

Couch to 5k - Walk Program

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Rest	³¼ mile walk	Cross training Stretch	1 mile walk	Rest Stretch	³¼ mile walk	30-40 min walk OR cross train
Week 2	Rest	1 mile walk	Cross training Stretch	1.5 mile walk	Rest Stretch	1 mile walk	40-45 min walk OR cross train
Week 3	Rest	1.5 mile walk	Cross training Stretch	2 mile walk	Rest Stretch	2 mile walk	45-50 min walk OR cross train
Week 4	Rest	2 mile walk	Cross training Stretch	2.5 mile walk	Rest Stretch	2 mile walk	55-60 min walk OR cross train
Week 5	Rest	2 mile walk	Cross training Stretch	2.5 mile walk	Rest Stretch	2.5 mile walk	60 min walk OR cross train
Week 6	Rest	2.5 mile walk	1.5 mile walk	1 mile walk	Rest Stretch	Rest	<u>RACE</u> <u>DAY!</u>



Couch to 5k - Beginner Program #1

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Rest	5 minute warm up walk [60 sec jog 90 sec walk] REPEAT x 8 5 minute cool down	Cross training Stretch	5 minute warm up walk [60 sec jog 90 sec walk] REPEAT x 8 5 minute cool down Stretch	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	5 minute warm up walk [90 sec jog 2 min walk] REPEAT x 6 5 minute cool down
Week 2	Rest	5 minute warm up walk [200 yard jog 200 yard walk 400 yard jog 400 yard walk] REPEAT 5 minute cool down	Cross training Stretch	5 minute warm up walk [200 yard jog 200 yard walk 400 yard jog 400 yard walk] REPEAT 5 minute cool down	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	5 minute warm up walk ¼ mile jog 200 yard walk ½ mile jog ¼ mile walk ¼ mile jog 200 yard walk ½ mile jog 5 minute cool down
Week 3	Rest	5 minute warm up walk ¼ mile jog 200 yard walk ½ mile jog ¼ mile walk ¼ mile jog 200 yard walk ½ mile jog 5 minute cool down	Cross training Stretch	5 minute warm up walk ½ mile jog ¼ mile walk ½ mile jog ¼ mile walk ½ mile jog 5 minute cool down Stretch	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	5 minute warm up walk ¾ mile jog ½ mile walk 1 mile jog 5 minute cool down Stretch
Week 4	Rest	5 minute warm up walk 2 mile jog (no walking) 5 minute cool down	Cross training Stretch	5 minute warm up walk 2.5 mile run 5 minute cool down walk Stretch	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	5 minute warm up walk 2.25 mile run 5 minute cool down Stretch
Week 5	Rest	5 minute warm up walk 2.75 mile run 5 minute cool down walk/jog Stretch	Cross training Stretch	5 minute warm up walk 2.75 mile run 5 minute cool down walk/jog Stretch	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	5 minute warm up walk 3 mile run 5 minute cool down walk/jog Stretch
Week 6	Rest	5 minute warm up walk 3 mile run 5 minute cool down walk/jog Stretch	Cross training Stretch	5 minute walm up walk 2 mile run 5 minute cool down walk/jog Stretch	Rest Stretch	Pilates Cross train	<u>RACE</u> <u>DAY!</u>



Couch to 5k - Beginner Program #2

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Rest	1.5 mile run	Cross training Stretch	2 mile run	Rest Stretch	1.5 mile run	30-40 min walk OR cross train
Week 2	Rest	2 mile run	Cross training Stretch	1.75 mile run	Rest Stretch	2 mile run	40-45 min walk OR cross train
Week 3	Rest	2 mile run	Cross training Stretch	2.5 mile run	Rest Stretch	2.5 mile run	45-50 min walk OR cross train
Week 4	Rest	2.75 mile run	Cross training Stretch	2 mile run	Rest Stretch	2.75 mile run	55-60 min walk OR cross train
Week 5	Rest	3 mile run	Cross training Stretch	2 mile run	Rest Stretch	3 mile run	60 min walk OR cross train
Week 6	Rest	3 mile run	Cross training Stretch	2 mile run	Rest Stretch	Rest	<u>RACE</u> <u>DAY!</u>



What is cross training?

Cross-training is a mix of alternative workouts and exercises that will benefit your primary sport. As a runner, some potential cross training options include:

- Cardio exercise equipment; bike, elliptical, rower
- · Biking outdoors
- Swimming
- Yoga
- Pilates
- · Strength training



Where can I find guided resources for my cross training and stretching?

Burnalong

- This online platform offers well-being classes and programs on many topics for your cross training needs
- Free of charge for Mason students and employees!
- Follow registration instructions here: https://recreation.gmu.edu/fitness/virtual-fitness-options/burnalong-virtual/

• Mason Group Fitness

- Daily classes offered at the AFC and the RAC
- Free of charge for Mason students and employees!
- Find suitable cross training options on our Fall 2022 group fitness schedule: https://recreation.gmu.edu/fitness/group-fitness/fall-2022/