# Nutrition



# Sport Nutrition

The value of a proper diet and good nutrition has become increasingly important in athletic performance. Good nutrition is essential for maximizing performance in athletics. Food provides us the energy to train and the building blocks to grow. The hard training athlete must be properly fueled if they are to reach their physical potential. Consistent eating patterns and attention to a balanced diet will provide you with all the benefits of good nutrition. The following information will assist you in making good choices on a daily basis. Proper nutrition and weight control is a life long habit, teach yourself proper guidelines now!

## **Balanced Diet**

A balanced diet consists of: Carbohydrates: 65% of daily caloric intake

Fats: 20% of daily caloric intake Proteins: 15% of daily caloric intake

**Carbohydrates Fats Proteins** Grain products fish cheese Vegetables oils poultry Cereals beef butter **Rolls** beans whole milk **Breads** ice cream eggs

Fruit bacon/ sausage

Pasta Rice

# Guidelines for good eating

Breads/ cereals/ rice/ pasta: 6-11 servings/ day

Fruits and vegetables: 5-9 servings/ day

Meat/ poultry/ fish/ dried beans/ eggs/ nuts: 2-3 servings/ day

Milk/ yogurt/ cheese: 2-3 servings/ day Fats and sweets: USE SPARINGLY!!!

**Do not skip meals!** This will result in reduced energy levels, late day overeating and will lower your Basal Metabolic Rate. **EAT BREAKFAST!** It is important to maintain energy levels throughout the day. Breakfast gives you the energy to start your day. Skipping meals to loose weight is counterproductive. You should eat at least 3 meals per day, preferably 4-5 smaller ones. If you skip breakfast your body will have gone without nutrition for *18 hours*. This is not conducive to hard training.

## Increase foods which are high in carbohydrates and grains.

Add fruits and vegetables to every meal. They are high in vitamins and minerals and generally high in water content and carbohydrates.

Cut down on foods high in fat: red meats

pork

mayonnaise

creamy salad dressing

fried foods

oils

**Diets high in fat can lead to:** chronic exhaustion

% body fat increases muscle tissue decrease increased blood pressure

irritability stress on joints

increased cholesterol levels

## Good food choices

# **Breakfast**

Pancakes/ waffles/ French toast with syrup- no butter

Egg sandwich- no sausage

English muffins/ toast or bran muffin with preserves/ jelly/ fruit butters

Bagels with preserves/ jelly/ apple butter

Low fat milk or yogurt

Dry or cooked cereals with or without milk and fresh or dried fruit

Dried fruit alone or mixed with dry cereal and nuts

Low fat granola or cereal bars

#### Lunch

Vegetable or chili stuffed potatoes

Salad with low fat dressing

On salad bars add veggies, dried beans, beets, carrots, pasta, crackers, rolls, bagels, bread

Turkey, chicken or roast beef sandwiches on bagel, whole grain bread

Add tomatoes, green peppers to sandwiches

Pasta with meat or meatless sauce

Tacos without sour cream

Baked/ broiled meats instead of fried

Vegetable/ chicken soups. Cheese and creamed soups are high in fat

Cheese or veggie pizza

#### Dinner

Less emphasis on meats and more on starches: Rice/ pasta/ potatoes and vegetables

Meats should be bakes/broiled/grilled instead of fried

Pasta with clam or marinara sauce

Fish steamed in tomato sauce

Chicken breast without the skin with rice and vegetables

Stir fry dishes with lean meat and lots of vegetables in minimal oil

## Snacks

Whole grain crackers
Fruit juices
Dried fruit
Pretzels
Graham crackers
Low-fat yogurt
Fresh fruit
Dry cereal
Dry roasted nuts
Bread sticks

# Eat every 3-4 hours

## Include carbohydrates at every meal

Watch the **caffeine** (cokes, coffee)- it lowers blood sugar and can make you hungrier. It is also a diuretic and can be dehydrating.

