



Mayor's Midnight Sun - Anchorage June 23, 2007

Half Marathon Walk Training Schedule

Novice (All first time marathoners)

Week Beginning:	Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Week
June 3, 2007	16	MILESTONE 16 KM	REST	ECONOMY 8x400metre	OFF or EASY 30 min	TEMPO 10-40-10	EASY 45 min	OFF or EASY 30 min	16
June 10, 2007	17	PUSH LAST 5 10 KM	REST	40 min FTLK	OFF or EASY 30 min	TEMPO 10-30-10	EASY 30 min	OFF or EASY 30 min	17
June 17, 2007	18	EASY 6 KM	REST	20 min FTLK	OFF or EASY 30 min	OFF or EASY 20 min	PRE-RACE 4-5km/2-3mi	ANCHORAGE HALF MARATHON	18
June 24, 2007	RACE	VICTORY PARTY	Massage Day						

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Once you've done your mileage build-up and completed several 25 to 30 km walks, the real work is done. About three weeks before the race you'll 'sharpen' by cutting your mileage back by anywhere from 1/3 to 2/3 of your normal workload to give your body a break from the long stuff and to work a bit more on your marathon goal pace. This is your taper period. The goal of a taper is to ensure that you're well rested, but also to make sure you're 'sharp' and fast.

Your main objectives in the weeks before the race are physical and mental rest, and glycogen storage, but you also need to keep active enough to retain fitness and flexibility. One of the biggest mistakes first-time marathoners make is trying to do too much too late. Whatever training you've done is 'in there'. You can't do a whole lot to improve your fitness in the week before a marathon, but you can beat yourself up and make yourself overtired and overtrained by trying to catch up on missed training.