# Tri-Shark Triathlon Beginner Training Plan 

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Congratulations for taking the leap and signing up for the Tri-Shark Triathlon! Triathlon is a healthy, fun and addictive sport that welcomes people of all ages and abilities. No matter if your goal is to be healthy and vital, compete with others, manage your stress, lose weight, or to socialize with other active people, Triathlon is a fun and challenging sport that you can enjoy for a lifetime.

Included on the pages that follow is a FREE 12-week training plan designed to help you train for your first triathlon. Our greatest hope is that you will use this program as a basic guide to successfully complete your first triathlon and begin an exciting connection with Triathlon.

The plan is presented in an easy to follow, calendar format. There are some abbreviations used in the workout descriptions. You will find all of the abbreviations described in the section titled "Definitions \& Terminology" after the training plan.

Please let us know if you have questions about this program or how we can help you enjoy Triathlon as a part of your vital life.

Enjoy the journey!

Kevin McCarthy
President, Path Performance, Inc.

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|  | Mon, 3/16/15 | Tue, 3/17/15 | Wed, 3/18/15 | Thu, 3/19/15 | Fri, 3/20/15 | Sat, 3/21/15 | Sun, 3/22/15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OFF | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar- } \\ 16 \end{gathered}$ | OFF DAY! | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 2030 MIN | Easy: 20 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 800yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 35-40 MIN | Easy: 30 MIN Walk to jog |
|  | Mon, 3/23/15 | Tue, 3/24/15 | Wed, 3/25/15 | Thu, 3/26/15 | Fri, 3/27/15 | Sat, 3/28/15 | Sun, 3/29/15 |
|  | BIKE | SWIM | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar- } \\ 23 \end{gathered}$ | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 30 MIN | Easy: 1000yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | Easy: 25 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1000yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 45-50 MIN | Easy: 35 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 3/30/15 | Tue, 3/31/15 | Wed, 4/1/15 | Thu, 4/2/15 | Fri, 4/3/15 | Sat, 4/4/15 | Sun, 4/5/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar- } \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | Easy: 1100yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 150's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 40 MIN | Easy: 30 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1100yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 150's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 50-60 MIN | Easy: 40 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 4/6/15 | Tue, 4/7/15 | Wed, 4/8/15 | Thu, 4/9/15 | Fri, 4/10/15 | Sat, 4/11/15 | Sun, 4/12/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| Apr-6 | Easy: 1200yds Broken into 50's \& 100 's \& 150's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 45 MIN | Easy: 35 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1200yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 150's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 1:00 W/ Moderate: 25 MIN | Easy: 45 MIN Walkjog |
|  | Mon, 4/13/15 | Tue, 4/14/15 | Wed, 4/15/15 | Thu, 4/16/15 | Fri, 4/17/15 | Sat, 4/18/15 | Sun, 4/19/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr- } \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | Easy: 1400yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 150's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 45 MIN | Easy: 35 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1400yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 150's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 1:00 W/ Moderate: 30 MIN | Easy: 45 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 4/20/15 | Tue, 4/21/15 | Wed, 4/22/15 | Thu, 4/23/15 | Fri, 4/24/15 | Sat, 4/25/15 | Sun, 4/26/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr- } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | Easy: 1500yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 50 MIN | Easy: 40 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1500yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 1:00 MIN W/ Moderate: 35 MIN | Easy: 50 MIN Walk/jog |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BRICK | RUN-LONG |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr- } \\ 27 \end{gathered}$ | Easy: 1600yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 50 MIN | Easy: 40 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1600yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | OFF DAY! | Brick training <br> W/UP = 1st 10 MIN on BIKE <br> Easy: BIKE 25 MIN + Easy RUN 20 MIN (walk as needed) | Easy: 50 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 5/4/15 | Tue, 5/5/15 | Wed, 5/6/15 | Thu, 5/7/15 | Fri, 5/8/15 | Sat, 5/9/15 | Sun, 5/10/15 |
|  | OFF | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Long | RUN |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { May- } \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | OFF DAY! | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 30 MIN | Easy: 25 MIN Walkjog | Easy: 1000yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 1:20 MIN W/ Moderate: 40 MIN | Easy: 35 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 5/11/15 | Tue, 5/12/15 | Wed, 5/13/15 | Thu, 5/14/15 | Fri, 5/15/15 | Sat, 5/16/15 | Sun, 5/17/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BRICK | RUN |
| May- $11$ | Easy: 1500yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 40 MIN | Easy: 40 MIN Walk/jog | Easy: 1500yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | OFF DAY! | *Brick training W/UP = 1st 10 MIN on BIKE <br> Easy: BIKE 25 MIN + Easy RUN 20 MIN (walk as needed) | Easy: 50 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 5/18/15 | Tue, 5/19/15 | Wed, 5/20/15 | Thu, 5/21/15 | Fri, 5/22/15 | Sat, 5/23/15 | Sun, 5/24/15 |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BRICK | BIKE - Long |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { May- } \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | Easy: 1500yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 45 MIN | Easy: 45 MIN Walk/jog | Easy: 1600yds Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's | OFF DAY! | Brick training W/UP = 1st 10 MIN on BIKE <br> Easy: BIKE 25 MIN + Easy RUN 20 MIN (walk as needed) | Easy: 1:20 MIN W/ Easy: 45 MIN |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | BIKE - Longer | RUN |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { May- } \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ | Easy: 1000yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | Easy: Bike trainer or spin class 30 MIN | Easy: 25 MIN Walk/jog | Easy: 800yds Broken into 50's \& 100's | OFF DAY! | Easy: 45 MIN | Easy: 35 MIN Walk/jog |
|  | Mon, 6/1/15 | Tue, 6/2/15 | Wed, 6/3/15 | Thu, 6/4/15 | Fri, 6/5/15 | Sat, 6/6/15 | Sun, 6/7/15 |
|  | OFF | BIKE | RUN | SWIM | OFF | RACE | RECOVER |
| Jun-1 | OFF DAY! | Easy: 20 MIN | Easy: 20 MIN | Easy: 300yds | OFF DAY! | TRI-SHARK TRI/DUATHLON!!! | Rest, recover and celebrate! |

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## Definitions \& Terminology

## General Workout Details

W/U = Warm-Up
C/D = Cool-Down
$\mathrm{W} /: 30=$ With :30 seconds rest - Rest interval between repeats of swimming, biking or running
MIN = Minutes

## Swim Workout Details

Broken into 50's \& 100's \& 200's = break up the swim into sets of repeats that are 50, 100 and 200 yards long with 10-30 seconds of recovery between repeats.

## Bike Workout Details

Cadence $=$ the number of revolutions per minute (RPM) you are turning your pedals
Spin = turning your pedals at 90-100 cadence with a comfortably easy gear
BRICK = workout in which two of the three disciplines of a triathlon are done together in training - typically biking followed immediately by running; can be swimming followed by biking

Run Workout Details
Walk/Jog = break up the run workout into repeated bouts of easy running followed by short periods of walking.

