## AN EXPERIENGED RUNNER'S GUIDE TO

## MARATHON TRAINING




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Running a fast marathon requires an understanding of pace, quality training time, good health and a true belief that you will achieve the target. You will need to run 26 consecutive miles at your target pace. Over the next 16 weeks, this plan gradually builds your fitness to peak on marathon race day. If you remain patient in the early weeks we are sure you will be rewarded.

## HOW SHOULD EACH RUN FEEL?

There are a number of different paces that you should aim to master that will make up your training:

## EASY/RECOVERY RUN:

Fully conversational at the speed of chat and about 6/10 effort

## STEADY RUN:

Conversational, controlled but working at about 7/10 effort

THRESHOLD RUNNING: Controlled discomfort, 3-4 word answer pace 8/10 effort

## INTERVAL RUNNING:

## EACH RUN PAGE IN DETAIL:

The feeling of not being sure how fast you should be running for any particular session is common from beginners to elite international athletes. For beginners, it never feels as though running is easy but we can assure you that running doesn't need to be hard all the time.

At the beginning, all you are trying to do is get out and run. That should be at easy run pace or 'the speed of chat' - if you can't talk as you are running, you're going too fast, simple as that. For the experienced runner, 'the speed of chat' is how easy and recovery runs should feel - totally in control, relaxed and slow enough to talk.

NB: If you are combining walking and running, the effort level remains the same - you should be able to hold a conversation on both the walking and running segments.

Faster than easy, conversational running is steady running. This is the backbone of training for more experienced runners. This is where you must be honest and not push too hard or you might ruin your faster sessions, so conversation should be possible, but a little strained.

Incorporating threshold running is how the elites train and you can train like this too. This is where you are running at a controlled discomfort level; you can still talk between breaths, but only 3 or 4 word phrases - this is not running to exhaustion or sprinting. You may already feel able to include some 3 minute blocks into a run each week which will grow in volume through your training.

Interval running and $3 k / 5 k$ / 10k pace is top-end training. This is often called the 'hurt locker' and is used in training to replicate the feeling at the end of a hard race. The effort levels here should be almost at maximum.


## HOW HARD SHOULD I RUN?

Lets make it simple. Your heart and energy stores don't work to miles. They work to effort and time. So lets move away from tradition and work to time and effort. Don't worry about if you ran 7 miles or not on a run. If you went out to run 60 mins at an easy pace and the run felt easy and controlled, that's all that matters. It was a good run with objective achieved. If it felt hard you were running too fast or are tired for it to be an easy run.

We think you can base your effort on perceived exertion. We can also relate this to heart rate. Look at the perceived efforts shown:-

6/10 - (or 60\% max heart rate) - recovery running. No more than $30-45$ mins at a time with the objective of feeling better at the end, flushing the system through, working totally with oxygen and being able to chat easily at any time.

7/10 - (or 70\% max heart rate) - This is steady running. It is probably the average pace of most runs and totally aerobic and conversational. This is only a little harder than recovery running.


7-8/10 - (or 70-80\% max heart rate). This, for the more experienced, is near your marathon pace if you train well and are realistic. This is still conversational but probably only a shorter sentence at a time. Totally controlled but you need to focus and remind yourself in case you drift into a slower zone. This needs to be practiced in your weekly long runs with segments that increase in frequency and time length the nearer you get to marathon race day. See our plans for more info.

8-8.5/10 - (or 80-85\% max heart rate). This is threshold running and the most important fitness element in your training. It is the key to better running economy and your best friend when building your aerobic base. You are working aerobically, but only just. Your conversation would be only 3-4 words long. It hurts but you are in control if you remain focused. Lose control and push to hard and this becomes destructive. We recommend this for all levels of runner each week.
8.5 \& more - (+ 85\% effort at max 'heart rate). This is often in the form of interval training or races at or quicker than 10k pace in effort. You will certainly work anaerobically in this zone. This type of training can be destructive and very tough. You will be able to hold little or no conversation and the body takes days to really recover. It can be the icing on the cake near the end of your plan in the last 4-6 weeks before you race.

