## THRESHOLD/ TRAIL SERIES

## Fiunna

## TRAINING PLAN

## 100K - INTERMEDIATE (KM)



## About this Plan

This sixteen-week Runna training plan is designed to help you prepare for your 100km run. As an intermediate runner, we recommend that you are used to running 4-5 times a week and have completed at least one marathon-distance run ( 42.2 km / 26.2 miles) in the past.

The plan is broken down into four-week blocks, which are designed to help you build your strength, fitness, and endurance gradually towards race day. Every fourth week you will have an easier week where the intensity and time on your feet drops right down; this recovery time is important to help you build fitness.

If you miss a session or need to move things around due to life getting in the way, don't worry. This plan is just a guide to help you make informed decisions about how to approach your training.

## When do I start training?

- If you are taking part in Race to the King, your first week of training begins on the $26^{\text {th }}$ of February.
- If you are taking part in Race to the Stones, your first week of training begins on the $25^{\text {th }}$ of March.


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## BLOCK 1 <br> LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

It's important to build gradually towards your 100km run - don't be tempted to immediately head out the door and run a marathon in the hills! Start conservatively and you'll find your fitness will follow.

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| 1 | 7KM EASY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 9KM <br> HALF EASY HALF TEMPO | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15KM } \\ & \text { LONG RUN } \end{aligned}$ | REST | 50KM |
| 2 | 7KM <br> INTERVALS 3 X 1KM | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 9KM <br> LAST 2KM TEMPO | REST | $\begin{gathered} \text { 12KM } \\ \text { EASY } \end{gathered}$ | 18KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 54KM |
| 3 | 8KM <br> PROGRESSIVE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 7KM <br> INTERVALS 3 X 1KM | REST | $\begin{gathered} \text { 12KM } \\ \text { EASY } \end{gathered}$ | 21KM LONG RUN | REST | 58KM |
| 4 | 7KM EASY | REST | 7KM <br> HALF EASY HALF TEMPO | REST | 8KM <br> EASY | 15KM LONG RUN | REST | 37KM |

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## BLOCK 2 <br> BUILDING OUT YOUR BASE

With foundations laid you can now start to get some serious mileage under your feet. Don't get too caught up on getting everything right. Staying consistent is more important than any single training run.

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| 2 | 10KM HILL REPEATS 3 X 200M | 8KM <br> EASY | 11KM <br> PROGRESSIVE | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 26KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 65KM |
| 3 | 9KM EASY | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 0 K M} \\ \text { EASY } \end{gathered}$ | 11KM <br> INTERVALS <br> $3 \times 1.5 \mathrm{KM}$ | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 28KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 70KM |
| 4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 7KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | REST | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{8 K M} \\ \text { TEMPO 5KM } \end{gathered}$ | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 16KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 40KM |

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## BLOCK 3 <br> DEVELOPING YOUR FITNESS

This four-week block is where you will really start to sharpen up your fitness in preparation for your 100km run. Expect to feel fatigued, and make sure you are eating well and getting as much sleep as you can.

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| 2 | 9KM INTERVALS 5 X 1KM | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 0 K M} \\ \text { EASY } \end{gathered}$ | 13KM <br> PROGRESSIVE | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 14KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | 32KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 78KM |
| 3 | 9KM <br> INTERVALS <br> $2 \times 2.5 \mathrm{KM}$ | 5KM <br> EASY | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 1 K M} \\ \text { INTERVALS } \\ 2 \times 2.5 \mathrm{KM} \end{gathered}$ | 5KM EASY | REST | 32KM <br> LONG RUN | 21KM <br> LONG RUN | 83KM |
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This final block starts with one last big week, culminating a 50 km 'dress rehearsal'. You'll then begin a three week 'taper', reducing your mileage to help your body recover ahead of your 100km run.

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| 2 | REST | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8KM } \\ & \text { EASY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9KM } \\ \text { TEMPO } 3 \text { KM } \end{gathered}$ | REST | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 5 K M} \\ \text { EASY } \end{gathered}$ | 23KM <br> LONG RUN | REST | 65KM |
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| 4 | REST | 8KM EASY | 6KM EASY | REST | REST | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \text { RACE } \end{array}$ | M <br> KEND | 114KM |

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