

Giles Warrington and Dessie Dolan Fuelling Our Development:

The Reality Behind Hydration and Nutrition











Determinants of Athletic Performance:

1. Genetics



- Training: Technical/Tactical/Physical/Mental
- Lifestyle

2. Environment

- Recovery/rest/sleep
- > Nutrition
- > Health
- Recreation
- Others





Critical to health, growth and athletic Performance!



Nutrition – Facts v Fads!

- Not a new concept
- Bandwagon effect
- Herding instinct
- Social v Scientific proof
- No quick fixes!

Foreword by Bernard M. Baruch Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds BY CHARLES MACKAY, LL. D.









"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

Child v the Adolescent Athlete

- Childhood obesity epidemic
- Higher energy and nutrient requirements (~15%)
- "Key message variety, balance and moderation in food choices should be promoted" (ADA,1996)





Vitamins & Minerals Important for everyday body functions and to make energy available from food Proteins Needed for growth, development and repair of muscles

Carbohydrates Provide energy for the working muscles

NUTRIENTS IN FOOD

Fats Provide energy, insulation and protection for organs such as lungs and kidneys

Water

Fluid is vital for all body functions as well as allowing you to sweat to keep cool

(Source: IRFU)





Good Nutrition Practices:

- Aid growth and development
- Provide fuel/fluid
- Delay fatigue
- Promote faster recovery
- Enhance training adaptation
- Optimise athletic performance



Nutritional Considerations for the Young Athlete

- Stage of development
- Size
- Activity levels
- Training and competition demands
- Individual needs
- Lifestyle issues
- Promote good health



Foods and drink

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Nutritional Facts

- Carbohydrate is the most appropriate fuel for energy production
- Carbohydrate forms the basis of ALL good training diets
- Protein is important for growth and is required to repair & regenerate muscle
- Small amount of fat are necessary
- Adequate vitamins and minerals are crucial for health and performance





The Athlete Diet - How Much of Each?

Carbohydrates	Calorie Intake 6-10 g/kg/day (Usually 50-70 % of daily intake) (adolescent athlete ~55-60% of daily intake)
Protein	Calorie Intake 1.2-1.7g/kg/day (Adolescent Athlete 1.5-2.0 g/kg/day)
Fats	Usually 20-35 % of daily Intake (<20% does not benefit performance)
Energy	Very individual, 2,000 to 7,000 kcals/day

(ADA, 1996; ACSM/ADA, 2009; Lemon, 2000; Tarnopisky, 2006)

Where do you find Carbohydrates?

Starchy Carbs (Med-Low GI)

Sugary Carbs (High GI)





Slow release to bloodstream Fast release to bloodstream

Where do you find Protein?

- Meat, poultry, fish, cheese, eggs, nuts, pulses
- Necessary for building tissue, repairing damage
- Increased need during growth and heavy resistance training







Where do you find Fats?

- Butter, oil, cream, fat on meat, salad dressings
- Small amount necessary in diet
- Fat soluble vitamins ADEK
- Necessary for essential production of some hormones
- Omega 3 (EPA & MHA) and Omega 6







Glycogen depletion

- High intensity exercise uses glycogen stores rapidly
- Concept of "Hitting the wall"
- Glycogen depletion
 - if inadequate recovery between high intensity training sessions, and/or
 - inadequate
 carbohydrate intake



Replenishing Glycogen

- Eat carbohydrate rich food or drink immediately after training (1-1.2g per kg body weight)
- 30 mins post exercise critical in replenishing glycogen "window of opportunity"
- 6-10g per kg in the full 24 hour period
- 24-48 hours required to fully replenish stores
- Eat carbohydrate rich foods regularly throughout the day

Recovery

- First 30 minutes post exercise important for energy replenishment and recovery
- Eat carbohydrate rich food or drink immediately after training (1-1.2g per kg body weight)
- Small amount protein (0.2g per kg body weight) may aid recovery
- Fluid intake critical 150
 % rule (1.5 litre/kg lost)



Factors Influencing Fluid Intake

- Maturation and body size
- Activity levels
- Exercise duration & intensity
- Individual sweat rates
- Environmental conditions



Sweat Rates

- ~1-2,000ml/hr
- GI absorption ~ 800ml/hr



=20 % deficit even with regular fluid intake Athletes must consume fluids in excess of their perceived needs but typically replace <50% of sweat loss during exercise. "Individualise strategy"





Dehydration and Exercise Performance

- Decreased cognitive function
- Decreased endurance capacity
- Impaired sports performance
- Increase risk of heat illness (Petrie et al., 2004; Montain, 2008)
- Delays recovery



Sports drinks: Energy drinks:

- Beverages that may contain:
- carbohydrate
- minerals
- electrolytes

and are intended to replenish water and electrolytes lost during exercise Beverages that may contain substances that act as nonnutritive stimulants such as: Caffeine, Guarana, Taurine, Ginseng, L-Carnitine, Creatine etc

(AAP Clinical Report, 2011) with purported ergogenic or (AAP Clinical Report, 2011)

Hydration - What's Best for Sport?

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Isotonic Sports Drink vs Water?

	Sports Drink	Water
Fluid	YES	YES
Electrolytes	YES	NO
Taste	YES	??
Fast Energy (calories, carbs) -avoid fatigue	YES	NO

It does what is says on the tin!



Hydration Before Exercise

- Prehydrate to start training/competition in euhydrated state
- <u>></u>4hrs pre exercise-slowly drink fluids ~5-7mL·kg⁻¹
- ~2hrs prior to exercise ingest ~3-5mL·kg⁻¹
- Fluid consumption enhanced by palatability i.e temperature, sodium content and flavouring



(ACSM Position Stand, 2007)

Fluids During Exercise

- Goal of drinking to prevent excessive dehydration (>2% BW) and maintain plasma volume
- Matching fluid loss during exercise may not be possible as maximal gastric emptying is approx. 800-1000ml/hr whereas sweat rates may exceed 1-2 litres
- 150-200 ml every 10-15 mins is recommended
- Cool fluids also help decrease core temperature



Post Exercise Rehydration

- Goal to fully replace and fluid and electrolyte deficit
- Voluntary fluid intake studies show that athletes typically replace 30-70% of sweat losses during exercise.
- Even when drinks are freely available sufficient fluid is not ingested
- An athlete may continue to lose fluid in the post-exercise recovery phase by urination and continued sweat production
- Hydration strategies are extremely important to maintain performance
- Complete recovery from dehydration ~1.5L per kg of weight loss '150% rule'

Monitoring Hydration Status









Athletes and Dental Health

- Brush and floss teeth regularly
- Chew sugar free gum
- Use a squeeze bottle or drink from a straw
- Drinks should be slightly chilled
- Rinse mouth out with water after eating and drinking
- Regular dental checks



(Source: Coaching Ireland Fact Sheet)



(Adapted from Hackman et al., 1992)

And Finally.....



- Work alone is not enough to produce optimal performance
- Good nutrition practices are critical and they work !
- For specific advice consult with an accredited Sports Dietician or Sports Science specialist

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