















9 weeks to go

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	29 April	Walk 1 lap of oval or field, then run 1 lap	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy on grass
Tuesday	30 April			
Wednesday	1 May	Walk 1 lap of oval or field, then run 1 lap	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy on grass
Thursday				
Friday	3 May	Walk 1 lap of oval or field, then run 1 lap	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy on grass
Saturday				
Sunday	5 May	Run	5 minutes	Flat & easy on grass

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	6 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, then run 2 laps	Repeat 1 time	Flat & easy
Tuesday	7 May			
Wednesday	8 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, then run 2 laps	Repeat 1 time	Flat & easy
Thursday	9 May			
Friday	10 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, then run 2 laps	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy
Saturday	11 May			
Sunday	12 May	Run	5 minutes	Easy & on grass

Pace yourself when you start out. Don't start out at full speed because you won't be able to maintain this for a long distance.

Give your bones and muscles a rest from running every other day. Swim, ride your bike or roller blade etc.





7 weeks to go

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	13 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, skip, run backwards 1 lap, then run 1 lap	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy
Tuesday	14 May			
Wednesday	15 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, then run 2 laps	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy
Thursday	16 May			
Friday	17 May	Walk 1 lap of oval, skip, run backwards 1 lap, then run 1 lap	Repeat 3 times	Flat & easy
Saturday	18 May			
Sunday	19 May	Run	6 minutes	Easy & on grass

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	20 May	Run 1 lap easy, then 1/2 lap faster, walk 1/2 lap	Repeat 2 times	
Tuesday				
Wednesday	22 May	Walk 1 lap of oval or field, then run 1 lap	Repeat 1 time	Flat & easy
Thursday				
Friday	24 May	Walk 1 lap of oval or field, then run 1 lap	Repeat 2 times	Flat & easy
Saturday				
Sunday	26 May	Run	7 minutes	Easy

Running with your friend is fun. Together you can push each other to achieve more. Also if you plan to meet one of your friends to run, you are more likely to not put it off.

Don't forget to warm up and stretch well before you do any running session.







5 weeks to go

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	27 May	Walk 1 lap, run 1 lap easy, then run 1 lap faster	Repeat 2 times with a 2 min rest in between	Walk 1st lap, run easy 2nd lap, harder 3rd lap
Tuesday	28 May			
Wednesday	29 May	Run 1 lap easy, then 1/2 lap faster, walk 1/2 lap	Repeat 2 times	
Thursday	30 May			
Friday	31 May	Run 2 laps, walk 1 lap, run 2 laps	Repeat 1 time	
Saturday	1 June			
Sunday	2 June	Run	8 minutes	Easy

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	3 June	Run 2 laps, walk 1 lap then run 3 laps	Repeat 1 time	Run easy
Tuesday				
Wednesday	5 June	1 lap easy, 1 lap medium pace, 1 lap harder	Repeat 1 time	1st lap very easy, 2nd lap a little faster, 3rd lap faster again
Thursday				
Friday	7 June	Run 2 laps, walk 1 lap then run 4 laps	Repeat 1 time	Run easy
Saturday				
Sunday	9 June	Run	9 minutes	Easy

When running faster make sure that you continue to breathe and focus on your technique. Head held high, a slight lean forward and pump those arms.

When resting between sets, take some deep breaths and walk around. Keep your legs moving. Sitting down will only make your legs sorer as the lactic acid (what makes your legs feel sore) will build up.







3 weeks to go

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	10 June	Walk 1 lap, run 2 laps, then run 3 laps	Repeat 1 time	
Tuesday	11 June			
Wednesday	12 June	Run 2 laps easy for warm up. Run 1/2 lap fast, then 1/2 lap easy	Repeat 1/2 fast, then 1/2 easy 3 times	1/2 fast lap should be nice & fast, with the other 1/2 lap very slow. Warm down 2 laps easy
Thursday	13 June			
Friday	14 June	Run 2 laps easy, then 1 lap faster	Repeat 2 times with a 2 min rest in between	1st 2 laps easy, then next 1 lap at a steady pace
Saturday	15 June			
Sunday	16 June	Run	10 minutes	Easy over small hills

		tSession	Duration	Intensity
Monday	17 June	Run 4 laps easy, rest 2 min then run 3 laps	Repeat 1 time	Flat & easy
Tuesday	18 June			
Wednesday	19 June	Run 2 laps easy for warm up. Run 1/2 lap very fast, then 1/2 lap very easy	Repeat 1/2 fast, then 1/2 easy 3 times	Make sure you stick to the fast/slow cycle. Warm down 2 laps easy
Thursday	20 June			
Friday	21 June	Run 2 laps easy, 1 lap skip & run backwards, then 2 laps easy run	Repeat 1 time	Flat & easy
Saturday	22 June			
Sunday	23 June	Run	12 minutes	Flat

With the race only about 2 weeks away, start thinking about the race.

When you are training this week imagine you are in the race. Concentrate on breathing and staying focused and remember not to go out too hard. Pace yourself.





2 weeks to go

Garmin 2km Junior Dash Training Diary

1 week to go

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	24 June	Run 3 laps easy, walk 1 lap, then run 4 laps easy	Repeat 1 time	Easy
Tuesday				
Wednesday	26 June	Run 2 laps easy, 1 lap faster	Repeat 2 times with no rest	Fast laps easy then next lap hard, 2 laps easy, 1 hard etc
Thursday				
Friday	28 June	Run 6 laps	Repeat 1 time	Run the 6 laps & pretend you are in a race
Saturday				
Sunday	30 June	Run	12 minutes	Flat & easy

		Session	Duration	Intensity
Monday	1 July	Run 1 lap easy, then 1/2 lap faster then walk 1/2 lap	Repeat 3 times	
Tuesday	2 July			
Wednesday	3 July	Run 5 laps easy		Flat & easy. Think about the race while running
Thursday	4 July			
Friday	5 July	Rest		
Saturday	6 July	Garmin 2km Junior Dash - GO FOR IT! You have done all the training you can and you are ready. Good luck!		





Think positively! You will only do as well as you

THINK YOU CAN.

Generally it is a good idea to do some light jogging the day before the race, particularly to wake your body up after a couple of weeks of light training, like a pre race warm up.



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