We recommend this training only for the experienced athlete who is already very fit.

| WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 | WEEK 3 | WEEK 4 |
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| MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY |
| 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& condilioning session | 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session |
| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY |
| AM: easy run 30 mins PM: Progression run, 45 mins total 15 mins easy, 15 mins steady, 15 mins threshold | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: Progression run, 45 mins total 15 mins easy, 15 mins steady, 15 mins threshold | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: Threshold run, $5 \times 6 \mathrm{~min}$ threshold with 1 min jog recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins PM: Threshold run, 45 mins total. 3 x 10 mins threshold with 90s jog recovery |
| WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
| 45 min easy run or aerobic cross training | 45 min easy run or aerobic cross training | 45 min easy run or aerobic cross training | 45 min easy run or aerobic cross training |
| THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY |
| Easy run, 60 mins | Easy run, 60 mins | AM: 30 min recovery run aerobic cross training PM: Progression run, 45 mins total. 15 mins easy, 15 mins steady, 15 mins threshold | Progression run, 45 mins total. 15 mins easy, 15 mins steady, 15 mins threshold |
| FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY |
| Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY |
| Continuous hills $4 \times 6$ mins effort with 90s jog recovery | Continuous hills $4 \times 6$ mins effort with 90 j jog recovery | Continuous hills, 45 mins total. <br> $5 \times 5$ mins effort with 90 s jog recovery | Continuous hills, 45 mins total. <br> $3 x 10 \mathrm{mins}$ effort with 90 s jog recovery |
| SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY |
| Long run, 80 mins total | Long run, 80 mins total | Long run, 90 mins total | Long run, 75-90 mins total |
| NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: |
| Keep well hydrated with ZERO, a zero calorie electrolyte drink | If you're running after work and struggle with energy for training, have an EnergyBar 2 hours before your session | For runs longer than 60 minutes, take an EnergyGel or IsoGel with you for an instant energy boost | After a tough session drink 400 ml Protein Recovery to repair your muscles |
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| WEEK 5 | WEEK 6 | WEEK 7 | WEEK 8 |
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| MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY |
| 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | 30-45 mins recovery run, 30 mins and strength \& conditioning session | Rest or 30 min recovery run / cross training | 30 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session |
| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY |
| AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: Threshold run, 60 mins total including $3 \times 12$ mins @ threshold with a 2 min jog recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: Threshold run with 45-60 mins running containing 25 mins @ threshold effort built in | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: 45 mins to include $5 \times 5 \mathrm{mins}$ @ threshold off 1 min jog recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins PM: 30-45 min recovery run + conditioning work |
| WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
| 45 min easy run plus core session | $45-60$ min easy run or aerobic cross training plus core session | 45 min easy | 60 mins easy-steady running. Your legs should be feeling better by now! |
| THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY |
| AM: 30 min recovery run aerobic cross training PM: Progression run, 60 mins total. 20 mins easy, 20 mins steady, 20 mins threshold | AM: 30 min recovery run aerobic cross training PM: Mixed pace session - 12 mins @ MP + $6 \times 2$ mins @ 10k effort + 12 mins @ MP. All with a 2 min jog rec. $(\mathrm{MP}=$ marathon target pace) | AM: 30 min recovery run aerobic cross training PM: Progression run - 30 mins as 10 easy, 10 steady, 10 threshold | ```AM: 30 min recovery run aerobic cross training PM: Mixed pace session -15 mins MP \(+5 \times 3\) mins @ 10k effort + 15 mins @ MP. All with a 2 min jog recovery``` |
| FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY |
| Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY |
| Continuous hills, 45 mins total. $3 \times 10$ mins effort with 90s jog recovery | Continuous hill session to contain $6 \times 6$ mins with a 75-90 sec jog recovery | 30 min recovery run | Continuous hills session with 60 mins to include $3 \times 12$ mins of continuous hills with 2 min recovery |
| SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY |
| Long run 105 mins total. All relaxed and conversational | Long run of 2 hours. If you feel good run the last 20-30 min @ target MP. Make the first 901 min per mile slower than MP! | Half marathon race +30 min easy jog afterwards OR 2 hours with the last 60 @ target MP | Long run: 2h 15-2h30 all easy |
| NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: |
| Check out our race day nutrition guide on page 12. Practise this on your long run | If you're taking gels on your run, use a gel belt to carry your gels | During an easier week like this one, focus on good quality meals | Caffeine can help you focus during a tough training session |
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| WEEK 9 | WEEK 10 | WEEK 11 | WEEK 12 |
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| MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY |
