

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

Talk Test	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	half marathon effort	1-hour max effort	10k effort	5k effort	mile effort	sprint/max effort
HR Zone	HR Zone 1	Aerobic Threshold (AeT) Ventilatory Threshold 1 (VT1)	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						

