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ATHLETES AND NUTRITION

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Abstract: Sports nutrition is the one that, in addition to satisfying the energy and nutritional needs of the athlete, will provide him or her with good health, the effectiveness of sports performances, but also good recovery after training or competition and prevent injuries. Sports nutrition should be well organized and planned, varied, and the emphasis is on meeting the greater energy and nutritional needs of athletes. These increased needs for energy and nutrient intake are not significantly higher and can be met with a proper and varied nutrition. Athletes should be enabled and encouraged to have a proper, varied and well-planned diet in order to withstand daily training. This means that they need nutritious and regular meals.

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Introduction

Good nutrients is often compromised through the restrictions of normal dwelling and heavy schooling and opposition schedules [1]. An knowledgeable and well-taken into consideration complement plan can consequently make certain that the food plan keeps its stability of macro- and micro-nutrients and that those are fed on withinside the required quantities in a well timed manner, for that reason making sure optimum health, workout overall performance and recuperation.

A foremost recognition of many athletes' sports activities complement regimes are focused on direct development in overall performance, which would possibly contain intake previous to, or maybe at some stage in a competition or training session. These dietary supplements can be unique to the needs of the workout, in phrases of the depth and period of attempt and the character of the pastime, and as to whether or not it contains extensive ability-primarily based totally factors and decision-making. In mixture with an event-unique regime normally comes a post-event, recuperation complement plan, whose goal is to beautify recuperation and edition from a competition or training session.

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In addition to the apparently rational justification for complement use, athletes may also actually remember their use due to the fact competitors or training companions are the use of them or in reaction to attractive advertising through sports activities nutrients businesses or media reports. Also, the force to achieve success will normally bring about athletes turning to plenty of dietary supplements, at the expertise that they'll provide the development required to be successful. In addition, inside expert recreation the needs to be successful also are shared among an athlete's help staff. Therefore, extra strain to apply dietary supplements is positioned on athletes through their entourage and in all likelihood through sports activities complement businesses who may also sponsor athletes or sports activities teams.

Food

Athletes use a extensive variety of techniques to benefit a aggressive benefit earlier than or at some stage in competition [2]. In this regard, dietary intervention may also have the largest effect, assisting regular in depth training and selling the physiological and biochemical variations so as to cause stepped forward overall performance. While the perfect meals selections will now no longer make a champion out of the athlete who's neither gifted nor prompted, a meager or insufficient food plan can save you the gifted athlete from achieving his or her peak.

Becoming an elite athlete calls for true genes, true training and conditioning, and a realistic food plan. Optimal nutrients is critical for excessive-degree overall performance while dietary incorrect information can do intense damage to the formidable athlete. The aim of the nutritionist concerned in advising aggressive athletes is first to pick out the dietary needs of the athlete after which translate them into nutritional techniques that recollect man or woman circumstances. Any shape of recreation pas-time will boom the price of power expenditure; consequently, power consumption have to be multiplied accordingly. Of course, the power needs of men vs. those of women range substantially relying on the whole on frame mass and at the training load.

The behavioral (i.e., weight-reduction plan, proscribing caloric consumption) and affective (e.g., feeling sad, angry, shameful) reactions that athletes may also have in terms of their frame photograph worries are hypothesized to guide without delay to ED/DEs (Eating disorders/disordered ingesting) [3]. Negative feelings regularly are perceived as aversive, and athletes can be prompted to discover a manner to comfort, or distract, themselves from what they may be feeling. In fact, self-mentioned weight-reduction plan has been related to an multiplied tendency to consume to meet emotional needs, in place of bodily hunger. Further, weight-reduction plan may also placed athletes, in particular while they may be expending excessive degrees of power in schooling, right into a caloric deficit. Such nutritional intentions would possibly encompass following inflexible meals rules (e.g., proscribing carbohydrates, or simply ingesting vegetables) or actually proscribing their typical caloric input. In each situations,

athletes may also come to be overeating, which ultimately may also in addition exacerbate poor feelings (e.g., anger, shame) and crucial self-reviews and cause a extra disinhibition of ingesting. These reactions are precursors to the improvement of ED/DEs.

Modeling, or following the social norms/expectancies which can be communicated through others, can provide an explanation for how positive behaviors are acquired, in particular inside closed, cohesive communities, which includes recreation teams. Vie-wing others, which includes teammates, have interaction in unique actions, analyzing approximately how others act in comparable situations, and/or listening to others communicate approximately their ideals, intentions, and behaviors can set the stage for athletes to increase comparable ideals and have interaction in such behaviors themselves. Reinforcement through critical social retailers of their environment (e.g., a instruct commenting to the group approximately how inspired and thrilled she is with an man or woman athlete's latest weight loss) may also boom the chance that they undertake of such ideals and behaviors. Such modeling might not arise most effective with teammates or peers. Coaches' behaviors, which includes their ingesting styles and meals selections (healthful or unhealthy), will have a poor impact on athletes, undermining any verbal messages that can be communicated concerning the significance of retaining a nutritious, overall performance-targeted food plan.

