WEEK 18 from Monday 9th to Sunday 15th of May
Macrocycle IX, week 1 (Training week 49)

As it is important to build up progressively the fitness levels towards the beginning of the season, it is also important to decrease the training volume towards the end of the season. Therefore, this week, only 3 training sessions are scheduled with recovery training on Monday, a high intensity training on Tuesday, and a speed endurance session on Thursday. Depending on your own refereeing involvements, it is also possible to do these sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (e.g. in the case there is a match to referee on Sunday). Next week, a last training plan is provided for those referees who still have a match to referee on the one hand, and the other referees who will then enter the off-season or active rest period.

Mon. 9th: * Act. Rec.  
Tr. 186  
- 50’ recovery session in a fitness centre.

Tue. 10th: * Low Int.  
Tr. 187  
- Run-bike-run: for each pair of referees, there is 1 mountain-bike.
  - Those referees who don’t have a bike available, they may replace the biking part with active recovery, such as jogging/walking. Alternatively, they can also do it in a fitness centre on a treadmill and an exercise bike. In this case it is important to check in advance the specific running speed that elicits 90%HRmax.
  - Referee A starts jogging, while referee B is biking (5’)
  - Then referee B starts jogging, while referee A is biking (5’)
  - Again, referee A starts jogging, while referee B is biking (5’)
  - Then referee B starts jogging, while referee B is biking (5’)
  - All together, each referee runs 10’ and bikes 10’.

* Warm up  
- 20’ jogging, mobilisation and dynamic stretching.

* High Int.  
- The high intensity part will now be done running, while the recovery part will be done biking:
  - Referee A runs 1’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, then they change and referee B runs 1’ at HI, while referee A is biking
  - Referee A runs 2’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, change!
  - Referee A runs 3’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, change!
  - Referee A runs 3’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, change!
  - Referee A runs 2’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, change!
  - Referee A runs 1’ at 90% HRmax, while referee B is biking, change!
  - All together, this run-bike-run takes 24’.
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* High Int. - Alternatively, the following HI-session can be covered:

- **Set 1:** The referees work in pairs. From the start, \( R_1 \) runs around half of the pitch in 30 to 35 sec. At the same time, \( R_2 \) walks along the midline. \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \) need to arrive at the same time at the sideline and then \( R_2 \) runs around half of the pitch and \( R_1 \) walks back along the midline to the start. Repeat this 8 times.

Recovery: 4 min

* Cool down - the cool down is now also done in the same way.

- Referee A starts jogging, while referee B is biking (5′)
- Then referee B starts jogging, while referee A is biking (5′)
- Finally, referees finish with a 10′ extensive stretching.

Total duration: 79′

**Wed. 11th:** REST DAY

**Thu. 12th:**

- **Low Int.** - 5′ jogging slowly building up to 70% HR\(_{max}\) (± 1 km).

- **Warm up** - 20′ jogging, mobilisation and dynamic stretching.

- **Strength** - Strength, core stability and injury prevention exercises. (abdominals, back muscles, sideways, arms, legs, see Library TSL for different sets of 30”-30” exercises), followed by individual injury prevention exercises.
* Speed End.

- **Set 1:** Run 5 laps as indicated in the picture.

![Diagram of 5 laps](image)

- **Set 2:** same exercise as set 1.

- 4’ recovery before starting Set 2.

- **Set 2:** same exercise as set 1.

* Match

- 10’ match play.

* Cool down

- 5’ jogging and walking, followed by 10’ extensive stretching.

**Total duration:** 84’

**Fri. 13th:**

REST DAY

**Sat. 14th:**

Those referees who don’t have a game to officiate in the weekend, may do some intermittent activities such as playing badminton, football, squash, or tennis.

**Sun. 15th:**

Alternatively, you may also use your free time for additional recovery, or to work on any fitness weaknesses you might have, e.g., aerobic endurance, strength, injury prevention,…).
WEEK 19 from Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} to Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of May
Macrocycle IX, week 2 (Training week 50)

For the last training plan of the actual season, the training load will again be decreased. Therefore, only 3 training sessions are scheduled with a recovery training on Monday, a high intensity training on Tuesday, and a speed session on Thursday. Depending on your own refereeing involvements, it is also possible to do these sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (e.g. in the case there is a match to referee on Sunday). Those referees who don't have to referee another match, they enter the off-season or active rest period.

Mon. 16\textsuperscript{th}:  * Act. Rec.  
Tr. 189  
- 50’ recovery session in a fitness centre.

Tue. 17\textsuperscript{th}: * Low Int.  
Tr. 190  
* Warm up  
- 5’ jogging slowly building up to 70% HR\textsubscript{max} (+ 1 km).

* High Int.  
- Set 1  
- 60” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 60” recovery jogging
- 45” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 45” recovery jogging
- 30” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 30” recovery jogging
- 15” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 15” recovery jogging
- 15” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 15” recovery jogging
- 30” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 30” recovery jogging
- 45” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 45” recovery jogging
- 60” HI-run at 90% HR\textsubscript{max} followed by 60” recovery jogging

- Followed immediately by a second set.

- All together, this HI-run takes 17’.

- 3’ recovery

* Football-golf  
If the weather and the facilities permit, the referees can play a football-golf tournament. From a central centre circle, they have to try to pass the ball to a number of targets in as few touches as possible. It can be played individually, but also in a team of two referees that alternatively pass the ball until the goal is reached (10’).

* Cool down  
- 5’ jogging and walking, followed by 10’ extensive stretching.

Total duration: 70’

Wed. 18\textsuperscript{th}:  REST DAY

Thu. 19\textsuperscript{th}: * Low Int.  
Tr. 191  
* Warm up  
- 5’ jogging slowly building up to 70% HR\textsubscript{max} (+ 1 km)

- 20’ extensive warm up, mobilisation and stretching.
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* Strength - Strength, core stability and injury prevention exercises. (abdominals, back muscles, sideways, arms, legs, see Library TSL for different sets of 30”-30” exercises), followed by individual injury prevention exercises.

* Speed - 5 maximal sprints in the order illustrated below:
- Walk back to the start after each individual sprint
- Once the 5 sprints (140 m total sprinting distance) have been completed take a 5’ stretching break

- Then perform a second set of sprints for a session total of 10 sprints. Start the sprints this time sideways right, and turn on the opposite shoulder to the first set when turning from backwards jogging to sprinting
- The total exercise time is 15’.

* Match - 10’ match play.

* Cool down - 5’ jogging and walking, followed by 10’ extensive stretching.

**Total duration: 75’**

**Fri. 20th.** REST DAY

**Sat. 21st.**

Those referees who don’t have a game to officiate in the weekend, may do some intermittent activities such as playing badminton, football, squash, or tennis.

Alternatively, you may also use your free time for additional recovery, or to work on any fitness weaknesses you might have, e.g., aerobic endurance, strength, injury prevention,…).