

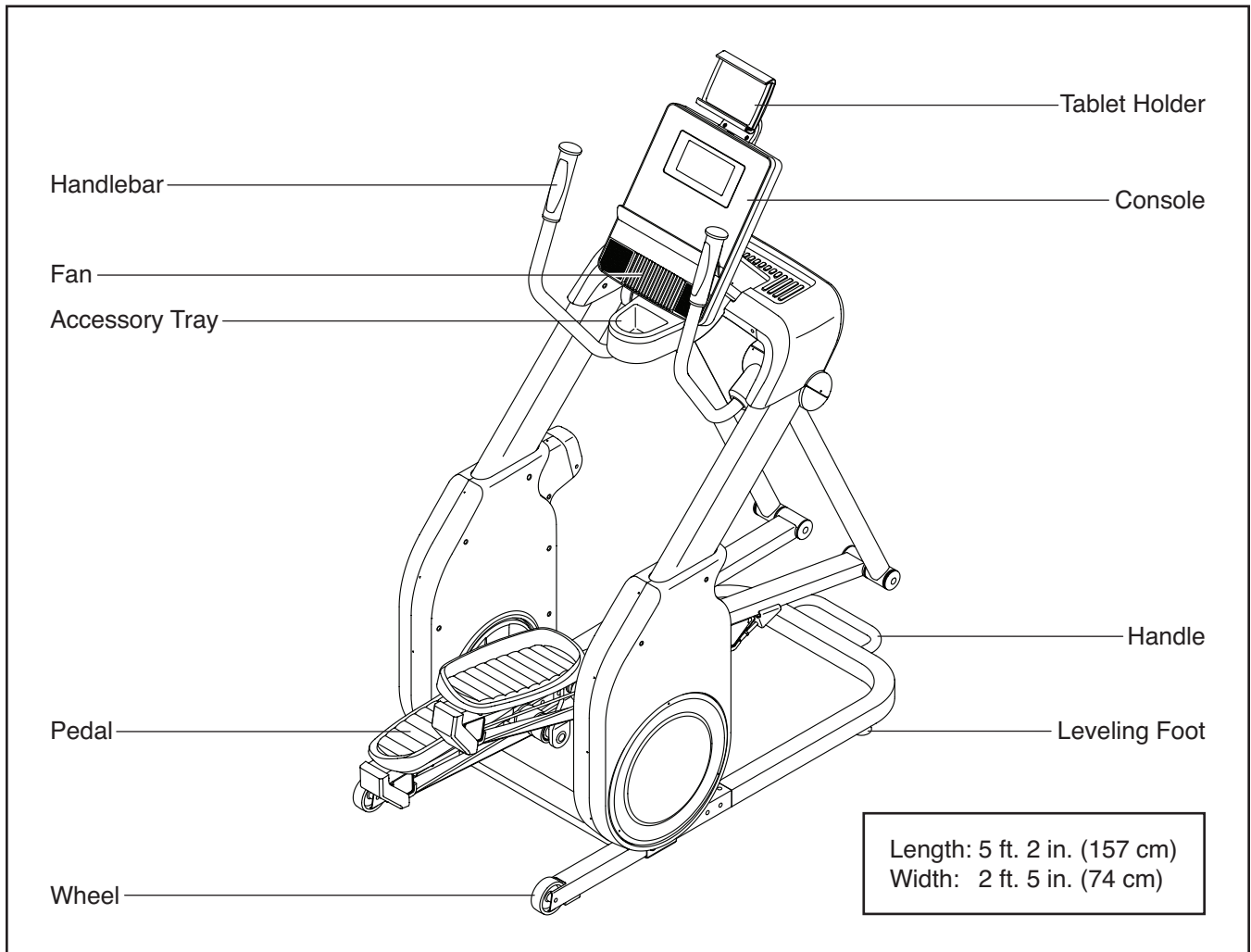
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

