



**Garmin Half Marathon**  
Level II Schedule

**Goal:** To finish the half marathon within a certain time.

**Recommended Background:** Average weekly base of 15-30 miles in the last 3 weeks  
At least one 5 to 8 mile run

Phase	Dates	Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday	Mileage
<b>Strength</b>	-----	C/O	C+R	F+ST	C+R	HR+ST	O	L/G	-----
	January 10-16		3-4	4-6F (3-6)	3-4	4-6HR (3-6)		6-10	14-30
	January 17-23		3-4	4-6F (4-8)	3-4	4-6HR (4-8)		6-12G(4/6-1-1/5)	14-32
	January 24-30		3-4	4-6F (5-10)	3-4	4-6HR (5-10)		8-10G(4/6-2-2)	16-30
Recovery	Jan. 31-Feb. 6		C/O	3-4R+ST	C/O	3-4R+ST		8-14	14-22
	February 7-13		3-5	5-7F (6-12)	3-4	5-7HR (6-12)		8-10G(3/5-3-2)	18-33
<b>Speed</b>	-----	C/O	C+R	S/T+ST	C+R	T/H+ST	O	L/G	-----
	February 14-20		3-5	5-7S 3-6X800	3-5	5-7T 2-3X1 Mile		10-14G(4/8-4-2)	20-38
Recovery	Feb. 21-27		2-3	3-5R+ST	C/O	3-5R+ST		6-10	12-23
	Feb. 28-March 5		4-6	6-8S 4-7X800	3-5	6-8T 2-3X1.5 Mile		8-12G(2/6-5-1)	20-39
	March 6-12		4-6	6-8S 5-8X800	3-5	6-8T 2X2 Mile		10-16G(6-2-2/8)	22-43
Recovery	March 13-19		2-4	4-6R+ST	C/O	4-6R+ST		8-10	16-26
	March 20-26		4-6	6-8S 6-8X800	3-5	6-8H		12-16G(4-6-2/6)	24-43
	March 27-April 2		3-5	6-7S 4-6X800	3-5	6-7T 2-3X1 Mile		10-12G(4-4-2/4)	22-36
<b>Taper</b>	-----	O	R/O	G+ST	R/O	H/R+ST	O	SL/G	-----
	April 3-9		3-4	5-6G (2/3-2-1)	3-4	5-6H		8G (4-2-2)	18-28
	April 10-16		2-3	4G (4-1-1)	2-3	3-4R		Garmin ½	7-14

-Can run 3 to 5 days a week and do the low to high mileage ranges depending on how you feel that day.

Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays are the most important workouts to do. Pick up where you've left off and you'll do fine.

-It's recommended to do a couple of tune up races to gain race experience and get the best overall speed workout.

-Base your tempo and speed workout pace on your 5K race pace or do a 2 mile time trial to determine this.

-Recovery weeks are built in to make sure you stay healthy and fresh enough for race day.

**Key Terms**

**O = Off Day/Complete Rest/ No cross training.** Active recovery such as self massage recommended.

**C = Cross training.** Strength training that works the hips/glutes/core is strongly recommended 1-3 times a week to lower the risk of injury. You can also do aerobic activities such as swimming, or spinning for 20-40 minutes.

**R = Recovery Workout.** Very relaxed effort of 2-3 minutes per mile slower than half marathon goal pace over mostly flat terrain for short duration followed by extensive stretching routine to loosen up tight spots. Have fun!

**SL = Semi-long Workout.** After a 2 mile warm up, run 45-90 seconds per mile slower than half marathon goal pace.

**L = Long Workout.** After a 2 mile warm up, run 1-2 minutes per mile slower than half marathon goal pace.

**H = Hill Workout.** After a 2 mile warm up, push hills at 5K-10K race effort and recover on the rest of a hilly route.

**G = Goal Pace Workout.** 6-8G (3/5-2-1) means to run 3-5 miles at a moderate effort, 2 miles at half marathon goal pace, 1 mile cool down.

**T = Tempo Workout.** 5-7T: 2-3X1 Mile means to perform a track workout of two to three 1 mile repeats at 10K race pace, or about 20-25 seconds per mile slower than 5K pace. With a 15-20 minute warm up and 5-10 minute cool down, total mileage is 6-7 miles.

**S = Speed Workout.** 6-7S: 5-7X800 means to perform a track workout of five to seven 800 meter repeats at 5K race pace or up to 15 seconds per mile faster with a recovery lap after each repeat. With a 15-20 minute warm up and 5-10 minute cool down, total mileage is 6-7 miles.

**ST = Striders.** Go very fast (like the kick at the end of a race) for 15-20 seconds and jog for 30-40 seconds for 4-6 reps. Do this after your warm up to loosen up and prime your muscles for the Tuesday & Thursday workouts.

**F = Fartlek.** 4-6F (3-6) means to warm up 15 minutes, perform 2-4 pickups where you run at sub 5K race effort for 1 minute followed by a 2 minute recovery jog after each and cool down for a total of 4-6 miles.

**HR = Hill Repeats.** 4-6HR (3-6) means warm up a few miles and then perform 3-6 minutes of pickups on a hill where you run at 5K-10K effort for 30-60 seconds followed by a recovery jog/walk back down. ½ mile cool down.

**+ = And Optional.** C+R means to cross train with the option of adding a recovery run

**/ = Or.** C/O means to either cross train or take the day off