Friel Training Program: 3-3.5
Under age 50

|  | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 | Week <br> 11 | Week 12 |
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| Day 2 | E1. 5 hrs E1. 5 hrs E1. 75 hrs | E1. 75 hrs E2. 5 hrs E2. 75 hrs |  | S . 75 hrs M1. 75 hrs M2. 75 hrs | S . 75 hrs M1. 75 hrs M2. 75 hrs |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S} .75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M} 1.75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{F} .75 \\ & \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S} .75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M} 2.75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{F} .75 \\ & \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S} .75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M} 2.75 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{F} .75 \\ & \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S } 1 \text { hrs } \\ & \text { M2 } .75 \text { hrs } \\ & \text { M+F } .75 \\ & \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Day 3 |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S } .5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { S } .5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S } .5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { S . } 5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ |  | F. 5 hrs <br> S. 5 hrs <br> S. 5 hrs | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { F } .5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { S. } 5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { S. } 5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Day 4 | E1. 5 hrs <br> E2. 5 hrs <br> E2. 75 hrs | E2 . 5 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | E2. 5 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | E1 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs | E1 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs | F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs | E2 1 hrs <br> F. 1 hrs <br> F. 1 hrs | E2 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs <br> F 1 hrs | F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs <br> F. 75 hrs |
| Day 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Day 6 | E1 1 hrs <br> E2 1 hrs <br> E1 1 hrs | E1 1 hrs <br> E2 1.5 hrs <br> E2 1.5 hrs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { E1 } 1.5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { E2 } 2 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { E2 } 2 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { E1 } 1.5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { E2 } 2 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ | E1 2 hrs <br> E2 2.5 hrs | E2 2.5 hrs E2 2.5 hrs E2 3 hrs | E2 2.5 hrs | E2 3 hrs | E2 1 hrs <br> F 1.5 hrs <br> F 1.5 hrs | F 3.5 hrs | F 3 hrs | E1 1 hrs <br> E1 1 hrs <br> E2 1 hrs |
| Day 7 |  |  |  | F 2.5 hrs | F 2.5 hrs |  | E2 3.5 hrs <br> F 3 hrs | E2 3.5 hrs <br> F 3.5 hrs |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { F } 4 \text { hrs } \\ & \text { F } 4 \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { F } 3.5 \mathrm{hrs} \\ & \text { F } 3.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ |  |

Key:
Green(*): Use this if you are not currently exercising
Blue (\#): Use this if you are currently doing 1-3 hours of exercise weekly
Red (^): Use this if you are currently doing 3+ hours of exercise weekly
Blank day: This is a day off from cycling

## Notes:

Day 1 may be any day of the week
Follow the order as numbered and follow the calendar
The most important workout days are 6 or 7
Your tour begins week 13; start 12 weeks prior to the tour
Each letter/number code refers to a style ride specified on pg. 2

## DAY 1 How to Ride

| E1 | Ride very easily on a mostly flat course or indoor bike trainer. Use a low gear and keep cadence comfortably high. |
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| E2 | Ride a road course with small rolling hills or ride an indoor bike trainer shifting between high and low gears frequently. |
| S | Work on pedaling and bicycle handling skills. |
| F | Ride a hilly course staying seated on most climbs at a moderately hard effort. Cadence should be no lower than 60 rpm (count right foot for 15 seconds and multiply by 4 for cadence). If you cannot maintain at least 60 rmp on the steepest hills, talk with the bike shop about either adding a third chain ring or lower gear sprockets. If this workout hurts your knees substitute for E 2 . |
| M1 | Following a good warm-up ride, ride non stop for 10-15 minutes at a moderate effort on a mostly flat course or indoor bike trainer. |
| M2 | After warming up well, ride 5 minutes at a moderately hard to effort on a mostly flat course or indoor bike trainer. Then rest by spinning in a low gear for 2 minutes. Repeat this 2-3 times. |
| M+F | Warm up well. Then on a hill that takes 5-6 minutes to ascend, while staying seated, climb 3-5 times at a moderately hard effort. Recover after each climb by coasting and spinning down the hill for 3-4 minutes before starting up again. Cadence should be no less than 60 rpm on each climb. |