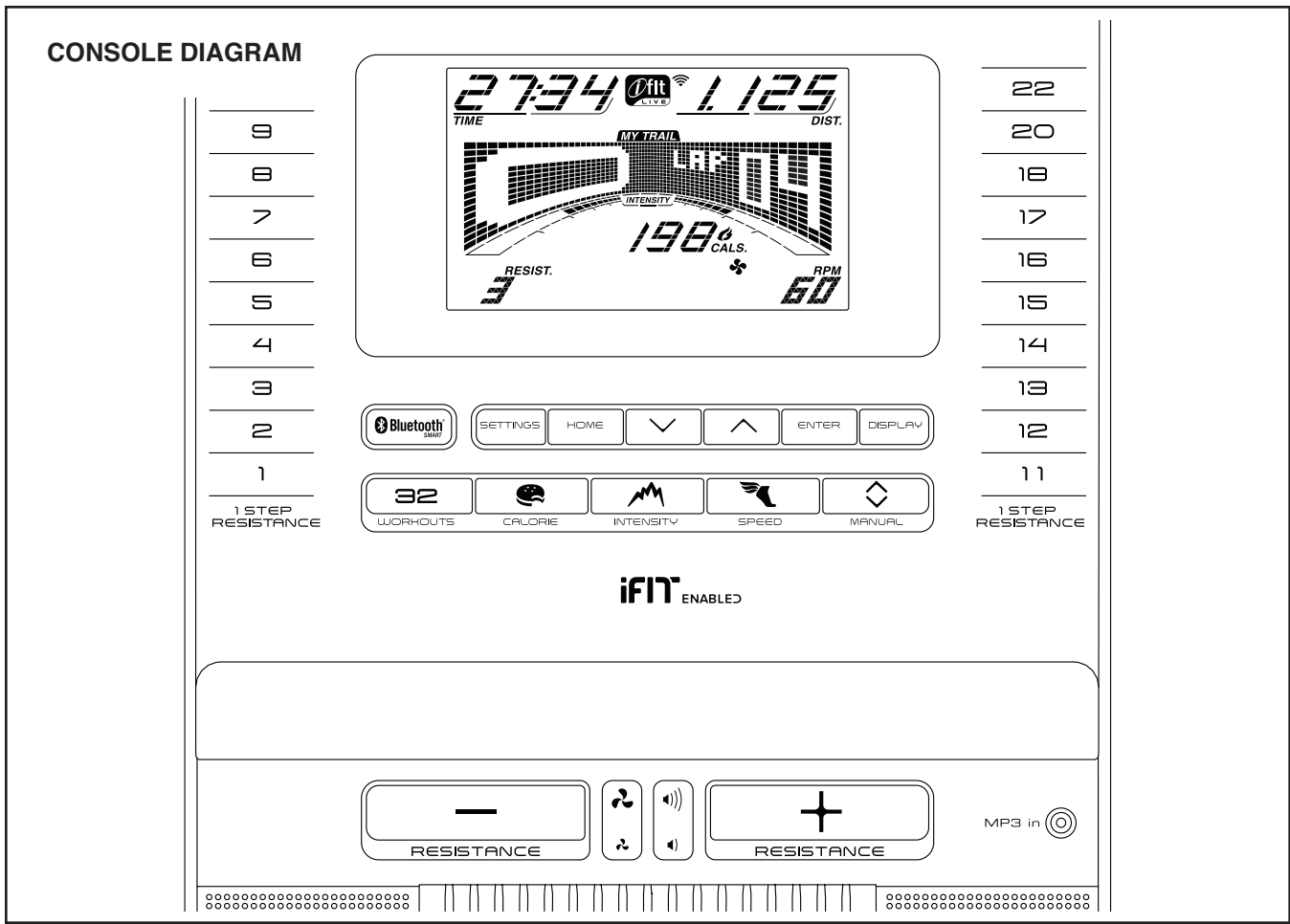
Thank you for selecting the revolutionary NORDICTRACK® FREESTRIDE TRAINER FS5I elliptical. The FREESTRIDE TRAINER FS5I elliptical provides an impressive selection of features designed to make your workouts at home more effective and enjoyable.

For your benefit, read this manual carefully before you use the elliptical. If you have questions after

reading this manual, please see the front cover of this manual. To help us assist you, note the product model number and serial number before contacting us. The model number and the location of the serial number decal are shown on the front cover of this manual.

