

2023 XC Season

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 28-Aug | | | MHC Combine and Athlete's O | w/u + 25 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | Park Run | up to 75 ez |
| 4-Sep | up to 60 ez | w/u + 25 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | w/u + 6 x 3/2 + a few strides at the end | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | ACAC #1 - Edmonton OR Park Run | up to 75 ez |
| 11-Sep | up to 60 ez | w/u + 30 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | long warm up + 10 tempo + a few reps around the MHC Campus | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | ACAC #2 - Calgary | off or x-train or up to 45 ez |
| 18-Sep | up to 60 ez | w/u + 30 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | w/u + 6-5-4-3-2-3x1/2 + a few strides at the end | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | Eagle Butte XC or w/u + tempo + hill sprints | up to 75 ez |
| 25-Sep | up to 60 ez | w/u + 20 mins of graveyard special loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | long warm up + 10 tempo + a few reps around the campus | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | ACAC #3 - Lethbridge | off or x-train or up to 45 ez |
| 2-Oct | up to 60 ez | w/u + 30 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | w/u + 30 mins of College Ave hills + a few strides | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | w/u + tempo + hill sprints | up to 75 ez |
| 9-Oct | up to 60 ez | w/u + 30 mins of College Ave hills + a few strides | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | long warm up + 10 tempo + a few reps around the campus | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | ACAC #4 - Camrose | off or x-train or up to 45 ez |
| 16-Oct | up to 60 ez | w/u + 35 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | w/u + 3 x 7+ 1/1 + a few strides | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | w/u + 4/3+ tempo + 4/3 + 6 x strides | up to 75 ez |
| 23-Oct | up to 45 ez | w/u + 20 mins of graveyard special loops + a few hill sprints | off | w/u + 8 x 1/1 + a few finish reps + c/d | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | ACAC Champs - Edmonton | off or x-train or up to 45 ez |
| 30-Oct | up to 60 ez | w/u + 30 mins of graveyard loops + a few hill sprints | off or x-train or up to 40 ez | w/u + 3 x 7+ 1/1 + a few strides | off or x-train or ez run + a few strides | Park Run | up to 60 ez |
| 6-Nov | up to 45 ez | w/u + 15 tempo around the campus + a few start reps | Travel Day to Nationals | w/u + 8 x 1/1 + a few finish reps + c/d | ez run + a few strides | CCAA Champs - Truro, Nova Scotia | off |

0. Subject to change - I may tweak the workouts a bit as we go along depending upon how you are handling the load.

1. We'll meet as a group on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays (Sats may be a race)

2. **These workouts are maximums** - you may not be at this level in terms of workout volumes or days per week - that's ok - try to follow the pattern

3. On Sept 9 I'll take a few runners to Calgary - the rest of the team will can do a workout on their own or the Park Run.

4. Sprint Hills - a 10 to 12 second uphill sprint with a long, slow walk down between reps - you shouldn't be out of breath when you start the next rep.

5. 25 mins graveyard loops - This a 25 minute run at a good clip, with some jogging parts, over hilly terrain

6. College Avenue Hills - these are long up and downhills - good prep for the long hill in Camrose

7. 6 x 3/2 - After warm up, run 3 minutes hard, then take a 2 min jog recovery. Repeat 6 times. Then cool down.

8. 6-5-4-3-2-1/2 - 6 minutes hard, 2 min jog, then 5 minutes hard, then 2 min jog, then 4 minutes hard, 2 min jog, etc.

9. 8 x 1/1 - 1 minute hard, 1 minute jog - repeat 8 times

10. 3 x 7+1/1 - Run 7 minutes hard, 1 minute rest, run 1 minute hard, 1 minute rests - repeat this pattern three times

10. w/u = warm up c/d = cool down

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