For those of legal drinking age keep the following points in mind concerning **alcohol.** It is a diuretic and dehydrates the body. The calories in alcohol are empty ones, the body metabolizes them similar to fat. Alcohol also disrupts sleep patterns, interferes with the metabolism of glucose (the primary source of energy), has a toxic effect on the liver and has an adverse effect on proper muscle function. Other dangers of alcohol are to numerous to mention. It is highly recommended that your intake of alcohol be highly tempered or better yet removed from the hard training athlete's diet all together.

**Limit your intake of sweets**. They can actually lower blood sugar and make you eat more!

#### **Eating at home**:

Cook double batches of pasta/ rice/ noodles/ potatoes and store them for later

Baked potatoes in microwave

Use frozen veggies and salsa to top potatoes/ pasta and rice

Buy canned clams and add to spaghetti sauce to serve on pasta

Use packaged rice or noodle dishes for time savers and add veggies to boost nutritional value

Buy black beans, mix with salsa and serve in corn tortillas with or without grated cheese

Use canned meats such as chicken/ salmon/ tuna for time savers

Buy already prepared vegetables at salad bar

Do stir fries with or without meat and add some beans

**Water is the most neglected nutrient**. Fluid is very important to the hard training athlete. Water makes up 65-70% of the muscle. Muscles will not be able to function properly if they are dehydrated. Drink plenty of fluids prior to, during and following any athletic activity. Do not wait until you are thirsty to drink water. Athletes should drink a minimum of 6-10 12 ounce glasses of water per day.

**Monitor your salt intake**. Salt dehydrates the body and may cause high blood pressure. Do not salt your food, there is already a lot in it.

## **Determining your daily caloric needs**:

In order to begin a successful weight loss or weight gain program, daily caloric needs must be determined. Daily caloric expenditure is the sum of a person's Basal Metabolic rate (BMR), average caloric needs of daily workouts (strength training and running), and requirements for normal daily activities (walking, driving, running errands). BMR= 1 x body weight (kg.) x 24 (see chart for individual BMR). Once the BMR is determined, the caloric needs of daily workouts must be determined. The Notre dame workout plan will require about 1000 cal/ day. The requirement for normal daily activity is approximately 500 cal/ day.

For a 200 lb. Athlete

BMR = 2181 cal.
Daily workouts = 1000 cal.
Daily activity = 500 cal.
Total Daily Requirement = 3681 cal/ day

## **Basal Metabolic Rate Conversion Chart**

# Calories per day needed to

Body Weight (lbs.)		BMR in Calories	Maintain Body Weight
170	1855	3355	
175	1909	3409	
180	1964	3464	
185	2018	3518	
190	2072	3572	
195	2127	3627	
200	2181	3681	
205	2236	3736	
210	2290	3790	
215	2345	3845	
220	2400	3900	
225	2454	3954	
230	2509	4009	
235	2563	4063	
240	2618	4118	
245	2672	4172	
250	2727	4227	
255	2781	4281	
260	2836	4336	
265	2890	4390	
270	2945	4445	
275	3000	4500	
280	3054	4554	
285	3109	4609	
290	3163	4663	
295	3218	4718	
300	3272	4772	
305	3327	4827	
310	3381	4881	
315	3436	4936	
320	3490	4990	
325	3544	5044	

# Weight Gain

Many athletes are interested in gaining weight. The type of weight an athlete needs to gain is lean body mass (muscle mass). This can only be done through a proper strength training regimen and sound nutritional habits. As a general rule, in order to gain weight you must consume more calories per day than your body expends. To do this, you must determine how many calories per day your body expends. From this total, design an eating plan in which calorie intake exceeds your daily expenditure. The addition of 400-500 calories per day above your daily requirement would add about one pound per week. The key is to ensure that the weight gained is lean muscle mass and not fat. Gaining more than a pound per week results in increases in body fat, assuming that you are properly hydrated. Strength training will use the extra calories to stimulate growth.