Before reading further, please familiarize yourself with the parts that are labeled in the drawing below.





FEATURES OF THE CONSOLE

The advanced console offers an array of features designed to make your workouts more effective and enjoyable.

When you use the manual mode of the console, you can change the resistance of the pedals with the touch of a button.

As you exercise, the console will provide continuous exercise feedback. You can even measure your heart rate using the handgrip heart rate monitor or a compatible heart rate monitor. **See page 18 for information about purchasing an optional chest heart rate monitor.**

You can also connect your smart device to the console and use an iFit® app to record and track your workout information.

The console also offers a selection of onboard workouts. Each onboard workout automatically changes the

resistance of the pedals and prompts you to maintain a target pedaling speed as it guides you through an effective workout.

You can also listen to your favorite workout music or audio books with the console sound system while you exercise.

To use the manual mode, see page 15. **To use an onboard workout**, see page 17.

To use the sound system, see page 18. **To connect your smart device to the console**, see page 19. **To connect your heart rate monitor to the console**, see page 19. **To change console settings**, see page 20.

If there is a sheet of plastic on the display, remove the plastic.

Note: The console can display speed and distance in either miles or kilometers. To find which unit of measurement is selected, see step 3 on page 20.

HOW TO USE THE MANUAL MODE

1. Turn on the console.

Begin pedaling or press any button on the console to turn on the console.

When you turn on the console, the displays will turn on, a tone will sound, and the console will be ready for use.

2. Select the manual mode.

When you turn on the console, the manual mode will be selected automatically.

If you have selected a workout, reselect the manual mode by pressing the Manual button.

3. Change the resistance of the pedals as desired.

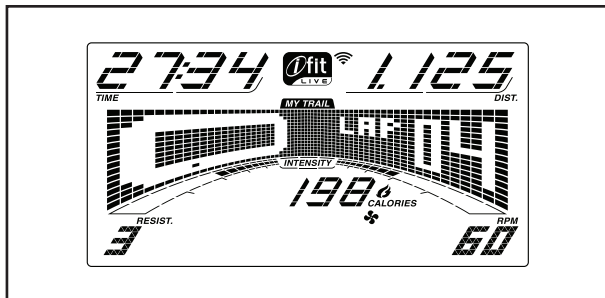
Begin pedaling to start the manual mode.

As you pedal, you can change the resistance of the pedals. To change the resistance, press one of the numbered 1 Step Resistance buttons or press the Resistance increase and decrease buttons.

Note: After you press a button, it will take a moment for the pedals to reach the selected resistance level.

4. Follow your progress with the display.

The display can show the following workout information:



Calories (Cals.)—When the manual mode is selected, this display mode will show the approximate number of calories you have burned. When a workout is selected, this display mode will show either the approximate number of calories remaining to be burned or the approximate number of calories you have burned.

Calories per Hour (Cals./Hr)—This display mode will show the approximate number of calories you are burning per hour.

Distance (Dist.)—This display mode will show the distance that you have pedaled in miles or kilometers.

Pulse—This display mode will show your heart rate when you use an optional heart rate monitor (see step 5).

Resistance (Resist.)—This display mode will show the resistance level of the pedals for a few seconds each time the resistance level changes.

RPM—This display mode will show your pedaling speed in revolutions per minute (rpm).

Speed—This display mode will show your pedaling speed in miles per hour or kilometers per hour.

Time—When the manual mode is selected, this display mode will show the elapsed time. When a workout is selected, this display mode will show either the time remaining in the workout or the elapsed time.

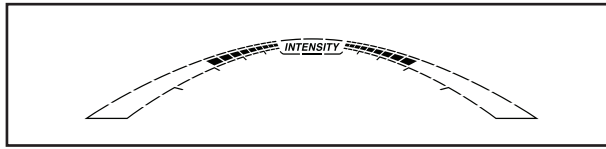
The matrix offers several display tabs. Press the Display button repeatedly or press the increase and decrease buttons next to the Enter button until the desired tab is shown.

