



## 5 weeks to 5K - Training Program

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
May 19	15 mins	Rest	25 mins	20 mins	Rest	30 mins	Cross T
May 26	1.5 miles	Rest	2 miles	1.5 miles	Rest	2.5 miles	Cross T
June 2	2 miles	Rest	2.5 miles	2 miles	Rest	3 miles	Cross T
June 9	2 miles	Rest	2.5 miles	2 miles	Rest	3 miles	Cross T
June 16	15 mins	Rest	<b>ADP Corporate 5K</b>				

### Notes for keeping training fun:

1. The program lists only times initially. Don't worry about distance early on. Don't feel you need to run the entire time. Just stay on your feet for the time specified and use whatever combination of running and walking you are most comfortable with. For example, start your session with a 5–10-minute walk then progress to X minutes of running and Y minutes of walking (example: run 1 minutes, walk 2 minutes). Experiment with different ratios but never run to the point of exhaustion. The key is to take your walk breaks early when you are still feeling strong. You'll be amazed at how far you'll be able to go with consistent walk breaks. As times change to distance, your training strategy remains the same. Continue experimenting with different run/walk ratios to find the one you are most comfortable with and which will enable you to complete the listed distance.
2. If you do not have a measured course where you most often run or walk, use time instead—based on your pace. In other words, if you are scheduled to complete 2 miles and you normally run or walk a 12 min mile, stay out for 24 minutes. If you don't know your pace, use 10 min/mile as your standard for runners and 15 min/mile for walkers.
3. Your schedule incorporates 4 days a week of running and walking, two days a week to rest, and one day a week for cross training (Cross T). Cross training is recommended to maintain your cardiovascular fitness while giving your legs a break from running or walking. Biking and swimming are good forms of cross training. The schedule lists Sunday as your cross-training day but you can easily cross train on other days as well.
4. Finally, don't stress about the schedule! Change days of the week that you run to what works best for you. Just try to maintain the same general sequence of events. If you miss a day or two—don't panic. There is a great deal of flexibility in the schedule.