**Training Schedule from Monday 20th Aug – Sunday 2nd Sept 2018.**

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| Date | **Middle & Long-Distance Road & Track Schedule.**  **Key Championships Goals for 2018**  **Donegal 5km Road Championships on Sunday 2nd September 2018. 2 Weeks to go!** | **Comments.**  **This schedule is only a guide. Please modify to suit your own racing goals and fitness levels.** |
| Mon 20th Aug | **30-65 minutes run in** **zone 1.** | **Important Note.**  **With numerous road races taking place in the coming weeks and months, many athletes will be adapting this schedule to suit their racing plans.**  **As a general rule of thumb, athletes should have a 4 to 5 day taper to races that they are targeting as major competitions.**  **For example, if an athlete was running a race on a Sunday, their last fast workout would be on the Tuesday prior to the race. The days leading up to & after the race would look like this:**   * **Tue: Interval type session** * **Wed: Recovery run of between 30-45 minutes** * **Thurs: 30-40 minutes easy run to include a 10 minute w/up followed by 5 x 20 seconds strides @ 85% effort with a 40 seconds jog between each one. 10-15 minute c/d** * **Fri: 30 minutes easy** * **Sat: 30 minutes easy** * **Sun: Race** * **Mon: 30-60 minutes in zone 1** * **Tue: As for Mon** * **Wed: As for Tue plus 5 to 10 x 20 second strides @ 80-85%, 40 seconds jog between each one.** * **Thurs: Resume normal training with a 30-60 minute tempo run in zone 4.** * **Fri: 30-60 minute recovery & S&C** * **Sat: 30-60 minute recovery run** * **Sun: Long run in zones 1-3**   **Do 10-15 minutes of Strength & Conditioning (S&C) exercises before or after your run.**  **All Runners please note: As our Carn group do their interval training on a Monday & Thursday and our Buncrana group do their interval sessions on a Tuesday & Thursday, I would recommend that our Carn group do their 5-10 x 100m @ 400m speed on a Wednesday. Our Buncrana group should do their 100m runs on a Monday. This means that both groups have at least one day of recovery between these runs and interval, tempo and long runs. Towards the end of your run, include 5-10 x 100m over an accurately measured distance @ your target 400m speed that you established on Tuesday. 90 seconds to 2 minutes active recovery (jog) between each one. Allow 10 minutes at the end of your run to cool-down.** |
| Tue 21st Aug | **10 minutes warm-up & cool down in zones 1-2 for all runners followed by dynamic stretching in the warm-up and static stretching after the workout.**   * **Running form drills working on proper arm action and good knee drive.**   **Senior/Adult Members.**  **3 session options.**  **Athletes returning to Fitness: An easy paced run of 3-10km or 15-60 minutes in zones 1-2.**  **Former Couch to 5km & Fit4Life athletes: 2 x 800m, 2 x 1,000, 1 x 2,000m (optional) 2 x 1,000m, 2 x 800m (7.2-9.2km in total) aerobic power intervals in zones 5 (a) to 5(b) or between your 5k to 10k pace. 60-90 seconds rest between each one.**  **Senior athletes: : 2 x 800m, 2 x 1,000, 1 x 2,000m, 2 x 1,000m, 2 x 800m (9.2km in total) aerobic power intervals in zones 5 (a) to 5(b) or between your 5k to 10k pace. 60-90 seconds rest between each one.** | **Important Note:**  **If you are doing this interval training using time, convert the rep distance into your 10km split. For example, if your target time for 10km is 5 minutes per km, the 1km reps would run for 5 minutes.** |
| Wed 22nd Aug | **30-65 minutes run in** **zone 1.** | **Do 10-15 minutes of Strength & Conditioning (S&C) exercises before or after your run.** |