#### Tips:

Eat at least 3 large meals per day + 2-3 snacks

Snacks high in calories and nutrients:

Nuts

**Dried fruits** 

Shakes/ malts

Peanut butter sandwiches

Cheese or veggie pizza

Granola or cereal bars

Drink juice or milk with snacks

Eat a snack after dinner. Keep a loaf of bread and peanut butter and jelly in your room. Canned tuna packed in water is also a good after dinner snack.

# Weight Loss

Bigger is not always better! If you sustain muscle growth, strength and speed with a gain in weight, then bigger is better, especially in football. For most people this is not the case. Excess body fat restricts speed of movement by adding useless weight that must be moved at high speeds. In order for many to perform at their optimal level, a loss of weight is necessary. Weight loss is a tricky situation. Many overweight people have developed a lifestyle around eating, and in order to lose weight, there has to be a lifestyle change. The method for weight loss is similar to that for weight gain. First, the amount of calories needed to maintain a specific body weight needs to be calculated. A 500-1000 calorie deficit in daily intake will result in a loss of 1-2 pounds per week. A slow reduction in body fat over a 8-10 week span is the key. Rapid weight loss will result in a loss of muscle tissue, this is counterproductive.

## Tips:

Burn off more calories per day than you take in. Add aerobic exercise.

Cut out all fatty foods.

To lose 1 pound of fat, you must eliminate 3500 calories. This is preferably done through an increase in exercise and a decrease in caloric intake.

Do not eat after dinner, preferably not after 7 PM.

Do not drink alcohol.

# **Post Workout Nutrition to Enhance Recovery**

The body needs time as well as key nutrients to recover from each workout session. During periods of hard training there will be little time to recover between workouts. This is where post exercise nutrition can help repair muscle damage and speed up the recovery process.

The most important nutrient to replace is water. Intense workouts in hot, humid conditions can cause large amounts of fluid loss. Because exercise dulls thirst, athletes cannot rely on this sensation to guide fluid intake. The most accurate way to determine fluid need is to weigh yourself before and after workouts. For every pound of weight lost, drink one large glass of water.

In addition to replacing water lost during exercise, electrolytes (sodium and potassium) lost through sweat need to be replenished. A pound of sweat contains approximately 400-700 mg. Of sodium and 80-100 mg. Of potassium. Therefore, post exercise rehydration should include sources of both sodium and potassium. Sodium is found in salty foods including spaghetti sauce, pretzels, crackers, soup. Potassium is readily found in fruits and vegetables including potatoes, bananas and orange juice.

Carbohydrate intake is very important after exercise. When athletes eat a high carbohydrate diet, recovery time after exercise is shorter and more complete. The timing of carbohydrate intake is also critical. It is recommended to consume .5 grams of carbohydrate per pound of body weight within two hours after exercise (Example – 200 lb. Athlete x .5 grams/ lb. = 100 grams). This amount should be repeated again approximately two hours later. A 16 oz. glass of orange juice contains 50 grams of carbohydrate, 1 banana also contains 50 grams of carbohydrate. 2 cups of pasta have 80 grams of carbohydrate and an 8" hoagie roll contains 60 grams of carbohydrate.

Protein intake in the post exercise meal will also aid in recovery. Protein intake is particularly important in exercise which realists in muscle damage such as strength training, intense endurance exercise, two a day workouts and contact sports.

Fat should be kept out of the post workout meal as much as possible because it slows the absorption of carbohydrates and proteins.

