

# Common Relationships Between Rate of Perceived Exertion, Effort & Heart Rate Zones

Talk Test	Can speak in full sentences with ease		Can still speak in full sentences but breathing a bit heavier		Breathing heavy, can only talk in short sentences		Breathing very heavy, can only talk in short phrases		Out of breath, can only speak a few words or none at all	
	RECOVERY		EASY		MODERATE		TEMPO		HARD	
RPE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Feel										
Effort	recovery effort		very easy effort		easy effort		steady effort		marathon effort	
	very easy effort						half marathon effort		1-hour max effort	
	10k effort		5k effort		mile effort		sprint/max effort			
HR Zone	HR Zone 1		HR Zone 2		HR Zone 3		HR Zone 4		HR Zone 5	
HR	AeT-20% to AeT-10%		AeT-10% to AeT		AeT	AeT to AnT	AnT	AnT to Max HR-5%	Max HR-5% to Max HR	
Metabolism	Aerobic fat oxidation		Aerobic fat oxidation dominates (maximum fat oxidation at top of Zone 2)		Anaerobic glycolysis / carbohydrate metabolism begins to dominate		Both aerobic and anaerobic capacities maxed out		ATP/CP and glycolysis, minimal aerobic involvement	
Muscle Fibre Recruitment	Slow twitch (Type I)		Most slow twitch (Type I)		All slow twitch (Type I) + some fast twitch (Type IIa)		All slow twitch (Type I) + most fast twitch (Type IIa)		All slow twitch + all fast twitch (Type IIa & IIx)	
Training Effect	Recovery, aerobic conditioning		Aerobic capacity, economy		Aerobic capacity, anaerobic capacity, lactate shuttle, economy		Maximal aerobic power, strength/speed endurance, economy, technique		Power, speed, technique, anaerobic capacity, aerobic endurance	
Training Method	Continuous 30 min to several hours		Continuous 30 min to 2 hours		Continuous to 60 min, interval 10-20 min		Interval 30 secs to 8 min		Interval 8 secs to 2 min	