Variety of Foods

In order to stable enough consumption of micronutrients, athletes additionally should be worried with the kind of meals of their day by day food plan [4]. Vitamins, minerals and hint factors are located in big concentrations in a few meals reassets, however in minimum portions in others. Some of those materials are sure to water molecules withinside the meals whilst others are sure to fats molecules. Therefore, a great mixture of all foremost meals reassets which includes dairy merchandise, bread, cereals, fruits, vegetables, rice, pasta, potatoes, meat, fish and different seafood have to be covered. Because some of the micronutrients aren't produced through the frame itself, the provision of those materials for metabolic functions is predicated on a regular and balanced consumption via the food plan.

Selecting a extensive kind of ingredients isn't always most effective critical for the micronutrient consumption however additionally crucial so as to obtain a great stability of the macronutrient consumption (carbohydrates, proteins and fats). There are a exceptional range of various carbohydrates, proteins and fat withinside the numerous meals merchandise. The frame wishes a lot of those man or woman materials both prefabricated or withinside the unique shape and, due to the fact the frame can't synthesize them itself, the nutritional consumption is paramount.

Calories

In addition to good enough caloric deliver, the frame additionally wishes excessive best meals and now no longer simply 'empty' energy from undeniable fat or sugars [4]. In easy phrases, it's miles essential to be worried with each amount and best of meals consumption. A kind of proteins, fats and carbohydrates from numerous meals reassets are essential to construct the numerous tissues of the frame, and deliver the frame with the great power for bodily overall performance.

In addition to the worries concerning the best of macronutrients withinside the meals (fats, proteins and carbohydrates), the micronutrient content material (vitamins, minerals and hint factors) is likewise very critical to optimum health and sports activities overall performance. Potato chips and chocolate can be true reassets for undeniable energy, however they deliver only a few vitamins, minerals and hint factors. These micronutrients are had to maintain essential metabolic procedures going withinside the immune system, the muscle groups or another useful unit of the frame.

The quantity of vitamins, minerals and hint factors that we get via numerous ingredients aren't most effective depending on the best of every unique meals product (e.g. a tomato or fish fillet), however additionally at the manner the meals supply is processed into a specific product (e.g. a pizza or fish soup) and dealt with earlier than eaten. In very widespread phrases, the extra the meals is processed and cooked earlier than acting at the plate, the less vitamins, minerals and hint factors can be preserved. In order to reap an optimum content material of each macro- and micronutrients of their meals, athletes want to be acutely aware of what sort of meals to pick out and the way to put together it. This is in particular critical for athletes who want to update big quantities of vitamins each day. The pre-made 'TV-dinner' or 'rapid meals' from the freezer won't deliver the aggressive area in a chief ski championship!

The recommended daily allowance (RDA levels) of numerous vitamins, minerals and hint factors can vary among countries. Moreover, those RDA levels are primarily based totally at the minimal consumption of every substance that have to save you malnutrition and ailments withinside the widespread populace. Athletes with considerable power expenditure can be in want of large portions of vitamins, minerals and hint factors than the country wide RDA levels. However, an multiplied micronutrient consumption is typically secured via large quantities of excessive best meals merchandise amongst persistence athletes.

Proteins

Protein is a complicated chemical shape containing carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen—simply as carbohydrates and fats do [5]. Protein has a different critical element—nitrogen, which constitutes approximately sixteen percentage of maximum nutritional protein. These 4 factors are mixed into some of unique systems known as amino acids, each one possessing an amino group (NH₂) and an acid group (COOH),

with the the rest being unique mixtures of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and in a few instances sulfur. There are 20 amino acids, all of which may be mixed in plenty of methods to shape the proteins essential for the shape and features of the human frame. The frame can also alter the shape of nutritional amino acids, which includes changing proline to hydroxyproline, to fulfill its needs.

Proteins are created while amino acids [hyperlink](#) and shape a peptide bond; hence, a dipeptide is formed. As extra amino acids are added, a polypeptide is formed. Most proteins are polypeptides, combining as much as three hundred amino acids.