# **Sample Daily Menus**

# 1200 Calories (Weight reduction)

# 2000 Calories

<u>Breakfast</u>	Serving	<u>Cal</u>	<b>ProCal</b>	<b>FatCal</b>	<b>CarbCal</b>
Grits-cooked	1 cup	145	12	0	124
Ham-lean	2 pcs.	105	68	36	0
Poached Egg	1	82	26	52	2
Wheat bread	2 slices	122	21	14	94
Pineapple juice-unsw	. I cup	<u>140</u>	4	0	<u>136</u>
		594	131	102	480
Lunch					
Egg noodles-cooked	1 cup	200	28	18	148
Chk-drum-roasted	2 med.	150	96	36	5
Greens beans-cooked		45	8	0	40
Skim Milk	12 oz.	140	54	8	76
Oat/Raisin Cookie	2	116	7	36	76
Pear	1	100	<u>4</u>	9	<u>95</u>
		751	197	<u>9</u> 107	440
Dinner					
Flounder-baked	6 oz.	160	136	18	0
Italian bread	2 slices	165	24	0	136
Tossed salad	2 cups	58	8	0	48
French dressing	2 tbl.	50	0	36	16
Broccoli-cooked	4 oz.	30	11	3	17
Water	12 oz.	0	0	0	0
Applesauce-unsw.	1 cup	<u>105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105</u>
		568	179	57	322
Snack					
Honey & Oat	1	117	8	36	67
Granola bar	1	11/	O	50	07
Daily Total		2030	515	302	1309
% of daily calories			24%	14%	63%

# **3000 Calories**

Breakfast Scrambled egg Oatmeal Raisins Orange juice Bagel Skim Milk	Serving 2 1 cup 1/4 cup 8 oz. 1 12 oz.	<u>Cal</u> 160 145 109 112 200 <u>132</u> 858	ProCal 48 24 5 7 28 53 165	FatCal 108 18 1 4 18 3 152	CarbCal 8 100 105 100 152 75 540
Lunch					
Turkey-light Lettuce Tomato Mustard Pita bread 61/2" Yogurt-lowfat w/fruit Beef noodle soup Fruit punch drink	8 oz. 1 pc. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> med. 1 tsp. 1 t 8 oz. 2 cups 12 oz.	149 2 10 4 165 230 280 <u>170</u> 1010	112 0 2 1 24 40 63 <u>0</u> 242	30 0 0 2 9 18 97 <u>0</u> 156	0 2 8 1 132 172 114 <u>176</u> 605
Dinner					
Ham-lean-roasted Collard greens-cook Corn meal-cooked Black-eyed peas Wild rice Carrots-fresh Water	7 oz. 1 cup	300 25 120 190 221 49 <u>0</u> 905	195 8 12 52 27 6 <u>0</u> 300	95 0 0 9 5 3 <u>0</u> 112	0 20 104 140 191 44 <u>0</u> 499
<b>Snacks</b> Fig Bars Banana	4 cookies 1	210 101 311	8 <u>5</u> 13	36 <u>2</u> 38	168 100 268
Daily Totals % of daily calories		3084	720 23%	458 15%	1912 62%

# **4000 Calories**

Breakfast Raisin Bran Bagel Cantaloupe Hash Browns Poached Egg Wheat bread Jam Orange juice Skim Milk	Serving 1 cup 1 1/2 1 cup 1 2 slices 2 Tbl. 8 oz. 12 oz.	<u>Cal</u> 130 200 82 355 82 122 110 112 <u>132</u> 1325	ProCal 14 28 8 19 26 21 1 7 53 177	FatCal 5 18 3 163 52 14 2 4 3 264	CarbCal 120 152 81 180 2 92 112 100 75 914
Lunch					
Orange juice	8 oz.	112	7	4	100
Fruit cocktail Green beans-cooked	1 cup	194 16	4	3	187 14
Mixed vegetables	½ cup ½ cup	58	12	2	50
Spaghetti & Meat	1 cup	332	74	105	155
Dinner Roll	2	238	23	54	156
Lite-line cheese	3 oz.	156	88	59	7
Sweet potato-baked	1	115	8	0	112
Diet Soda	12 oz.	1	0	0	0
		1221	220	228	795
Dinner					
Tea	12 oz.	3	0	0	3
Baked potato	2 med.	290	32	4	260
Peas-canned	¹⁄2 cup	68	16	3	51
Steak-lean	5 oz.	300	176	108	0
Whole wheat roll	2	180	28	18	145
Jello w/ fruit	1 cup	186	11	<u>68</u>	115 57.4
		1027	263	201	574
Snacks					
Apple	1	96	0	9	96
Chocolate pudding	1 cup	310	<u>32</u>	<u>72</u>	216
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Daily Totals		3979	692	774	2595
% of daily calories			17%	19%	65%

