OhioHealth First on the First

Beginner 5K Run/Walk Training Schedule



This 14 week plan is designed for someone who is currently able to comfortably walk or walk/run continuously for 20 minutes as of the start week 1. The goal is to train for and finish a 5k using the walk/run approach. Walk/run means you will walk for a specific amount of time and then run for a specific amount of time, repeat. The segments will change over the plan but there will always be some walking.

Check with your doctor before starting this or any training plan or exercise regimen.



- Day off/rest
- Walk
- 30 sec. run/60 sec. walk (miles)
- 60 sec. run/60 sec. walk (miles)
- 60 sec. run/30 sec. walk (miles)
- 90 sec. run/30 sec. walk (miles)
- Race Day (miles)

All workouts begin with a 5 min walk for warmup and end with a 5 min walk for cool down.

Run segments should be an easy pace (able to talk in short full sentences while running). If not, slow down.



OhioHealth has a variety of resources to help you train for any race level. Visit OhioHealth.com/sportsmed-runners