Speed—This tab will show a profile of the speed settings of the workout. A new segment will appear at the end of each minute.

My Trail—This tab will show a track that represents 1/4 mile (400 m). As you exercise, the flashing rectangle will show your progress. The My Trail tab will also show the number of laps you complete.

Calorie—This tab will show the approximate amount of calories you have burned. The height of each segment represents the amount of calories burned during that segment.

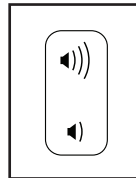
As you exercise, the workout intensity level bar will indicate the approximate intensity level of your exercise.



To pause the console, press the Home button or simply stop pedaling. When the console is paused, the time will flash in the display. To continue your workout, simply resume pedaling.

Press the Home button repeatedly to pause the workout, view your workout results, and exit the workout and return to the manual mode.

Change the volume level of the console by pressing the volume increase and decrease buttons.



5. Wear a heart rate monitor and measure your heart rate if desired.

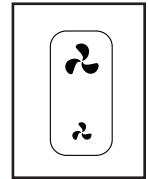
You can measure your heart rate using an optional chest heart rate monitor (**see page 18 for information about the optional chest heart rate monitor**). Note: The console is compatible with BLUETOOTH® Smart heart rate monitors.

To connect a heart rate monitor to the console, see **HOW TO CONNECT YOUR HEART RATE MONITOR TO THE CONSOLE** on page 19.

When a heart rate monitor is connected to the console, your heart rate will be shown in the display.

6. Turn on the fan if desired.

The fan has several speed settings. Press the fan increase and decrease buttons repeatedly to select a fan speed or to turn off the fan.



Note: If the pedals do not move for about 30 seconds, the fan will turn off automatically.

7. When you are finished exercising, the console will turn off automatically.

If the pedals do not move for several seconds, a series of tones will sound, the console will pause, and the time will flash in the display.

If the pedals do not move for several minutes, the console will turn off and the display will be reset.

HOW TO USE AN ONBOARD WORKOUT

1. Turn on the console.

Begin pedaling or press any button on the console to turn on the console.

When you turn on the console, the displays will turn on, a tone will sound, and the console will be ready for use.

2. Select an onboard workout.

To select an onboard workout, press the Calorie, Intensity, or Speed button repeatedly until the name of the desired workout appears in the display.

When you select an onboard workout, the display will show the duration of the workout or the approximate number of calories to be burned during the workout. A profile of the speed settings of the workout will appear in the matrix.

The maximum resistance level and the maximum speed for the workout will also appear in the display.

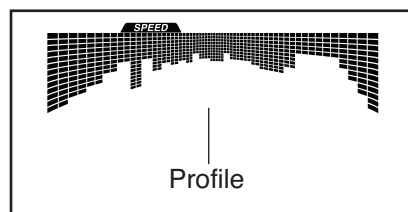
3. Start the workout.

Begin pedaling to start the workout.

Each workout is divided into one-minute segments. One resistance level and one target speed are programmed for each segment. Note: The same resistance level and/or target speed may be programmed for consecutive segments.

The resistance level and the target speed for the first segment will appear in the display.

During the workout, the profile on the speed tab will show your progress. The flashing segment of



the profile represents the current segment of the workout. The height of the flashing segment indicates the target speed for the current segment.

At the end of each segment of the workout, a series of tones will sound and the next segment of the profile will begin to flash. If a different resistance level and/or target speed is programmed for the next segment, the resistance level and/or target speed will appear in the display for a few seconds to alert you. The resistance of the pedals will then change.

As you exercise, you will be prompted to keep your pedaling speed near the target speed for the current segment. **When an upward-pointing arrow appears in the display**, increase your pace. **When a downward-pointing arrow appears**, decrease your pace. **When no arrow appears**, maintain your current pace.

IMPORTANT: The target speed is intended only to provide motivation. Your actual pedaling speed may be slower than the target speed. Make sure to pedal at a speed that is comfortable for you.

If the resistance level for the current segment is too high or too low, you can manually override the setting by pressing the Resistance buttons. **IMPORTANT: When the current segment of the workout ends, the pedals will automatically adjust to the resistance level programmed for the next segment.**

The workout will continue in this way until the last segment ends.