# 5000 Calories (Weight gain)

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<u>Breakfast</u>	Serving Cal	<u>ProCal</u>	<u>FatCal</u>	<u>CarbCal</u>			
Scrambled Egg Wheat Bread Banana Oat meal Orange Juice Skim Milk Bagel Jam Hash Browns	3 2 slices 1 1 cup 8 oz. 12 oz. 1 2 Tbl. 1 cup	240 122 101 145 112 132 200 110 355 1517	72 21 5 24 7 53 28 1 19 230	162 14 2 18 4 3 18 2 163 386	12 92 100 100 100 75 152 112 180 923		
Lunch							
Turkey-light Lettuce Tomato Lite-line cheese Mustard Bagel Spaghetti & meat Apple Chocolate pudding Tea Skim Milk	8 oz. 1 pc. 1/4 med. 3 oz. 1 tsp. 1 cup 1 cup 12 oz. 12 oz.	149 2 10 156 4 200 332 96 310 3 132 1394	112 0 2 88 1 28 74 0 32 0 <u>53</u> 390	30 0 0 59 2 18 105 9 72 0 3 298	0 2 8 7 1 152 155 96 216 3 75 715		
Dinner							
Water Skim Milk Steak-lean Baked potatoe Carrots-fresh Peas-canned Dinner Roll Beef noodle Soup	12 oz. 12 oz. 5 oz. 2 med. 1 cup ½ cup 2	0 132 300 290 49 68 238 280 1357	0 53 176 32 6 16 23 <u>63</u> 369	0 3 108 4 3 3 54 <u>97</u> 272	0 75 0 260 44 51 156 <u>114</u> 700		
Snacks							
Banana Fig Bars Honey & Oat Granola Bars	1 4 cookies 2	101 210 234	5 8 16	2 36 72	100 168 134		
Apple Skim Milk	1 12 oz.	96 132	0 53	9 3	96 75		

Fruit Punch Drink	12 oz.	170 943	<u>0</u> 82	<u>0</u> 122	<u>176</u> 749
Daily Totals % of daily calories		5211	1071 20%	1078 21%	3087 59%

# **Healthy Fast Food Choices**

# McDonald's

Grilled Chicken Deluxe (hold the special sauce) Grilled Chicken Salad (low-fat dressing) Pancakes w/ syrup

## Taco Bell

Grilled Chicken Burrito (no cheese or sour cream)
Grilled Chicken Soft taco
Grilled Veggie Fajita
Bean Burrito
Have as much lettuce, tomato, and salsa as you want!

# **Burger King**

BK Broiler Chicken Sandwich (no mayo or special sauce) Chicken Salad (low fat dressing)

# Hardee's

Chicken Fillet Grilled Chicken Salad

# Arby's

Roast Chicken deluxe (no mayo) Roast Turkey Deluxe (no mayo) Roasted Chicken Salad

# Wendy's

Dave's Grilled Chicken (no mayo or special sauce) Grilled Chicken salad Garden Veggie Pita

# **KFC**

Tender Roast Chicken (white meat without skin) Small serving of mashed potatoes

# Bagel Breakfast

Whole grain bagels, fresh fruit, juice, yogurt Low-fat cream cheese or jam

## Salad Bars

Be generous with colorful vegetables: peas, kidney beans Pasta Salads Breads Chicken Breast Salad

#### Pizza

Order a pizza that is thick with extra crust rather than cheese

Pile on vegetables: brocoli, peppers, mushrooms, onions

<sup>\*</sup>Grilled, skinless chicken breast with lettuce and tomato is OK at any fast food restaurant.

<sup>\*</sup>Try substituting ketchup, mustard or salsa for mayonnaise, special sauce, butter, sour cream, etc. \*Drink plenty of water or iced tea with your meal, this will help fill you up.