The excessive-best, entire proteins are acquired on the whole from animal ingredients. Meat, fish, eggs, fowl, milk, and cheese comprise the sort and quantity of the critical amino acids essential for retaining existence and selling increase and improvement. They are excessive-nutrient-density ingredients, in particular if fats content material is low to mild. Because animal protein is of excessive best, you do now no longer want as a good deal of it to meet your RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance). For instance, for a male who needs approximately fifty six grams of protein according to day, most effective forty five grams are wanted if it's miles animal protein. One glass of milk, with eight grams of protein, will offer nearly 20 percentage of his protein RDA. Two glasses of milk, one egg, and three oz of lean meat, fish, or fowl will offer a hundred percentage of his RDA. In addition, a considerable share of day by day nutrition and mineral wishes can also be furnished in those ingredients. Selection of low-fats ingredients will beautify the nutrient density through decreasing Calories.

Plant ingredients additionally may also offer true reassets of protein. Grain merchandise which includes wheat, rice, and corn, in addition to soybeans, peas, beans, and nuts, have a considerable protein content material. However, maximum plant ingredients comprise incomplete proteins due to the fact they lack a enough amount of a few critical amino acids. For this reason, the protein RDA for the grownup male is sixty five grams according to day while plant proteins are the number one supply.

Some studies has cautioned that if the day by day nutritional protein is acquired via a aggregate of animal and plant ingredients in a ratio of 30:70, that is, 30 percentage of the protein from animal ingredients and 70 from plant ingredients, the protein best could be just like using animal ingredients alone. Mixing animal and plant ingredients withinside the equal meal is not unusualplace and is wholesome and nutritious. Animal ingredients offer splendid reassets of critical minerals, which includes iron, zinc, and calcium, whilst plant ingredients offer carbohydrate, nutritional fiber, and numerous phytochemicals.

Energy Intake

Optimum power consumption is the important thing to the athlete's food plan, decided through the consumption of macronutrients and micronutrients so as to help optimum physiological features and frame weight in reaction to the non-stop bodily needs bobbing up from workout [6]. In widespread, an athlete's power

consumption comes from the intake of ingredients, liquids, and dietary supplements that may be recorded the use of unique strategies consisting of retrospective meals consumption questionnaires (24 h, 48 h, 72 h, or 7 days) or meals frequency questionnaires. An athlete's power wishes in group sports activities will depend upon the schooling and opposition cycle, period, and frequency of matches, period of the season (at some stage in the preseason schooling phase, classes are normally held two times an afternoon, and bodily exertion could be very excessive), training phase, and range of gamers and substitutions.

Energy stability, consequently, takes place while power intake is same to total energy expenditure (TEE) or the sum of the power expended because the basal metabolic price (BMR), the thermal impact of the meals, the thermal impact of the pastime (power expended on deliberate bodily pastime), and thermogenesis of resting pastime. Spontaneous bodily pastime is likewise covered withinside the TEE. Players want to eat sufficient power to preserve a right frame weight and frame composition whilst practising this sports activities. The choice of gamers for every recreation function is primarily based totally on morphological traits to carry out the specified obligations with the very best efficiency. The tallest gamers have to for that reason be assigned to lower back participant positions. With regard to pivots, except frame top, coaches have to additionally remember robustness. For goalkeepers, frame top could be very critical, whilst the robustness standards are barely lower. For wings, frame top isn't always a decisive factor, and smaller gamers also can occupy this function.

Alcohol

Ethanol or ethyl alcohol is acquired through the fermentation of sugar [7]. It is non-toxic, besides in big and persistent doses, and has been loved as a beverage for plenty centuries.

Ethyl alcohol is each a drug and a meals. Its power fee according to unit weight (kcal/g) is seven in comparison with a value of 9 for fats and 4 for each carbohydrate and protein. The value of alcohol as a meals stuff is limited, as it's miles metabolized in particular withinside the liver at a fixed rate of approximately 100mg according to kg frame weight according to hour. For a 70kg man or woman this quantities to 7g of alcohol hourly. The power isn't always to be had to lively skeletal muscle and therefore it isn't always viable to workout oneself to sobriety. The diuretic impact of consuming beer makes it much less than the perfect agent of rehydration after tough bodily schooling.

Alcohol is a polar substance that's freely miscible in water. It without difficulty penetrates organic membranes and may be absorbed unaltered from the belly and extra quick from the small intestine. Absorption is fastest if alcohol is under the influence of alcohol on an empty belly, if fueloline molecules are gift withinside the drink and if the alcohol content material is excessive. Intense intellectual awareness, reduced frame temperature and bodily workout have a tendency to sluggish the price of absorption.

