



# SPORTS NUTRITION FOR CURLING

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#### **SPORTS NUTRITION PYRAMID**

Supplements

Sports foods & timing

Well planned & balanced diet

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# THE BASICS







#### WELL PLANNED & BALANCED DIET

- Are you eating a well planned and balanced diet?
- Are you eating 7-8 serves of vegetables and fruit every day?
- What is a serve of vegetables?
- What is a serve of fruit?
- Do you have red meat or iron rich alternatives twice a week?
- Do you regularly eat oily fish and other omega 3 rich food sources?
- Do you get 2 serves of dairy every day?
- Do you drink water throughout the day?
- Are you getting 6-7 serves of wholegrains and cereals daily?







## DIFFERENT FUELS=DIFFERENT STORAGE



Fat > triglycerides > stored under the skin and around the organs

Carbohydrate > glucose > stored in the working muscles and liver, limited supply

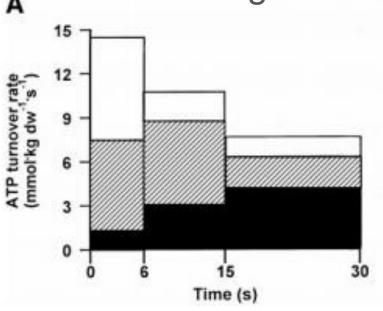
Protein > amino acids > excess is converted and stored or excreted

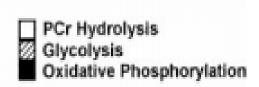




#### **FUEL SOURCES & INTENSITIES**

Carbohydrate is the body's preferred fuel source for high intensity exercise





(Parolin, M., Chesley, A., Matsos, M., Spriet, L., Jones, N. & Heigenhauser, G., 1999)





#### **CARBOHYDRATE**

- Storage is limited
- Preferred fuel source for high intensity
- Important for cognition
- Carbohydrate needs change

Activity	Carbohydrate
Low intensity or Skill based activity	3-5g/kg BW
Moderate Intensity (~1 hour)	5-7g/kg BW
High (1-3hours)	6-10g/kg BW
Very high intensity (4-5hours/day)	10-12g/kg BW







#### **SLOWLY DIGESTED**

Also known as low Glycaemic Index (GI) carbohydrates release glucose slowly into the blood.

- Provide other nutrients
- Important for long term health













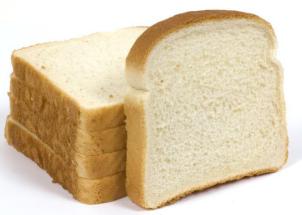


#### RAPIDLY DIGESTED

Also known as 'sugary' or high GI carbohydrates release glucose into the blood very quickly.

- Provide a fast source of CHO for exercise
- Lower nutrient quantity ('treat' outside exercise)



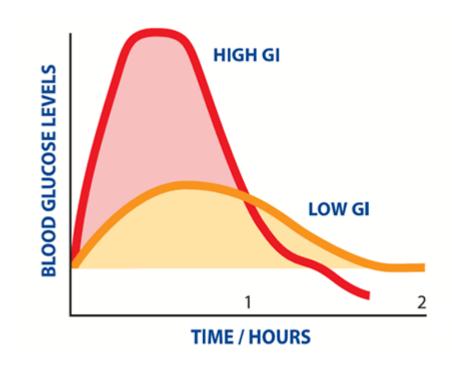








# HIGH VERSUS LOW GI: BOTH PLAY A ROLE







#### **PROTEIN**

- Important for muscle repair and strength increases
- Especially important if still growing
- 20

- More is not necessarily better
- Easy to get enough through real food
- Timing and spread is important









#### PROTEIN TIMING AND SPREAD

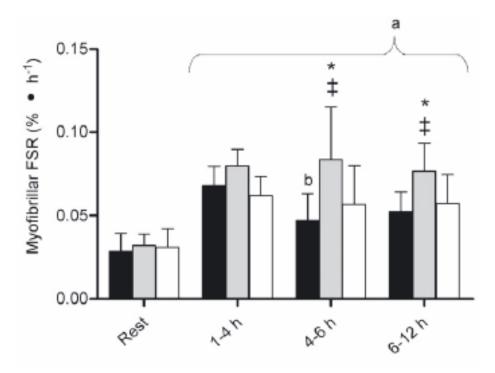
Followed recovery from a resistance exercise for 12hour period

Bolus= 40g every 6hours

Intermediate= 20g every 4 hours

Pulse= 10g every 1.5hours





(Areta, J., Burke, L., Ross, M., Camera, D., West, D., Broad, L., Jeacoke, N., Moore, D., Stellingwerff, T., Phillips, S., Hawley, J. & Coffey, V., 2013)







## **LEAN PROTEIN**



















#### **FAT**

- Small amounts required on a regular basis
- As a general rule healthy fats are found in plants
- High intake of fat may affect fueling for performance or ideal body composition















#### **MACRONUTRIENTS**

Carbohydrate = 4cal/g

Protein = 4cal/g



Fat = 9cal/g



Alcohol =7cal/g







## **NUTRIENT DENSE**

## Low calorie content and high nutrient value









## **ENERGY DENSE**









#### **ENERGY BALANCE**

#### **Energy In**

 From the food and drink we consume



#### **Energy Out**

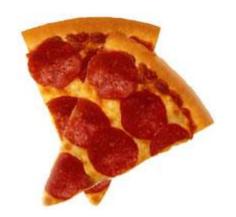
- Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR)
- Physical activity
- Thematic effect of food







