

BRISTOL TRACK CLUB

TRAINING PROGRAM - GENERAL NOTES & USEFUL INFO

Most of the athletes who train with us are serious/competitive runners and our training program reflects this. However the program is designed to allow runners of various abilities and fitness levels to come together and make the most out of each session. Where necessary we will split into smaller groups and/or suggest adjustments to the session to allow everyone to train at the right intensity. If you are new to training with us and are not sure if these sessions are for you then please get in touch and we will be happy to advise.

SESSION LOCATIONS & TIMINGS

We meet at three locations on a regular basis:

- On Tuesday evenings we meet at Whitehall Athletics Track at 6:00pm for 6:40pm session start.
- Many of our group members meet for a session or long-run on the weekend which is organised on a more ad hoc basis. This is usually communicated through our WhatsApp group. Please get in touch if you would like to be added to the group.

While the regular Tuesday meeting point is Whitehall Athletics Track this does not mean we are restricted to using only the track for the session itself. We will occasionally use the nearby bike path or other spots that are within easy jogging distance from the track. We will meet at the track for group warm up (easy jog + stretching + drills) then head to the training start location as a group once everyone is ready (at approx. 6.35/6.40).

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The majority of athletes are now in full winter training and the volume and intensity of the workouts will begin to increase. Most BTC athletes will now be targeting Telford 10k and/or Armagh 5k and this will be reflected in the coming months of training. For now, we continue with 'base training' style workouts but there will be some specific 5k and 10k work as we near the aforementioned races.

When training together we encourage everyone to work as a team. Of course, not everyone will be at the same level and the group will inevitably spread out over the course of a training session, but try to work with those around you and re-group during recoveries where possible. During some of the more continuous sessions, such as fartlek runs or tempos, try to work together in small groups, motivate and encourage each other.

NB: We are not an affiliated club or official organisation, we are simply a group of athletes who train together. Therefore, you are responsible for your own safety and well being at all times during training sessions. This includes being responsible for knowing your own limitations and training within them and only training when you are fit and healthy enough to do so. We sometimes train on public roads where there may be traffic or other locations with other risks, when you train with our group you accept that it is at your own risk.

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DATE	PLANNED SESSION	SESSION NOTES
TUESDAY 17TH JAN	Track: 12 - 14 x 600m off 60" rec	12 reps is enough for most, keeping the pace controlled. 14 for those aiming for longer distances (above 10km). For anyone racing in the coming weeks there is also the option to increase the recovery a little and run slightly faster
TUESDAY 24TH JAN	Track: 4 or 5 x 2km off 90" rest	Between threshold and 10km pace. Should be a relatively tough session, but not all out. You should feel like you have an extra gear in the last rep.
TUESDAY 31ST JAN	Track: 18 - 22 x 400m rec = 30"	Starting a little slower than 5k race pace and finishing at or slightly faster than 5k race pace. When you finish you should feel like you could do another 3 or 4 reps at the same pace
TUESDAY 7TH FEB	Track: 10 - 12 x 800m off 60"	around 10km pace or getting slightly faster towards the end. 10 reps is enough for most.
TUESDAY 14TH FEB	Track: 3 or 4 sets of (1600 - 400m - 400m)	1600m reps at a very controlled effort (around threshold pace), then the 400m reps much faster, around 3 - 5km race pace
TUESDAY 21ST FEB	Track: 8 - 12 x 1km	Probably 8, 9 or 10 reps is enough for most. Mostly at threshold effort, getting towards 10k effort at the end.