To pause the console, press the Home button or simply stop pedaling.. When the console is paused, the time will flash in the display. To continue your workout, simply resume pedaling.

Press the Home button repeatedly to pause the workout, view your workout results, and exit the workout and return to the default menu.

4. Follow your progress with the display.

See step 4 on page 15.

5. Wear a heart rate monitor and measure your heart rate if desired.

See step 5 on page 16.

6. Turn on the fan if desired.

See step 6 on page 16.

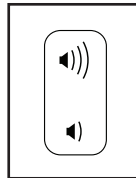
7. When you are finished exercising, the console will turn off automatically.

See step 7 on page 16.

HOW TO USE THE SOUND SYSTEM

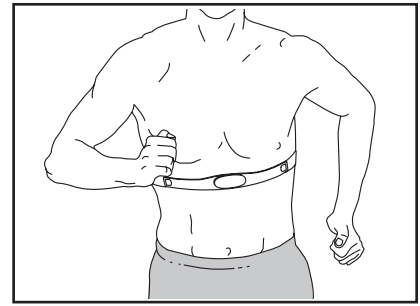
To play music or audio books through the console sound system while you exercise, plug a 3.5 mm male to 3.5 mm male audio cable (not included) into the jack on the console and into a jack on your MP3 player, CD player, or other personal audio player; **make sure that the audio cable is fully plugged in. Note: To purchase an audio cable, see your local electronics store.**

Next, press the play button on your personal audio player. Adjust the volume level using the volume increase and decrease buttons on the console or the volume control on your personal audio player.



THE OPTIONAL CHEST HEART RATE MONITOR

Whether your goal is to burn fat or to strengthen your cardiovascular system, the key to achieving the best results is to maintain the proper heart rate during your workouts.



The optional chest heart rate monitor will enable you to continuously monitor your heart rate while you exercise, helping you to reach your personal fitness goals. **To purchase a chest heart rate monitor, please see the front cover of this manual.**

Note: The console is compatible with all BLUETOOTH Smart heart rate monitors.

HOW TO CONNECT YOUR SMART DEVICE TO THE CONSOLE

The console supports BLUETOOTH connections to smart devices via the iFit app and to compatible heart rate monitors. Note: Other BLUETOOTH connections are not supported.

1. Download and install the iFit app on your smart device.

On your iOS® or Android™ smart device, open the App StoreSM or the Google Play™ store, search for the free iFit app, and then install the app on your smart device. **Make sure that the BLUETOOTH option is enabled on your smart device.**

Then, open the iFit app and follow the instructions to set up an iFit account and customize settings.

2. Connect your smart device to the console.

Follow the instructions in the iFit app to connect your smart device to the console.

When a connection is established, the LED on the console will flash blue. Press the Bluetooth Smart button on the console to confirm the connection; the LED on the console will then turn solid blue.

3. Record and track your workout information.

Follow the instructions in the iFit app to record and track your workout information.

4. Disconnect your smart device from the console if desired.

To disconnect your smart device from the console, press and hold the Bluetooth Smart button on the console for 5 seconds; the LED on the console will light while the button is held and turn off when the button is released.

Note: All BLUETOOTH connections between the console and other devices (including any smart devices, heart rate monitors, and so forth) will be disconnected.

HOW TO CONNECT YOUR HEART RATE MONITOR TO THE CONSOLE

The console is compatible with all BLUETOOTH Smart heart rate monitors.

To connect your BLUETOOTH Smart heart rate monitor to the console, press the Bluetooth Smart button on the console. When a connection is established, the LED on the console will flash red twice.

Note: If there is more than one compatible heart rate monitor near the console, the console will connect to the heart rate monitor with the strongest signal.

To disconnect your heart rate monitor from the console, press and hold the Bluetooth Smart button on the console for 5 seconds; the LED on the console will light while the button is held and turn off when the button is released.

Note: All BLUETOOTH connections between the console and other devices (including any smart devices, heart rate monitors, and so forth) will be disconnected.