From the gastrointestinal tract alcohol is transported to the liver within the hepatic circulation. The pastime of the enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase, gift mainly within the liver, governs the disappearance of alcohol from the frame. In the liver, alcohol dehydrogenase converts the alcohol to acetaldehyde; it's miles then transformed to acetic acid or acetate through aldehyde dehydrogenase. About seventy five according to cent of the alcohol taken up through the blood is launched as acetate into the circulation. The acetate is then oxidized to carbon dioxide and water in the Krebs (or citric acid) cycle. An opportunity metabolic path for acetate is its activation to acetyl coenzyme A and in addition reactions to shape fatty acids, ketone bodies, amino acids and steroids.

Ethyl alcohol is shipped for the duration of the frame and enters all of the frame water pools and tissues, consisting of the principal apprehensive system. Initially, alcohol actions swiftly from blood into the tissues.

The metabolism of alcohol within the liver is unaffected through its awareness within the blood. Some alcohol is removed within the breath, however that is normally much less than five according to cent of the whole quantity metabolized. This path is applied in assessing secure degrees for driving, forming the idea for breathalyser tests. Small quantities of alcohol are excreted in urine and additionally in sweat if workout is finished even as under the influence of alcohol. Higher excretion prices via the lungs, urine and sweat are produced at excessive environmental temperatures and at excessive blood alcohol levels.

With a single drink the blood alcohol level normally peaks approximately forty five mins after ingestion. This is the factor in which any have an effect on on overall performance can be maximum evident.

Diets

Energy/Caloric Requirements: Appropriate caloric consumption is essential for controlling frame weight, maximizing overall performance, and retaining typical health [8].

Calories from carbohydrates have to make up about 60%, protein 10% to 35%, and fat as much as 10% or much less of general caloric consumption. Athletes have to eat round 1.2 to 2.0 g of protein/kg of BW every day, with persistence and electricity athletes ingesting quantities on the better give up of the variety.

Training/Competition Diet: Athletic overall performance may be superior through nutrients. Typically, athletes observe a excessive-carbohydrate/low-fats food plan. The aim of this food plan is to fulfill training application power necessities and to optimize recovery of muscle glycogen shops among workouts. Complex carbohydrates with a mild to excessive glycemic index are favored.

Pre-exercise: Prior to training sessions or occasions much less than ninety mins, endorsed carbohydrate consumption is 6 to 12 g/kg of BW according to 24 hours. This is suitable for maximum sports activities, consisting of power sports activities.

For occasions lasting longer than ninety mins, as in maximum persistence sports activities, endorsed carbohydrate consumption is 10 to twelve g/kg of BW according to 24 hours beginning 36 to 48 hours previous to the event. A meal together with excessive carbohydrate (1–4 g/kg of BW) and a mild quantity of lean protein is usually recommended 1 to four hours previous to schooling classes/opposition. The optimum quantity of preactivity (inside 60 mins) meals fed on is noticeably individualized. Physical pastime on an empty belly may also bring about cramping or indigestion. High fiber, excessive protein, and excessive fats objects have to be minimized to save you gastrointestinal discomfort.

During workout: Recommended carbohydrate consumption is 30 to 60 g/hour for classes 1 to 2.5 hours in period, for persistence and intermittent excessive-depth electricity sports activities, and as much as ninety g/hour for classes extra than 2.5 to 3 hours. Dividing the consumption into smaller quantities fed on extra often can assist keep away from gastrointestinal discomfort. For athletes who do now no longer have time to consume at some stage in an event, sports activities beverages can be used as an opportunity. Drinking 150 to 300 mL (5–10 oz) of a 6% to 8% carbohydrate sports activities drink each 15 to twenty mins is ideal. It isn't always essential to eat fats at some stage in workout.

Postexercise/Recovery: Endurance workout classes much less than 1 hour do now no longer require an boom in everyday carbohydrate intake postexercise. For classes longer than 1.0 to 1.5 hours, it's miles endorsed to consume or drink 1.0 to 1.5 g/kg of BW (100–200 g) of carbohydrates and 0.3 g/kg of BW (20–30 g) of protein inside 30 mins. For electricity and intermittent excessive-depth sports activities, endorsed consumption is similar to simply stated, despite the fact that classes are much less than 1 hour.

Children

Children in recreation often have higher-than-average energy expenditures (EE), consequently may also require multiplied nutrient and energy intakes (EI) to help carrying overall performance in addition to increase and improvement [9]. Furthermore, those early years of existence are foundational for the improvement of healthful relationships with their body image, the meals they consume and the bodily pastime they may be concerned in.