| 30-45 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | 30-45 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | Rest or 30 min recovery run | 30-45 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session |
| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY |
| AM: easy run 30 mins PM: Mixed pace session $8 \times 800 \mathrm{~m}$ (or 3 mins) with odd numbers @ threshold effort and even numbers at 5 k intensity. All with 90 sec jog recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: Mixed pace session $6 \times 800 \mathrm{~m}$ (or 3 mins) @ at 5 k effort. All with 75-90 sec jog recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: 6 mins threshold $+2 \times 6 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ or 75 secs @ 5 k pace. Take 2-3 mins between threshold and 400's then just 1 min jog rec overy between each 400 | AM: easy run 40 mins <br> PM: 45 mins running to include $4 \times 6$ mins threshold to turn the legs over again. Take a 2 min jog rec between each effort |
| WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
| 60 mins easy pace plus core session | 60 mins easy pace plus core session | 45 mins easy pace plus core session | 60 mins steady |
| THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY |
| AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: 80 mins with the final 45 mins to include 4 x 6 mins @ threshold with 2-3 mins easy recovery | AM: easy run 30 mins <br> PM: 25 km progression run: 5 km easy, 5 km MP, 5 km easy, 5 km MP, 3 km threshold, 2 km easy | 30 minute progression run with 10 easy, 10 steady and $10 @$ threshold building in effort | AM: 30 mins easy recovery run PM: 90 minutes with the final 45 mins to include $3 \times 10$ mins @ threshold effort - 2-3 min recovery |
| FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY |
| Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY |
| Continuous hills with 60 mins to include 30 mins of continuous hills and no recoveries | $6 \times 6$ mins @ threshold off 90s jog recovery | 30 min recovery run + stretching | 45 mins relaxed running |
| SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY |
| Long run - 2 h 30 mins with last 30 @ MP if you feel good | 1hr 45 minutes all easy | Half marathon fast @ PB effort or 45 mins easy after. If not racing then 2 h 30 with the last 60 mins @ MP | Key long run - 35 km progression run (10km easy, 10km MP, 5 km easy, 5 km threshold, 2 km hard, 3 km easy) |
| NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: |
| 20 minutes after exercise is the key period for recovery. Have your Protein Recovery drink as soon as you finish your run | Use your half marathon as a chance to practise your race day nutrition strategy from breakfast to recovery afterwards | "Muscle cramps are associated with dehydration and electrolyte deficits and muscle fatigue" American College of Sports Nutrition | Keep practising your race day nutrition strategy on long runs. You'll find it easier to follow on race day |
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| WEEK 13 | WEEK 14 | WEEK 15 | WEEK 16 |
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| MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY | MONDAY |
| 30-45 mins recovery run or cross training and strength \& conditioning session | Recovery run, 30 mins very relaxed + extra stretching | 30 min recovery run and condilioning session | Rest or 30 min recovery run |
| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY |
| AM: easy run 40 mins <br> PM: $3 \times 5$ mins @ threshold $+4 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ or 90 secs @ 5 km pace with 60 s recovery. Finsih with $15-20$ mins @ MP | AM: easy 30 min rec. run <br> PM: $5 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ (or 90s) @ 5 km effort ( 60 s rec) + 2km @ threshold + $5 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ (or 90s) @ 5km effort ( 45 s rec) - 2 min recovery between sets | AM: easy 30 min rec. run <br> PM: 6 mins threshold $+4 \times 400 \mathrm{~m}$ (or 90s) @ 5 k pace. Take 2-3 mins between threshold and 400's then just 1 min jog recovery between each 400 | 30 mins to include $3 \times 5$ mins @ MP with a 2-3 min jog recovery |
| WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
| 60 mins steady | 60 mins steady | 45 min easy run + core | 30 min recovery run |
| THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY |
| AM: 30 mins easy recovery run PM: 90 minutes with the final 30 mins @ threshold effort | AM: 30 mins easy recovery run PM: 45 mins to include $4 \times 6$ mins @ threshold off 90 secs jog rec | 30 min progression run with 10 easy, 10 steady and 10 @ threshold | 30 min recovery run |
| FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY | FRIDAY |
| Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SATURDAY |
| 45 mins relaxed running | Interval session with 6 mins @ threshold (2-3 min recovery) $+5 \times 3$ mins @ 5 k pace with 90 seconds recovery | 5 k Park run to sharpen up +30 min easy after | 15-20 min light jog + stretch |
| SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY | SUNDAY |
| 2 h 45 with the last 45-60 mins @ MP | Long run: 2 h with the final 30 minutes @ MP | 60 mins very easy | MARATHON RACE DAY Good Luck!! |
| NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: | NUTRITION TIP: |
| Keep practising your race day nutrition strategy on long runs. You'll find it easier to follow on race day | Keep practising your race day nutrition strategy on long runs. You'll find it easier to follow on race day | You should be feeling good now but don't forget to focus on quality foods inbetween your sessions | Carbo load in the days before the race. Find more info here |
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## NOTES FOR BECINNER PLAN