HOW TO CHANGE CONSOLE SETTINGS

1. Select the settings mode.

To select the settings mode, press the Settings button. The settings information will appear in the display.

Note: If you have selected a workout, you must exit the workout before you can select the settings mode.

2. Navigate the settings mode.

While the settings mode is selected, the matrix of the display will display several optional screens. Press the increase button next to the Enter button repeatedly to select the desired optional screen.

The lower section of the display will show instructions for the selected screen. **Make sure to follow the instructions shown in the lower part of the display.**

3. Change settings as desired.

Units—The currently selected unit of measurement will appear in the display. To change the unit of measurement, press the Enter button repeatedly. To view distance in miles, select ENGLISH. To view distance in kilometers, select METRIC.

Contrast Level—The currently selected contrast level will appear in the display. To adjust the contrast level, press the Resistance increase and decrease buttons.

Usage Information—The display will show the total number of hours that the elliptical has been used and the total distance (in miles or kilometers) that has been pedaled on the elliptical.

4. Exit the settings mode.

Press the Settings button to exit the settings mode.

FCC INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

FCC CAUTION: To assure continued compliance, use only shielded interface cables when connecting to computer or peripheral devices. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

EXERCISE GUIDELINES

⚠️ WARNING: Before beginning this or any exercise program, consult your physician. This is especially important for persons over age 35 or persons with pre-existing health problems.

These guidelines will help you to plan your exercise program. For detailed exercise information, obtain a reputable book or consult your physician. Remember, proper nutrition and adequate rest are essential for successful results.

EXERCISE INTENSITY

Whether your goal is to burn fat or to strengthen your cardiovascular system, exercising at the proper intensity is the key to achieving results. You can use your heart rate as a guide to find the proper intensity level. The chart below shows recommended heart rates for fat burning and aerobic exercise.

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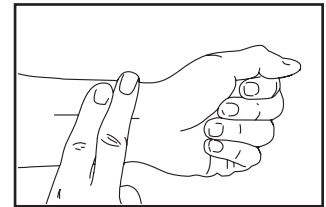
To find the proper intensity level, find your age at the bottom of the chart (ages are rounded off to the nearest ten years). The three numbers listed above your age define your “training zone.” The lowest number is the heart rate for fat burning, the middle number is the heart rate for maximum fat burning, and the highest number is the heart rate for aerobic exercise.

Burning Fat—To burn fat effectively, you must exercise at a low intensity level for a sustained period of time. During the first few minutes of exercise, your body uses carbohydrate calories for energy. Only after the first few minutes of exercise does your body begin to use stored fat calories for energy. If your goal is to burn fat, adjust the intensity of your exercise until your heart rate is near the lowest number in your training zone. For maximum fat burning, exercise with your heart rate near the middle number in your training zone.

Aerobic Exercise—If your goal is to strengthen your cardiovascular system, you must perform aerobic exercise, which is activity that requires large amounts of oxygen for prolonged periods of time. For aerobic exercise, adjust the intensity of your exercise until your heart rate is near the highest number in your training zone.

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR HEART RATE

To measure your heart rate, exercise for at least four minutes. Then, stop exercising and place two fingers on your wrist as shown. Take a six-second heartbeat count, and multiply the result by 10 to find your heart rate. For example, if your six-second heartbeat count is 14, your heart rate is 140 beats per minute.



WORKOUT GUIDELINES

Warming Up—Start with 5 to 10 minutes of stretching and light exercise. A warm-up increases your body temperature, heart rate, and circulation in preparation for exercise.

Training Zone Exercise—Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes with your heart rate in your training zone. (During the first few weeks of your exercise program, do not keep your heart rate in your training zone for longer than 20 minutes.) Breathe regularly and deeply as you exercise; never hold your breath.

Cooling Down—Finish with 5 to 10 minutes of stretching. Stretching increases the flexibility of your muscles and helps to prevent post-exercise problems.

EXERCISE FREQUENCY

To maintain or improve your condition, complete three workouts each week, with at least one day of rest between workouts. After a few months of regular exercise, you may complete up to five workouts each week, if desired. Remember, the key to success is to make exercise a regular and enjoyable part of your everyday life.