

**Plan B is ideal for:**

Participants who would like to complete a 5k race, running the entire distance.

**Recommended base prior to beginning Plan B:**

Able to walk 30 minutes at a moderate pace without difficulty.

**Pace**

The pace for all runs should be a pace in which you can easily converse, speaking in full sentences.

**Monday Coached Group Runs**

Group runs meet at Baker Park, near the downstairs entrance to Talley Recreation Center.

**Wednesday Run**

There are no coached group runs on Wednesdays. You are however, encouraged to use the **Frederick Women's 5k Training Program** Facebook group to find other participants to do your workout with.

**Saturday Coached Long Run**

The Saturday long run is a key workout for the week. Take it slow enough that you aren't completely wiped out at the end of the run. You should feel tired, but not so tired that you just want to sit on the couch for the rest of the day.

**Strength and/or Cross Training**

At a minimum, you should do the **BASIC 5** strength/balance routine twice a week. This can be after your runs on Monday and Wednesday. Or you can do it on Tuesday and Thursday. If you already participate in some sort of non-running low-impact activity such as yoga or cycling, please feel free to continue these activities during the program. If you currently do strength training in the gym that focuses on upper body, core, and hips, you may do that instead of the BASIC 5. With cross training workouts, you may need to dial it back a little from your previous when you start adding running to your weekly routine. A little soreness and fatigue the next day is okay, but you should not be so sore and tired that it significantly affects your run. Keeping Friday as a day completely off from activity is recommended so that you are fully rested for the stresses of the Saturday long run.

**Moving Days Around**

Life happens. Sometimes you may need to move runs around. We recommend looking at your weekly schedule every Sunday evening, and planning into your week when you are going to do your workouts.

**Consistency is the key factor to success in running.** It is okay to move your weekday runs to other days within these rules:

- (1) Take a day off between runs.
- (2) Missing one run is generally not a problem. However, if you need to miss consecutive runs (sickness, life, etc.), please contact your coach for advice on altering your training plan.

If you have further questions about how to move your runs around, please ask your coach.

**Week 4**

Week 4 is a planned recovery week. Your body needs this week to rebuild and recharge. You may feel a bit antsy. That's okay. Take this week to rest and eat well.

**Walk Segments**

Particularly as the run segments get longer, resist the urge to all-out power walk the walk segments. Keep the stride short and the pace a bit slower. Use the walk to recover your heartrate from the run.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>1</b> 6/8-6/14	5 x (2R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	5x (2R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	7 x (2R, 2W) CP	OFF
<b>2</b> 6/15-6/21	5 x (3R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	4 x (3R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	7 x (3R:2W) CP	OFF
<b>3</b> 6/22-6/28	4 x (4R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	4 x (4R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	3 x (4R:2W) 2x (3R:2W) + 3R CP	OFF
<b>4 R</b> 6/29-7/5	2 x (4R:2W) 2 x (3R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	2 x (4R:2W) CP 2 x (3R:2W) BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	5 x (4R:2W) CP	OFF
<b>5</b> 7/6-7/12	4 x (5R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	4 x (5R:2W) CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	5 x (5R:2W) + 5R CP	OFF
<b>6</b> 7/13-7/19	3 x (6R:2W) + 6R CP BASIC 5	OFF	3 x (6R:2W) + 6R CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	3 x (6R:2W) 2 x (5R:2W) + 4R CP	OFF
<b>7</b> 7/20-7/26	8R:2W:8R:2W:8R CP BASIC 5	OFF	8R:2W:8R:2W:8R CP BASIC 5	OFF	OFF	OFF	<b>COURSE PREVIEW</b> 3.1 miles CP with 2 minute walks at 1.2 mi and 2.1 mi
<b>8</b> 7/27-8/2 <b>Taper - Race Week</b>	2 x (10R:30sec W) CP 10R	OFF	10R:30 sec W:10R CP	OFF	OFF	<b>Women's Distance Festival 5K</b>	OFF

HIGHLIGHTED=Group Run    HIGHLIGHTED=Goal Race

**CP = Conversational Pace** – you should be able to speak in full sentences

**R = Run**

**W = Walk**

#### Decoding the Workout:

- (1) Begin each workout with a 5 minute walk, followed by the 5 minute dynamic warm-up routine
- (2) Complete the run-walk listed on the calendar. Each run-walk is split into blocks. The first number tells you how many blocks you will be doing. In parentheses, the numbers tell you how many minutes of the block are running (R) and how many minutes are walking (W). For example, **3 x (9R:2W) + 9R CP** means to run (at a conversational pace) 9 minutes followed by 2 minutes of walking. Repeat 2 more times for a total of 3. Then run 9 more minutes.
- (3) Finish the workout with a 5 minute cool down walk.
- (4) Do the BASIC 5 strength and balance routine.
- (5) Stretch if you need to.