- Please do a 15 minute warm up and cool down before Threshold, Continuous Hills or Interval sessions
- If your are feeling OK you may wish to consider a 20-30 minute recovery run in the morning before any of the quality sessions above
- Always substitute cross training for running if you are injured, very sore or it is not safe to run
- Please add a Core conditioning, Pilates or Yoga classes once or twice a week if you have time
- Try to stretch every day for at least 10 mins
- Always eat within 20-30 mins of finishing a run
- Always train at your target pace, don't compromise or run too hard. Tiredness always catches up and take extra rest if required...



## GLOSSARY

## The Key Elements for Endurance Running:

Rest (R) - To help your body cope with the workload, rest is going to be as important a part of your training schedule as the running. Listen to your body and take heed of any warning signs. If you feel fatigued even before you've run a step, find yourself thinking up excuses not to run or start suffering a series of minor injuries; you probably need more time off. Taking enough rest allows physical and mental recovery and gives your body the time to adapt to your workload. Remember: on rest days, that is exactly what you should be doing!

Recovery Run (RR) - Training for endurance requires your body to work harder than it has ever done. To see improvement without breaking down, you'll need some recovery runs. These should be nice and easy and you should feel relaxed. Enjoy the scenery. You should be breathing easily and be capable of holding a conversation throughout the run. This will mean that you are running in the $60-65 \%$ range of your Maximum Heart Rate (MHR) and it should be no more than 45 minutes in duration. This allows your body to adapt to the training workload and therefore improve. It also helps with the removal of the waste products, which accumulate in your muscles after harder efforts.


Threshold Runs (THR) - After the long endurance runs, tempo runs are probably your most valuable workouts. You will find them slightly uncomfortable and they'll require concentration, but they are well worth the effort. As they're run at a controlled brisk pace, about 80-85\% of your MHR, you'll only be capable of uttering a couple of words to your training partners. Tempo/ threshold runs improve your lactate threshold (the speed above which your body struggles to cope with the lactic acid created by burning energy without oxygen), your running efficiency and aerobic capacity (your body's ability to utilise oxygen). All this helps to improve your endurance performance.

Long Runs (LR) - Long runs are vital in your plan and key to racing well in long distance races from 5 km - marathon. At first, concentrate on increasing the time on your feet rather than worrying about distance. Start off by heading out for at least an hour and run at $65 \%$ of MHR (conversational pace). Gradually this will build to $75 \%$ of WHR as you start to practice periods of marathon pace (MP) running. These runs
improve your muscular endurance and condition your body to burn fat as its primary fuel source. They also prepare you physically and mentally for the task ahead.

