8 Week HIIT Program

This is a modified version of The Ultimate 8-Week HIIT-For-Fat-Burning Program. If you have not worked out for a while or are out of shape, you may consider completing this progression over a 12 week period. For those with a moderate level of fitness, I recommend trying the 8 week progression below.

High-Intensity is 100% effort – i.e. sprinting, jumping rope as quickly as possible, pedaling a stationary bike as hard as you can. During the low-intensity period, you can either rest or work at an extremely low intensity. For example, the resistance on my recumbent bike goes from 1-20. During the low intensity periods, I usually put it on ‘2’ and pedal at around 90 rpms. During high intensity, I put it on ‘18’ and pedal as hard and fast as I can.

I recommend completing three workouts at each level before moving up. To complete the program over 8 weeks, you need to workout 3 times per week. If the workouts progress too quickly, you can spend an extra workout or week at a particular level. If the workouts are easy to complete, you can also skip ahead to the next level.

LEVEL 1 - Week 1
Each set consists of:
- 15 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 45 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes

LEVEL 2 – Week 2
Each set consists of:
- 20 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 40 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes

LEVEL 3 – Week 3
Each set consists of:
- 25 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 35 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes

LEVEL 4 – Week 4
Each set consists of:
- 30 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 30 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes

LEVEL 5 – Weeks 5 & 6
Each set consists of:
- 35 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 25 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes

LEVEL 6 - Weeks 7 & 8
Each set consists of:
- 40 seconds: High-Intensity Exercise
- 20 seconds: Rest or Low-Intensity Exercise
Complete 15 Sets
Total time: 15 minutes