

2026 Humana Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon

The Norton Sports Health program combines cross-training, mileage and rest in a 15-week training plan designed to help you adapt to the physical demands of a marathon. Use this plan as a visual guide to keep track of your progress.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY*
GET READY Jan. 4 to 10					Kickoff day!	1 mi	8 a.m. SWG 6 mi
WEEK 1 Jan. 11 to 17	Rest	3 mi	3 mi	6 p.m. NSP 5 mi	XT or 3 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. NSP 8 mi
WEEK 2 Jan. 18 to 24	Rest or XT	3 mi	3 mi	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 3 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. B4S 10 mi
WEEK 3 Jan. 25 to 31	Rest or XT	4 mi	4 mi	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 4 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. BCK 11 mi

WEEK 4 Feb. 1 to 7	Rest or XT	3 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 4 mi	XT or 3 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. B4S 8 mi
WEEK 5 Feb. 8 to 14	Rest or XT	4 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 4 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. SWG 13 mi
WEEK 6 Feb. 15 to 21	Rest or XT	4 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 4 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. BCK 14 mi
WEEK 7 Feb. 22 to 28	Rest or XT	5 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 5 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. SEN 15 mi

WEEK 8 March 1 to 7	Rest or XT	4 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 5 mi	XT or 4 mi	Rest	👑 5K + 13 mi
WEEK 9 March 8 to 14	Rest or XT	5 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 6 mi	XT or 5 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. B4S 13 mi
WEEK 10 March 15 to 21	Rest or XT	5 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 5 mi	XT or 5 mi	Rest	👑 10K + 10 mi
WEEK 11 March 22 to 28	Rest or XT	5 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 7 mi	XT or 5 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. SEN 18 mi

WEEK 12 March 29 to April 4	Rest or XT	5 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 7 mi	XT or 5 mi	Rest	👑 10 mi + 10 mi
WEEK 13 April 5 to 11	Rest or XT	4 mi	6:30 p.m. Swags Speed Series	6 p.m. NSP 5 mi	XT or 4 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. SWG 12 mi
WEEK 14 April 12 to 18	Rest or XT	3 mi	3 mi	6 p.m. NSP 3 mi	XT or 3 mi	1 mi	8 a.m. NSP 8 mi
WEEK 15 April 19 to 25	Rest	4 mi	3 mi	3 mi	2 mi	Rest	7 a.m. Race!



XT = Cross-train; see page 14 of the digital training manual for details.

👑 = Louisville Triple Crown of Running race (Separate registration required; no scheduled group run)

See page 22 in the digital training manual for details.

Swags Speed Series is a 10-week series meeting at Iroquois Amphitheater in Iroquois Park Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for hill and speed work as a group. The address is 1080 Amphitheater Road, Louisville, KY 40214. If you want to do speed and hill work on your own time, you can find examples on page 26.

Wednesday group runs will take place from Norton Sports Health Performance & Wellness Center (NSP), Westport Plaza, Suite 129, 9451 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40241

- Wednesday group runs start at 6 p.m. Routes will not be marked. Sample routes will be provided.
- An optional, 30-minute, guided strength and stretch session will be available after the group run.

***Saturday morning group run locations alternate:**

- BCK** = Beckley Creek Park, PwC Pavilion, 1411 Beckley Creek Parkway, Louisville, KY 40245
- B4S** = Big Four Station Park, 223 Pearl St., Jeffersonville, IN 47130 (Meet under the pavilion.)
- NSP** = Norton Sports Health Performance & Wellness Center, Westport Plaza, Suite 129, 9451 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40241
- SEN** = Seneca Park, 3101 Rock Creek Drive, Louisville, KY 40207
- SWG** = Swags Sport Shoes South, 7415 Third Street Road, Louisville, KY 40214



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