>10</b>	3 mi	Rest	3 mi	2 mi	Cross T or Rest	9 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>11</b>	3 mi	Rest	5 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	6 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>12</b>	3 mi	Rest	5 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	10 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>13</b>	3 mi	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	8 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>14</b>	4 mi	Rest	5 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	11 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>15</b>	3 mi	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	8 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>16</b>	4 mi	Rest	6 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	12 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>17</b>	3 mi	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	Cross T or Rest	6 mi	Cross T or Rest
<b>18</b>	3 mi	Rest	2-3 mi	Rest	15-20 min easy	<b>Race Day!</b>	

The schedule is a guide—it is not an absolute. Rearrange days on which you run or walk to what best fits your schedule.

The schedule shows miles, but you can run or walk for time as well if you do not have measured courses where you normally train. In other words, if you run or walk 12 minute miles and you are scheduled for 3 miles, stay out for 36 minutes. If you don't know what your pace per mile is, use 10 min/mile as the standard for runners and 15 min/mile for walkers.

Runners—you don't need to run the entire time you're training! Taking walk breaks is a great way to extend the distance you can comfortably complete. Experiment with different run/walk ratios to find the one that works best for you. For example, start with a 5-10 minute warm up walk, then run for a set time, walk for a set time, and continue that pattern throughout your run. The important thing to remember is to start taking your walk breaks early, before you reach the point of exhaustion.

The key events each week are the long runs and walks and rest days. Long runs and walks build gradually to give you the endurance you need to finish the race. Rest and easy days are critical to allow your body to recover from the training build-up. The remaining events during the week serve as your base and will help you get through the long distances more comfortably with less chance of injury.

If you are currently running or walking more than what the schedule calls for in the beginning, simply maintain what you are doing until the schedule catches up.

The schedule includes a 4 days of running or walking, 2 days of rest, and 1 day of cross training. Cross training is other forms of exercise which will help improve or maintain cardiovascular fitness while giving your feet and legs a break from the pounding of running and walking. Swimming and biking are good cross training activities.

An occasional race is a good way to experience the logistics, excitement, pacing, etc of race day before the actual half marathon.

Finally, don't be a slave to the schedule! Change days of the week that you run to what works best for you. Just try to maintain the same general sequence of events. If you miss a day or two—don't panic. There is a great deal of flexibility in the schedule. Not sure how to rearrange your schedule? Call Dave Smith at (989) 858-5240 and we'll be happy to help.

**Want to take your training to the next level? Email Dave Smith at [dave@jrmtraining.com](mailto:dave@jrmtraining.com) for coaching.**