Sample 8 Week Middle School Cross Country Training Schedule

| WEEK | M | T | W | TH | F | S | S | TTLs | Session Notes |
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| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1.25 | 1.75 |  |  |  | 4 | WO1=do 100\% of DFLEX-DR only with no additional running |
|  | WO1 | WO2 | WO3 | W04 |  |  |  |  | WO2-4= $70-80 \%$ of DFLEX-DR followed by listed distance run. Runs can be broken up into walk-jog in order to complete distance. |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1.5 | 1.75 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 2.5 | 9.75 | WO1-4= 80-100\% of DFLEX-DR followed by listed distance run. Runs can be broken up into walk-jog in order to complete distance. |
|  | WO1 | WO2 | W03 | W03 |  |  | GR |  | after W01,3 do $4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 1 | 2.5 | 2 | 2.5 |  |  | 3 | 11 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | W01 | CCM1 | WO2 | WO3 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1= First CC Meet - do 25-50\% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh - less if heat is excessive |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  | WO2,3-100\% DFLEX-DR make sure runs are relaxied and continuous - follow WO with 4-5 $\times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ BU |
| 4 | 1.5 | 2.25 | 2.5 | 3 |  |  | 3.5 | 12.75 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | W01 | CCM1 | WO2 | W03 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1 $=$ Second CC Meet - do 25-50\% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh - less if heat is excessive |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  | WO2,3-100\% DFLEX-DR make sure runs are relaxied and continuous - follow WO with 4-5 $\times 100 \mathrm{~m}$ BU |
| 5 | 2 | 2.25 | 2.5 | 3 |  |  | 4 | 13.75 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | WO1 | CCM1 | WO2 | WO3 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1 $=$ third CC Meet - do 25-50\% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh - less if heat is excessive |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  | WO2= easy recovery run $/ \mathrm{WO} 3=1 \mathrm{M}$ warmup - 1 M of 1 min hard -1 min slow - 1M cool down |
| 6 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 |  |  | 4.5 | 15 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | W01 | CCM1 | WO2 | W03 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1 $=$ fourth CC Meet - do 50\% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  | WO2= Easy Revoery Run / WO3= 1M warmup -1M of hills 200m in length - 1M warmdown |
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| 7 | 2.5 | 3 | 2.5 | 4 |  |  | 5 | 17 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | W01 | CCM1 | WO2 | W03 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1 $=$ fitth CC Meet - do $50 \%$ of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh |
|  | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR | DFLEX-DR |  |  |  |  | WO2=easy recovery run / WO3= .5M warmup - 3x.5M @ hard effort (3-4min recovery) - 1M warmdown |
| 8 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 | 4 |  |  | 4.5 | 17 | WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by $3-4 \times 100 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{BU}$ |
|  | W01 | CCM1 | WO2 | W03 |  |  | GR |  | CCM1 = Championship CC Meet - do 50\% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh |
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## Abreviations

Session Notes

Weblinks

## DFLEX-DR Sheet

DFLEX-DR Video

WO = Workout
DFLEX / DR - Dynamic Flexibility - Drills
CCM = Cross Country Meet
GR = Optiona Group Run
$B U=100 \mathrm{~m}$ buildups = break 100 m up into three equal sections - Section 1-relaxed running / Section 2-50\% of race pace / Section 3-80\% of race pace

1. For middle school runners who will be running 2 miles cross country $4-5$ sessions during the week (including the $C C$ meet) as well as an optional Sunday group run is more than enough

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\text { 2. There are no set days you should or should not practice - this highly depends on your individual location and set-up > the schedule above uses } M-T-W-T H \text { - Sun }
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3. the totals for workouts would represent your best conditioned runners - scale back in $25 / 50 / 75 \%$ increments for those less conditioned
4. Out and Backs (Challenge Runs) - great way to motivate the kids > start as a group, as kids tire have them stop stand @ location and wait for the group to pick them up on return. Continue to drop groups till last runner is left. 6. Remember all workouts can be done in walk jogs if kids are unable to run continuously then have them fun comfortably of as long as they can then walk -- but continue moving .

http://knoxvilleyouthathletics.org/images/stories/documents/KYADflex12.pdf http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAvkA66ZB7A\&feature=player embedded
