# Return to Running Program 

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## General Guidelines:

1. Ice after running if you have an injury.
2. Stretch before and after running.
3. Start running on level surfaces. Gradually work into hills as able.
4. No pain while you are running.
5. Run with short quick strides with a cadence of $120-160$ steps per minute.

## Week 1

$1^{\text {st }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 4 minute walk, 1 minute run. Rest one day. $2^{\text {nd }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 3 minute walk, 2 minute run. Rest one day. $3^{\text {rd }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 2 minute walk 3 minute run. Rest one day.

## Week 2

$1^{\text {st }}$ run: Repeat 4 times: 1 minute walk, 4 minute run. Rest one day. $2^{\text {nd }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 1 minute walk, 5 minute run. Rest one day. $3^{\text {rd }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 1 minute walk, 6 minute run. Rest one day.

## Week 3

$1^{\text {st }}$ run: Repeat 3 times: 1 minute walk, 7 minute run. Rest one day. $2^{\text {nd }}$ run: Repeat 2 times: 1 minute walk, 8 minute run. Rest one day. $3^{\text {rd }}$ run: Repeat 2 times: 1 minute walk, 10 minute run. Rest one day.

## Week 4

$1^{\text {st }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 12 minute run. Rest one day. $2^{\text {nd }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 15 minute run. Rest one day. $3^{\text {rd }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 18 minute run. Rest one day.

## Week 5

$1^{\text {st }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 20 minute run. Rest one day. $2^{\text {nd }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 20 minute run. Rest one day. $3^{\text {rd }}$ run: 3 minute walk, 20 minute run. Rest one day.

