## **SAR - Intervals for performance cardio**

## **Purpose:**

- 1. To elevate cardiorespiratory fitness from 'base level fitness' to 'performance fitness'
- 2. To be time-efficient by doing shorter workouts with higher intensity
- 3. To enhance weight management results by stimulating fat loss
- 4. To change up the routine for the sake of motivation and overall consistency

## Instructions:

- 1. Choose the type(s) of interval training to include in your workout program
- 2. Perform 1 (max 2) interval training sessions per week
- 3. Repeat the interval workout once a week. Make it slightly harder each week by decreasing the rest interval or by increasing the intensity of the work interval.
- 4. Continue to include 2-3 low to medium intensity cardio workouts per week (30-90 min)

## Interval training modalities:

Training type	Work interval	Effort level (1-10)	Rest interval	Work-rest ratio	Total duration
<b>Low-Medium Intervals</b> (hike, bike, run, swim, etc)	3 min medium intensity X 6-10	4-6	3 min active low intensity	1:1	30-60 min
<b>Progressive rest intervals</b> (hike, bike, run, swim etc)	<b>60 sec</b> X 4 (or more)	6-8	1. 45sec 2. 60sec 3. 75sec 4. 90sec	Changes. Progressively more rest after each interval.	10-20 minutes
Treadmill hill intervals (walk with a backpack)	60-120 sec	6-8	3-4 min of easy walking	1:3	30 minutes
Hill repeats (hike with a pack or run)	60-90 sec uphill X 4-10	7-9	2 min active rest by walking down slowly	1:2	15-30 minutes
HIIT Intervals (stairclimber, stationary bike, rowing machine etc)	30 sec	8-9	2-3 min active rest with very easy/light movement	2-3 min	10-20 min