| Thurs 23rd Aug | **10 minutes warm-up & cool down in zone 1 for all runners followed by dynamic stretching in the warm-up and static stretching after the workout.**   * **Running form drills working on proper arm action and good knee drive**   **Senior/Adult Members.**  **3 session options.**  **Athletes returning to Fitness: An easy paced run of 3-10km or 15-60 minutes in zones 1-2**  **Former Couch to 5km & Fit4Life athletes: 30-50 minutes continuous tempo/lactate threshold run in zone 4.**  **Senior athletes: 40-65 minutes continuous tempo/lactate threshold run in zone 4.** |  |
| Fri 24th Aug | **Rest or 30-50 minutes run in zone 1.** | **Do 10-15 minutes of Strength & Conditioning (S&C) exercises before or after your run.** |
| Sat 25th Aug | **Aerobic conditioning run as follows: 2-3 miles in zone 1 followed by 4-10 miles in zones 2-3 over rolling hills followed by 2-3 miles cool-down in zone 1. Total = 8-16 miles approx.** |  |
| Sun 26th Aug | **30-65 minutes in zone 1.** |  |
| Mon 27th Aug | **Key Championships Goals for 2018**  **Donegal 5km Road Championships on Sunday 2nd September 2018. 1 Week to go!**  **30-65 minutes in zone 1.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **30-65 minutes in zone 1.** |
| Tue 28th Aug | **10 minutes warm-up & cool down in zone 1 for all runners followed by dynamic stretching in the warm-up and static stretching after the workout.**   * **Running form drills working on proper arm action and good knee drive.**   **Senior/Adult Members.**  **3 session options.**  **Athletes returning to Fitness: An easy paced run of 3-10km or 15-60 minutes in zones 1-2**  **Former Couch to 5km & Fit4Life athletes: 4 x 800m, 2 x 1,000m,, 4 x 800m (8.4km in total), aerobic power intervals in zones 5 (a) to 5(b) or between your 5k to 10k pace. 60 seconds rest between each one.**  **Senior athletes: 4 x 800m 3 x 1,000m, 4 x 800m (9.4km in total) aerobic power intervals in zones 5 (a) to 5(b) or between your 5k to 10k pace. 60 seconds rest between each one.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **Do Thursday’s session today up to a max of 8 x 300m at your target 5km pace.** |
| Wed 29th Aug | **30-65 minutes in zone 1.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **30-45 minutes easy in zone 1.**  **Do 50% of your usual S&C workout**  **Do 10-15 minutes of Strength & Conditioning (S&C) exercises before or after your run.** |
| Thurs 30th Aug | **10 minutes warm-up & cool down in zone 1 for all runners followed by dynamic stretching in the warm-up and static stretching after the workout.**   * Running form drills working on proper arm action and good knee drive   **Senior/Adult Members.**  **3 session options.**  **Athletes returning to Fitness: An easy paced run of 3-10km or 15-60 minutes in zones 1-2.**  **Former Couch to 5km & Fit4Life athletes: 8-10 x 300m (2.4km to 3km in total) capacity/VO2 max session @ 1 mile to 3km pace or @ zones 5 (a) to 5 (c). 90 seconds rest between each one.**  **Senior athletes: : 8-12 x 300m (2.4km to 3.6km in total) anaerobic capacity/VO2 max session @ 1 mile to 3km pace or @ zones 5 (a) to 5 (c). 90 seconds rest between each one.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **10 minutes w/up followed by 5 x 20 seconds strides @ 80% effort with 40 seconds jog recovery between each one. 10 minutes c/d.** |
| Fri 31st Aug | **Rest or 30-65 minutes in zone 1.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **30 minutes easy in zone 1. Leave S&C work**  **Do 10-15 minutes of Strength & Conditioning (S&C) exercises before or after your run.** |
| Sat 1st Sept | **Aerobic conditioning run as follows: 2-3 miles in zone 1 followed by 4-10 miles over rolling hills in zone 2 to zone 3 followed by 2-3 miles cool-down in zone 1. Total = 8-16 miles approx.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **30 minutes easy in zone 1.** |
| Sun 2nd Sept | **30-65 minutes in zone 1.** | **Tapering Plan for Donegal 5km Road Championships**  **The very best of luck to all our runners.** |