Continuous Hills/Kenyan Hills
(CH) - Hill running develops strength in your muscles and tendons without putting them under the type of stress they are exposed to during faster running. Run up a $5-10 \%$ gradient for 45-60 seconds at a steady-threshold effort. Turn immediately at the top and run down the hill at the same effort, then turn at the bottom and repeat without any recovery until the rep time ends. Like a tempo/threshold run, a hill session is time to concentrate, as you should be working at about 80-85\% of MHR and be able to utter just a word or two.
Fartlek (F) - This is a Swedish term that literally means "speed play". It involves a number of bursts of effort over a variety of distances with a variable recovery. Originally the length of effort was based on the terrain, for example, pushing harder every time you came to a climb, no matter how long it was. But you can adapt it for your needs.

Interval Training (IT) - Intervals help to boost specific race pace speed and involve running timed efforts with a controlled recovery. The effort level is around $85-100 \%$ of MHR, depending on the duration of the event you are training for and the length and volume of intervals used. A typical example might be $6 \times 3$ minutes @ 5 km race pace with a 90 second jog recovery.

## Marathon Pace (MP) -

Understanding the pace you are able to run your marathon is very important. Pace judgment is crucial to running your best marathon. Marathon Pace Practice, at about $75-80 \%$ of MHR, allows your body and mind to get used to what will be required on the big day, and builds endurance quickly.
Warming Up/Warmdown (WU) When you are going to do any faster running such as Hills, Threshold Runs, Intervals or a race, it is important to warm up gradually. A 10-15 minute jog lets your muscles warm up and improve their range of movement. It also allows your cardiovascular system to prepare. You should also jog easily for 10-15 mins after any hard work out. This reduces muscle soreness, flushes away lactic build up and will make
you feel better over the next few days.
Cross-Training (XT) - It is important that your training is balanced with some non-impact activities such as swimming, cycling, rowing, aerobics, etc, otherwise you are more likely to pick up an annoying injury that will set back your training. But more experienced runners should also add cross training to their regime. Endurance running, especially the marathon, requires whole bodyconditioning. To achieve this you should aim to work a variety of muscle groups and not just your legs. Remember, though, that you are a runner, so just be careful not to make the crosstraining, whether it is lifting weights, using an elliptical trainer or practicing Pilates, so intense that you are left too tired for your running.


## HIGH5'S MARATHON ADVANGED NUTRITION GUIDE

If you're tackling a marathon, you will have trained hard for months to get in great shape and ready to line up at the start of those 26.2 miles. One of the critical pieces in the marathon puzzle is your race-day nutrition strategy...

## THE FUELLING FAGTS

During a marathon, more than two thirds of your energy can come from carbohydrate. Unfortunately your body is only able to store a limited amount of carbohydrate and as the miles tick by, you will deplete that store. As your carb levels fall, so does your energy, and you will find it harder to maintain your early pace. You could even hit the dreaded 'wall' - where your carb stores are so depleted that your muscles are forced to rely almost exclusively on fat as fuel.

The body finds it hard to convert fat to energy, which makes it tough to keep running at any pace. To ensure you have optimum carbohydrate levels on race day, you should carbo load in the days leading up to your event and consume carbohydrate during the Marathon. Visit www.highfive.co.uk for more information on carbo loading.

## DURING YOUR MARATHON

Think of your body's store of carbohydrate as a relatively small fuel tank, that starts emptying as you start running. Your muscles use carbohydrate quickly and can easily deplete that store during a Marathon. If you provide your muscles with carbohydrate by consuming gel as you run, they will take less fuel from your carbohydrate store and it will last longer. The purpose of taking gel during your marathon is to delay the point at which you run out of fuel - until you cross the finish line.

