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5K WALK TRAINING PLAN

DAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MODE	Walk	Cross-Train +ST	Walk *Pick-ups	Rest Day	Cross-Train +ST	Walk	Rest Day
INTENSITY	Easy Effort	Moderate Effort	Easy-to-Moderate Challenging		Moderate	Moderate Effort	
i-RATE SCALE	6 - 7	7+	7 - 8		7 - 8	7+	
HEART RATE	65 - 75%	70 - 75%	70 - 80%		75 - 80%	70 - 75%	
WEEK 1	25 minutes	30 minutes Strength Train	25 minutes	Rest	30 minutes Strength Train	30 minutes	Rest
WEEK 2	25 minutes	30 minutes Strength Train	25 minutes	Rest	30 minutes Strength Train	35 minutes	Rest
WEEK 3	25 minutes	30 minutes Strength Train	30 minutes	Rest	30 minutes Strength Train	35 minutes	Rest
WEEK 4	30 minutes	30 minutes Strength Train	30 minutes	Rest	30 minutes Strength Train	40 minutes	Rest
WEEK 5	30 minutes	30 minutes Strength Train	35 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30 minutes Strength Train	40 minutes	Rest
WEEK 6	30 minutes	30-40 minutes Strength Train	35 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30-40 minutes Strength Train	45 minutes	Rest
WEEK 7	30 minutes	30-40 minutes Strength Train	35 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30-40 minutes Strength Train	50 minutes	Rest
WEEK 8	30 minutes	30-40 minutes Strength Train	40 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30-40 minutes Strength Train	60 minutes	Rest
WEEK 9	30 minutes	30-40 minutes Strength Train	40 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30-40 minutes Strength Train	45 minutes	Rest
WEEK 10	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes *Pick-ups	Rest	30 minutes	Rest	**5K Walk**

SCHEDULE KEY

Warm-up: walking 5 minutes at an easy pace prior to every walk workout to gradually increase circulation to working muscles, heart and breathing rates.

Cool-down: walking 5 minutes at an easy pace after to every walk workout to gradually bring heart rate and breathing back to normal levels.

i-Rate Scale: = A way to rate your effort level by your perception or perceived exertion. Rate your level of intensity by how you feel, 1-10. 1 being at rest and 10- being an all out level. Use this system to stay in the smart training range listed on the training program (i.e. 6-7)

Heart Rate: = If you have a heart rate monitor, maintain a range between the prescribed percentages. . .i.e. 65-75% of estimated maximum heart rate.

Walk Workout: = Warm-up walking 5 minutes at an easy pace. Walk at a pace that you can still talk or at "conversational pace" at an i-Rate level of 6-7 or if you are using a heart rate monitor at 60-70% of maximum heart rate. This pace should be one notch above your easy warm up pace or a level in which you are breathing a little more vigorously. Cool-down walking 5 minutes at an easy pace.

*Pick-ups: = Walk the workout at an easy pace and include 4-6 short, 30-second "pick-up's" within the workout. Pick up your pace to a challenging pace where you can hear your breathing and it feels just outside your comfort zone. This is NOT at all out gut-wrenching pace, simply one more notch up from where you were walking. Keep the pick-up to 30 seconds maximum. Your effort level should be at an i-Rate scale of 8 or heart rate of 80% of maximum.

Cross-Training: = Include activities that are non-running or walking. If you are new to an active lifestyle and have been inactive, rest on the Cross-Train days for the first 4 weeks and then add the cross-train workouts into the schedule for week 5. If you are active 3-4 days already, follow the schedule as it appears. Cycling, swimming, pilates/yoga, Roller blading, strength training, elliptical trainer; stairmaster; spinning are great cross training modes for 5K training. Cross-training allows you to rest your running muscles while training opposing muscle groups and reducing the risk of overtraining and injury. It helps speed recovery and reduces burnout. Cross-training activites should be done at a moderate pace at an i-Rate Scale of 6-7 or heart rate of 60-70%.

Strength-Training (ST): Strength train with machines, weights, resitance tubes/bands or classes like pilates, toning or yoga. Include strength training exercises for your upper body, core (abdominal and trunk) and lower body twice per week. This will increase the lean muscle tissue, boost metabolism at rest and prevent the dreaded muscle loss with age. The more muscle we lose, the lower our metabolism sinks. Start the Strength Training session by warming up with 10 minutes of cardio activity [i.e. cycling, elliptical trainer, or stairmaster] or strength train after walking. If you are new to strength training, begin with 1 set per exercise for 12-15 repetitions. The goal is to fatigue the muscle as you reach the repetition range or until you can no longer perform the exercise with good, controled form. Stick with this program for at least 4 weeks and then progress to 2-3 sets per exercise for 8-12 repetions. Another option for your strength workout is to take a class at your gym, work with a personal trainer, perform a machine circuit. There are many ways to include resistance training in your life, find the one you enjoy the most.

Flexibility: Stretch after every workout when the muscles are warm to maintain or improve flexibility and prevent injuries. [See flexibility program exercises].

Easy Pace: Easy to moderate pace at 70-75% of maximum heart rate or an iRate level of 7+. A pace you could go at for along time easily.

Moderate Pace: Moderate pace at 75-80% of maximum heart rate or an iRate level of 7-8. A pace where you can hear your breathing, but not breathing hard.