Contact Sports Nutrition

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3 Main Goals

- Fuel
 - Proper fueling to enhance and maintain stamina, strength, and mental clarity. (main focus = adequate carbohydrates)
- Hydrate
 - Prevent dehydration and fatigue
- Recovery
 - Proper fueling to support glycogen repletion and muscle repair



Fuel

*The energy demands of exercise dictate that carbohydrates are the predominant fuel for exercise.

Muscle glycogen & blood glucose provide half of the energy for moderate intensity exercise. (65% VO2 Max)

Muscle glycogen & blood glucose provide up to two-thirds of the energy for high-intensity exercise. (85% of VO2 Max)



Fuel

*It is impossible to meet the ATP requirements for high-intensity or highpower output when these carbohydrate fuels are depleted.



Fuel

- Carbs should make up at least 55% of calories from carbohydrates to maintain performance and recovery.
- For Moderate to High-Intensity Exercise = 8-12 grams/kg/day
- 1 hour before training/practice 1g/kg carbohydrates















Hydration

- Preventing dehydration before it happens
- After a period of dehydration it can take up to 6 hours to achieve fluid and electrolyte balance.
- Dehydration of just 3-4% causes a reduction in muscle strength of approximately 2%, and muscle high-intensity endurance of approximately 10%.



Practical Application

- Hydration = Fluid + Electrolytes
- Replacing Sweat loss
- Use Urine Charts

URINE COLOR CHART

NO COLOR. TRANSPARENT You're drinking a lot of water

PALE STRAW COLOR You're normal & well hydrated

> TRANSPARENT YELLOW Normal

DARK YELLOW You need to drink some water soon

AMBER OR HONEY Your body isn't getting enough water.

SYRUP OR BROWN ALE You need to drink water. NOW & A LOT!



Pre-Workout Snacks (30-45 grams carbs) – about 1-hour prior to training, practice, or games.	Post Workout Snacks (30-45 grams carbs + 30-45 grams protein) – ideally within 1 hour after training & Practice.
1 medium or large banana or 3-4 cuties	1 medium or large banana + whey protein shake
2 cups pretzels or one small bag	2 cups pretzels + 2 string cheese
1-2 kid's cliff	1 kid's cliff + 6 ounces Greek yogurt
1 cup dried mangoes	1 cup dried mangoes + 1 cup cottage cheese
1 slice of whole wheat toast + PB	PB&J + 8 ounces milk

Recovery

- Post Workout Protein:
 - 3:1 Carbs:Protein
- Energy Repletion
 - Carbs, Fats, Protein

Practical Application

- Maintenance + Performance = Calories in = Calories out (small frequent meals, cannot afford to get behind)
- Muscle Building = Calories in > Calories out
- Fat Loss = minor calorie deficit (manage hunger hormones, not to be done "in-season")
- Balancing meals with protein, fat, & carbohydrates