It might seem logical that the more gel you can consume, the better - but take care. You can consume (read swallow) a lot of gel, BUT your body can only absorb a maximum of 60 g per hour (up to 75 g if the gel contains caffeine). Taking too much gel too quickly can and will cause stomach problems. By contrast, taking just a couple of gels at the 17 mile mark, as some people do, will only provide a short lived energy boost. Taking 2 or 3 gels every hour from the very start of your event is optimum and will mean that by mile 17, you should have a large stock of carbohydrate available for a strong finish.

## RACE DAY BREAKFAST:

Breakfast should be light and high in carbs. Cereals, toast and porridge are good options. Drink 500 ml of High5 EnergySource for additional carbs and to stay well hydrated. Take a High5 EnergyBar with you to eat on the way to your race.

## DURING THE RUN

If you weigh more than $\mathbf{5 5 k g}$ : 15 minutes before the start take two EnergyGel Plus sachets (with caffeine) and drink 200 to 300 ml of water or High5 ZERO.

If you weigh less than 55kg: 15 minutes before the start take two EnergyGel sachets (no caffeine) and drink 200 to 300 ml of water or High5 ZERO.


DURING YOUR RUN: take one EnergyGel Plus sachet every 30 minutes. Wait until 30 minutes from the start of your race before taking your first sachet. If you are on-course for a long time, only use EnergyGel Plus (with caffeine) for the first $41 / 2$ hours of running, then switch to standard EnergyGel (without caffeine) for the remainder of your run. Use a Gel Belt to carry your gels.

## AFTER YOU FINISH:

Drink 400 ml of Protein Recovery as soon as you finish. Drink another 400 ml one hour later and eat a balanced meal as soon as possible.

## FLUIDS:

Your fluid needs will depend on how warm the weather is on race day and how much you sweat. Try to drink water or the on-course drink regularly. If you use the on-course drink, take care not to consume too much additional carbohydrate from that drink or you will need to adjust your gel intake. In very hot conditions you may need additional electrolytes.
Individual ZERO tabs can be wrapped in Cling Film and carried on your run. Simply put the tab into the on-course water to make a refreshing electrolyte drink. ZERO does not contain carbohydrate.

## GAFFEINE NOTE:

If you have any medical condition including high blood pressure, if you are pregnant, breast feeding or under 18 years of age, do not use caffeine. If you are sensitive to caffeine and suffer any side effect, such as a higher than expected heart rate, discontinue use immediately. If you do not wish to use caffeine for any reason, simply follow the guidelines using gel without caffeine.

## KEY PRODUCTS

## ENERGYSOURCE (2:1 FRUCTOSE)

Advanced sports drink mix

- Caffeine free
- 2:1 fructose carbohydrate with key electrolytes
- Great light taste


## ENERGYBAR



The healthy snack for training and racing

- Simple and complex carbs
- Fruit \& grain
- Provides one of your 5-A-Day
- Great for race day breakfast

ENERGYGEL


A smooth gel with a dash of real fruit juice for a light taste

- Proven in the World's toughest competitions
- 23 g of carbohydrate
- EnergyGel (without Caffeine); EnergyGel Plus (with 30 mg caffeine)


## ISOGEL

## 23 g carbohydrate gel that's more



## like a drink than a gel. Can be taken

 without water- Smooth, light \& not too sweet
- A dash of real juice flavours for a light refreshing taste
- Proven in the World's toughest competitions
- IsoGel (without caffeine); IsoGel Plus (with 30 mg caffeine)

The Uk's leading zero cal electrolyte sports drink tab

- Contains electrolytes including sodium, magnesium \& potassium
- Contains Vitamin C. Supporting a healthy immune system and contributing to the reduction of tiredness and fatigue
- Light \& refreshing sports drink


## GREAT VALUE TRIAL PACK:

The High5 Marathon Pack provides you with enough sports nutrition for the full day of your marathon or half marathon and includes products for use before, during and after. It comes with a FREE run bottle and 3 FREE gels.

This pack is intended to demonstrate what can be achieved using the latest generation nutrition products and a scientific strategy for your sport, distance and body weight, and without the need to spend a lot of money!

The pack is great value and contains an assortment of best-selling flavours. Available from all good running shops and online.

## For beginner to pro <br> 

