



TRAINING PROGRAM

Goal: To Finish In The Upright Position

Goal Date: September 2, 2012

This program is designed for those who are already running, and want to step up to the half marathon distance. Only 3 weekly training days are needed: 30 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday, and a longer session on the weekend. On half of the weekends, most runners will be running and walking for an hour or less. For more information, see my book HALF MARATHON at www.JeffGalloway.com.

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The long run is the key to half marathon success.

As you increase the length of these, listed below, you'll prepare to "go the distance" on raceday. You cannot go too slowly on the long runs: your goal is simply to finish each one with strength. To avoid a slowdown at the end of the race, please finsh each one on the schedule—even if you walk most of it.

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No huffing and puffing!

On long runs, you want to be able to carry on a conversation throughout—even at the end. A very slow pace, with liberal walk breaks, will allow almost everyone to feel strong on almost every long one. If you're breathing hard at the end of a long one, you need to adjust to a slower pace with more walk breaks from the beginning of the next one.

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Running form: Never sprint during a running segment—keep feet low to the ground, using a light touch

of the feet, and a relatively short stride. Most runners find that an upright posture is best but do what feels natural for you. Let your foot move in it's natural way also. Most runners land on the heel and gently roll off the midfoot.

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Walking form: walk with a gentle stride, that is relatively short. Power walking or walking with a long stride, increase injury risk.

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Slow down in the heat! Surveys have shown that runners tend to slow down a minute per mile when the temperature is 70F, and an additional minute per mile at 80F (compared with performances at 60F or below). Please make these pace adjustments on the hot long run days, using more frequent walk breaks to avoid heat stress. Don't wear a hat on hot days, try to run before the sun rises above the horizon and pour water over the top of your head.

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Long run pace should be at least 2 min/mi slower than current half marathon race pace, predicted by the MM (see # 17).

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The results of the "magic mile" will predict your best performance possible of raceday.

Time limit for the race is 3:30--16 min/mi. If you think that you may be challenged to run 16 minutes per mile on race day, please practice 15:00 to 15:30 per mile pace on the "Thursday run", as noted in # 10 below.

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Run-walk-run ratio should correspond to the pace used.

Here are suggested strategies:
Note: it is OK to walk more frequently than listed

9 min/mi: run 4 minute/walk 1 minute (4/1)
10 min/mi: 3/1
11 min/mi: 2:30/1



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12 min/mi: 2/1
13 min/mi: 1/1
14 min/mi: 30 seconds/30 seconds
15 min/mi: run 30 seconds/walk 45 seconds, or run 20 seconds/walk 40 seconds
16 min/mi: run 20 seconds/walk 40 seconds
17 min/mi: run 15 seconds/walk 45 seconds

9 **Two "maintenance runs" (30 minutes each) are needed each week** to sustain the conditioning needed—usually on Tuesday and Thursday. It's best to take a day off from running before each running day.

10 **Race Day practice.** On the Thursday runs, after the standard warmup, time yourself for 2 miles and try to run the pace you feel is realistic on raceday, using the appropriate run-walk-run ratio. As you use a variety of run-walk-run strategies, you should find the right ratio for you. Hint: shorter run segments have

often reduced or eliminated slowdown at the end of half marathons.

11 **It is fine to do cross training on Mon, Wed, and Fri. if you wish.** There will be little benefit to your running in doing this, but you'll improve overall fitness. On the cross training days, don't do exercises (as on stair machines) that concentrate effort in the calf muscle.

12 **Standard warmup:** walk for 3-5 minutes, then, run for 15-30 seconds and walk for the rest of the minute for 5 minutes. Then, gradually increase the amount of running, reducing the amount of walking for 5 minutes as you wish. Remember—no huffing and puffing.

13 **On Tuesday, after the standard warmup, try various run-walk-run strategies** to discover what

works best for you. Shorter running segments often result in faster times and less fatigue.

14 **On Thursday, after the standard warmup, time yourself for 2 miles** running a pace that is realistic on raceday—using the run-walk-run strategy as noted in #8.

