## Sample 8 Week Middle School Cross Country Training Schedule

WEEK	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	S	TTLs	Session Notes
1	0	1	1.25	1.75				4	WO1=do 100% of DFLEX-DR only with no additional running
	WO1	WO2	WO3	WO4					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	WO3	WO3			GR		after WO1,3 do 4 x 100m 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 3-4x100m BU
	WO1	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 x 100m BU
4	1.5	2.25	2.5	3			3.5	12.75	WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by 3-4x100m BU
	WO1	CCM1	WO2	WO3			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 x 100m BU
5	2	2.25	2.5	3			4	13.75	WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by 3-4x100m 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 / WO3 = 1M warmup - 1M 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 3-4x100m BU
	WO1	CCM1	WO2	WO3			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
7	2.5	3	2.5	4			5	17	WO1= make this an easy effort prior to meet - followed by 3-4x100m BU
	WO1	CCM1	WO2	WO3			GR		CCM1= fifth 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 3-4x100m BU
	WO1	CCM1	WO2	WO3			GR		CCM1= Championship CC Meet - do 50% of DFLEX-DR to keep kids fresh
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Abreviations

WO = Workout

DFLEX / DR - Dynamic Flexibility - Drills

CCM = Cross Country Meet

GR = Optional Group Run

Session Notes

BU= 100m buildups = break 100m 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 CC meet) as well as an optional Sunday group run is more than enough

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- TH - Sun

 $3.\ the\ totals\ for\ workouts\ would\ represent\ your\ best\ conditioned\ runners\ -\ scale\ back\ in\ 25\ /\ 50\ /\ 75\ \%\ increments\ for\ those\ less\ conditioned.$ 

5. 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 run comfortably of as long as they can then walk -- but continue moving.

Weblinks

DFLEX-DR Sheet DFLEX-DR Video http://knoxvilleyouthathletics.org/images/stories/documents/KYADflex12.pdf http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAvkA66ZB7A&feature=player\_embedded

Core Stability http://knoxvilleyouthathletics.org/images/stories/documents/KYACore%20StabilityandUpperTrunkExercises.pdf