Tuesday Track Workouts
August – October 2019

Below is the tentative schedule for August through October 2019. Track repeats are run each Tuesday at the Furman University Track. Warm-up begins at the PAC at 12:00pm with repeats typically performed on the track beginning at approximately 12:15pm.

All workouts include 5 min. of dynamic drills prior to your run; even before you start your warm-up. A description of the 5 dynamic drills is provided on pages 195–199 of Train Smart, Run Forever. After a 10 to 20 min. warm-up of easy jogging, include four repeats of 100 meters of drills and strides. After doing approximately 10 meters of high knee lifts, gradually accelerate for 80 meters until you reach approximately 90% of full speed and then decelerate over the final 10 meters. Recover for 30 seconds or less, then repeat in the opposite direction. Repeat the same sequence substituting butt kicks for high knee lifts. A description of these two drills is provided on pages 181–182 in Run Less, Run Faster.

Some of these workouts specify a distance to run while some of these workouts are specific durations of hard running. For the workouts that indicate a distance (or distances), refer to the 2012 edition of Run Less, Run Faster (pages 66-70) to identify your target pace for the specified distance. For the workouts that specify a duration, run either at a perceived effort of “really hard” (heavy breathing) or refer to Appendix A in Train Smart, Run Forever (pages 221 – 227) to identify your target pace for the specified duration. Tuesday track workouts are expressed as a distance in meters or a time duration (minutes). The rest / recovery interval (RI) is in parentheses and may be either a walk / jog distance or a specified time.

These workouts are different than those in Run Less, Run Faster, you can complete the workouts listed in the book or feel free to try these workouts. These 13 workouts tend to favor somewhat shorter repeats (not many mile repeat efforts) in an effort to help maintain fast leg turn-over as the temperatures increase. The recovery interval (RI), which is indicated in parentheses, may be a specified timed interval or a distance that you walk/jog.

After your repeat workout on the track, a cool down is important. Jog slowly for 10-15 minutes.

NOTE: the distances and times of these workouts are variable; that is intentional. Check out the workouts (distances and recovery intervals). Hopefully these workouts will challenge you physically as well as your ability to stay focused.

6, Aug. 1000m (RI = 90 sec.), 900m (RI = 90 sec.), 800m (RI = 90 sec.), 700m (RI = 90 sec.), 600m (RI = 90 sec.), 500m (RI = 90 sec.), 400m (RI = 90 sec.)

13, Aug. 6 x [400m (RI = 100m walk), 400m (RI = 300m slow jog)]

20, Aug. 5 x 4 minutes (RI = 90 sec.)

27, Aug. 6 x 1000m (3 minute slow jog RI) (1 more rep. than typical; but recovery is longer as well)

3, Sept. 400m (200m slow jog RI), 200m (200m walk/jog RI); 1600m (400m RI); 3 x [600m (200m RI), 200m (200m RI)]

10, Sept. 3 x 2000m @ 10K race pace (RI = 400m; 100m walk, 100m slow jog, 100m walk, 100m slow jog)

17, Sept. broken kilometer repeats as [5 x (400m, 300m, 200m, 100m)] all with 100m walk RI

24, Sept. 2 x 800m (400m jog RI); 1 x 1600m (400m walk/jog RI); 4 x 400m (60 sec. RI)

1, Oct. modified Yasso 800s; 10 x 800m on 5 min. (start the next 800m repeat every 5 min; so a longer workout)

8, Oct. 1 x 4 min.; 2 x 3 min; 3 x 2 min; 1 x 4 min.; 4 x 1 min; all with 1 minute RI (so 35 minutes total)

15, Oct. 3 x [1000m (90 sec. RI), 400m (60sec. RI); 400m (90 sec. RI)]

22, Oct. 5 x 600m (50m walk, 50m slow jog, 50m walk, 50m slow jog RI)

29, Oct. 400m (90 sec. RI); 1600m (90 sec. RI); 400m (90 sec. RI); 1200m (90 sec. RI); 400m (90 sec. RI); 800m (60 sec. RI); 400m