The amount and sort of meals and fluids fed on effect a child athlete's ability to train, compete, develop and recover. Some of the unique dietary demanding situations they will come across encompass the problem in balancing EI with EE and making sure suitable quantities of macro and micronutrients are fed on to offer the rules for lifelong health. This is mainly critical for the ones on limited diets (e.g. vegan, and vegetarian diets). Lastly, the project exists of assisting the improvement of a healthful courting with meals and frame photograph, with out the promoting of disordered ingesting behaviours. Having an optimum food plan at some stage in

adolescence will assist to foster an enjoyable, health-promoting and profitable lifelong enjoy with athletic participation.

Children require an good enough EI to help increase and improvement, in addition to imparting power to preserve bodily pastime/athletic overall performance. A project exists in trying to outline unique power wishes of kids in recreation because of metabolic variability among people and problems in as it should be measuring EI and EE. The popularity that kids can emerge as concerned in spontaneous episodes of bodily pastime (e.g. social play/games and sport) and/or inactivity (e.g. computer games, social media) gives in addition instance to how the dedication of power wishes for this populace organization is tough to forecast because of their unstable nature of EE.

Furthermore, organised kids's sports activities normally goal participation, foundational ability improvement and leisure as crucial factors. These changed variations of conventional sports activities for kids are possibly to contain adjustments to the period and equipment/facilities (e.g. field size) used, with a purpose to in all likelihood lessen the power needs of recreation in comparison to while performed beneathneath conventional formats. Needless to say, EE in kids can range because of some of capacity elements and the demanding situations of as it should be measuring EI and EE make it tough to are expecting power necessities.

Despite those demanding situations, the endorsed minimal power necessities to help increase and improvement for kids (throughout each genders) aged 4–6 are 1,800 kcal/day and 2,000 kcal/day for kids aged 7–10 years. Between the a long time of eleven and 14 power necessities vary among genders, with boys requiring extra than girls to catch up on their large frames and larger muscle groups as they technique puberty. Recommendations advocate an consumption of 2,500 kcal/day for boys and 2,200 kcal/day for girls. EI necessities are possibly to be better for the ones concerned in common sports activities participation, but presently no unique guidelines for this populace organization had been identified.

Food Poisoning

Food poisoning is prompted on the whole through ingesting ingredients or fluids infected with positive micro organism, in particular *Salmonella*, *Escherichia*, *Staphylococcus*, *Clostridium*, *Campylobacter*, and *Listeria* [5]. Foodborne illnesses are a worldwide trouble and a major motive of morbidity and mortality in humans. *Staphylococcus* and *Escherichia* (*E. coli*) are the maximum normally mentioned bacterial reasons of meals poisoning withinside the United States. The FDA currently indicated that one in six Americans suffers from a foodborne infection every year, consisting of numerous thousand deaths.

Bacteria that motive meals poisoning are located in particular in animal ingredients. The Consumers Union mentioned that 83 percentage of complete fowl broilers sold nationwide, even top class and natural broilers, harbored *Campylobacter* or *Salmonella*.

Bacteria also are not unusual place in produce. The infection of sparkling spinach with the bacterium *E. coli* caused one in all the biggest and deadliest outbreaks of foodborne infection in latest years. The maximum not unusual place reassets of meals poisoning are:

- Raw and undercooked meat and poultry
- Raw or undercooked eggs
- Raw or undercooked shellfish
- Contaminated produce
- Improperly canned foods

The maximum not unusual place signs and symptoms of meals poisoning encompass nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, which typically remedy in an afternoon or. However, people have to be seeking for scientific assist in instances concerning headache, stiff neck, and fever going on together; bloody diarrhea; diarrhea lasting longer than 3 days; fever that lasts extra than 24 hours; or sensations of weakness, numbness, and tingling withinside the fingers and legs. Some instances of meals poisoning may also cause lifelong health troubles and can be deadly if now no longer dealt with properly.

Most instances of meals poisoning arise at domestic and can be related to inappropriate commercial meals processing. Although governmental health agencies try and manipulate the unfold of micro organism to meals via suitable rules governing the meals industry, the Consumers Union referred to that occasional outbreaks arise due to meals infection at some stage in industrial processing, which includes floor meat infection with *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). *E. coli* can cause kidney failure. Millions of Americans enjoy a extensive foodborne infection every year, with numerous thousand fatalities.

Conclusion

Nutrition of athletes in a qualitative sense is not much different from the nutrition of non-athletes. The human body, regardless of physical activity, requires the intake of certain nutrients for normal functioning. Diet for athletes differs in the amount of nutrients, because certain requirements for athletes are sometimes significantly higher than for people who do not play sports. In search of ways to improve results, athletes and their coaches try different approaches to training, but, unfortunately, they also resort to the use of prohibited substances. It is extremely important to emphasize that nutrition during the activity itself is important for optimizing the results.

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