15 **Standard cool down:** walk for 10 minutes with a gentle and short stride.

16 **Sign up now for the Walt Disney World Marathon!** You only need to run 3 days a week, running long only every 2-3 weeks. Use my free schedule at www.RunDisney.com.

17 **Magic Mile:** I suggest doing this after the standard warmup on weekends noted below. By the end of the training program, multiply



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your best magic mile time by 1.3 to see what an all-out pace on an ideal day would be. You will need to run 12:15 or faster in the MM by the end of the season to predict a finish time of 3:30 on raceday (this is when the finish line closes).

The “Magic Mile” time trial (MM) is a reality check on your goal pace on raceday, and has been the best predictor of current potential per mile pace on an ideal day.

- Use the standard warmup (# 12)
- Run around a track if at all possible (or a very accurately measured one mile segment)
- Time yourself for 4 laps (1600 meters). Start the watch at the beginning, and keep it running until you cross the finish of the 4th lap.
- **On the first MM, don't run all-out: run at a pace that is slightly faster than your current easy pace.**
- Only one MM is done on each day it is assigned.
- On each successive MM, your mission is to beat

the previous best time.

- Don't ever run so hard that you hurt your feet, knees, etc. Maintain a short stride, picking up the cadence or turnover.
- Jog slowly for the rest of the 30 minutes assigned on that day, taking as many walk breaks as you wish.

After you have run 3 of these (not at one time--on different weekends) you'll see progress and will run them hard enough so that you are huffing and puffing during the second half. For prediction purposes, you want to finish, feeling like you couldn't go much further at that pace. Try walking for about 10-15 seconds after each lap during the MM. Most runners who've reported in after trying it both ways, record a faster time when taking short walk breaks.

Note: This training advice is given as one runner to another. For medical questions, ask your doctor.



DISNEYLAND® HALF MARATHON TRAINING SCHEDULE

3-Day Training Week: To Finish In The Upright Position / Goal Date: September 2, 2012

For those who have been running regularly, but don't have a time goal.

WEEK 1

TUESDAY May 1	THURSDAY May 3	SATURDAY May 5
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 2

TUESDAY May 8	THURSDAY May 10	SATURDAY May 12
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles

WEEK 3

TUESDAY May 15	THURSDAY May 17	SATURDAY May 19
30 minutes	30 minutes	5 miles

WEEK 4

TUESDAY May 22	THURSDAY May 24	SATURDAY May 26
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 5

TUESDAY May 29	THURSDAY May 31	SATURDAY June 2
30 minutes	30 minutes	6.5 miles

WEEK 6

TUESDAY June 5	THURSDAY June 7	SATURDAY June 9
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles with one Magic Mile



WEEK 7

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
June 12	June 14	June 16

30 minutes 30 minutes 8 miles

WEEK 8

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
June 19	June 20	June 23

30 minutes 30 minutes 7 miles
with one Magic Mile

WEEK 9

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
June 26	June 28	June 30

30 minutes 30 minutes 4 miles
with one Magic Mile

WEEK 10

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
July 3	July 5	July 7

30 minutes 30 minutes 9.5 miles

WEEK 11

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
July 10	July 12	July 14

30 minutes 30 minutes 4 miles
with one Magic Mile

WEEK 12

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
July 17	July 19	July 21

30 minutes 30 minutes 11 miles



WEEK 13

TUESDAY July 24	THURSDAY July 26	SATURDAY July 28
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 14

TUESDAY July 31	THURSDAY August 2	SATURDAY August 4
30 minutes	30 minutes	12.5 miles

WEEK 15

TUESDAY August 7	THURSDAY August 9	SATURDAY August 11
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 16

TUESDAY August 14	THURSDAY August 16	SATURDAY August 18
30 minutes	30 minutes	14 miles

WEEK 17

TUESDAY August 21	THURSDAY August 23	SATURDAY August 25
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles

WEEK 18

TUESDAY August 28	THURSDAY August 30	SATURDAY September 2
30 minutes	30 minutes	DISNEYLAND® HALF MARATHON