## **COMPARISON**



















## **BUILDING A MEAL**













#### **DEHYDRATION**

Fluid losses greater than 2% of total body water is enough to potentially starting showing the signs of dehydration:

Impaired Cognition

Muscle Fatigue

Reduced Muscle Endurance Increased Perception of Effort







# OPTIMIZING HYDRATION FOR COMPETITION

# In the 24hours prior

- Sip from a drink bottle between meals
- Have fluids with your meals
- Fluid balance testing in training
- Monitor your hydration



Versus







#### **SPORTS DRINK**

- Contains carbohydrate 6-7% concentration, electrolytes and fluid
- May provide benefit in small amounts or mouth rinse during competition
- Or between competition games

Water is the best choice for everyday hydration and for training sessions under an hour and lower intensity.







#### **EATING FOR COMPETITION**

2 to 4 hours prior to a game
 Carbohydrate containing meal that is:
 Low in fat
 A familiar food
 Liquids are often better tolerated if nervous



60-90mins prior
 Caffeine (if using and over 18years of age)



60mins prior

Readily digestible carbohydrate 'top up' or mouth rinse







### **MOUTH RINSE**

One particular study has demonstrated a benefit of rinsing the mouth with a 6% carbohydrate containing solution for 5seconds prior to repeated sprints of 24seconds (Beaven et al. 2013).

#### Possible application:

Second half or later part of a game.



Take a mouthful of sports drink and rinse in mouth for at least 5 seconds before spitting or consuming.





#### REFUELING BETWEEN GAMES

#### 30-60mins between

Small and easily digestible ex. Sports drink



#### 60mins-2hours between

Slightly larger, still easily digestible, +fluids



#### >2hours between

Have a meal containing carbohydrate (lower fat choices) +fluids





## **RECOVERY**

# Timing = Within 30-60mins of finishing

# Key components

- Carbohydrate
- Protein
- Fluid
- Vitamins & minerals









#### RECOVERY

- Especially important post key training sessions and during multiple days of competition
- Recovery will change depending on your goals
- Proactive versus passive recovery
- Your next meal versus an additional snack





#### RECOVERY EXAMPLES

- Dairy-based smoothie
- A beef/chicken/tofu and salad wrap
- A can of tuna and whole wheat crackers
- 1/2Cup of cottage cheese & rice crackers
- Chicken and sweet corn soup
- A tall glass of milk and a piece of fruit









## TRAVEL NUTRITION









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## Some of the Challenges

- Disruption to normal training and meal patterns
- Increased or decreased opportunity to eat
- Boredom eating
- Limited access to fresh foods or safe storage
- Relying on takeaway outlets roadside stops
- Increased fluid losses
- Increased cost





#### **IMMUNE SYSTEM**

- Optimizing immune system before you go
- Practicing good food and hand hygiene
- Eating the rainbow when possible
- Paying attention to recovery\*
- Staying on top of your hydration







#### SNACKS FOR THE ROAD

- Vegetable crudités & hummus or tzatziki
- Boiled eggs
- Fresh fruit
- Babybel cheeses or cottage cheese
- Raw unsalted nuts
- Canned and flavoured tuna
- Tub of fruit or plain yogurt









## PREPARING FOOD ON THE ROAD

## **Equipment**

- Microwave
- Minibar fridge
- Sandwich press
- Mini blender
- Plastic chopping boards
- Kettle
- Toaster
- Knives



















#### MEAL IDEAS FOR THE ROAD



French toast
Bircher muesli
Rice and rice noodle salads
Thai beef salad
Wraps & quesadillas\*

Omelettes/scrambled eggs using sandwich press
Grilled fish/chicken with microwaved vegetables
Salads with canned legumes such as chickpeas, lentils,
kidney and black beans
Pre-prepared freezer meals such as risottos, casseroles,
pasta dishes etc.





#### RECIPE LINKS

- http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/recipes/2010/november/sweet-chillichicken-and-noodle-salad
- http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/recipes/2015/january/yummy-summeryfish-tacos
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#### **EATING OUT**

#### What to look for.....

Words such as grilled, steamed, poached, baked, boiled

Always look to include some nutrient dense but low energy vegetables

With salads always ask for dressing or sauces on the side

Avoid cheese or cream based dressings

Watch portion sizes (split in half in necessary)

Build a meal first

Enjoy water, or low energy fluids with your meals







#### **MAKING BETTER CHOICES**

**Italian:** pastas with tomato based sauces (minimal cheese) or this crust pizzas with lots of vegetables, lean meat, chicken or tofu and minimal cheese

Japanese: sashimi, steamed vegetables, plain rice, edamame

Indian: Tandoori chicken, vegetable based curries (no cream), plain rice, steamed vegetables, plain rice

**Mexican:** Bean and vegetable salads with grilled chicken (go easy on the avocado and cheese)

**Thai:** vegetable and lean meat, chicken or tofu stir fries served with noodles or plain rice

Greek: grilled fish or chicken with fresh salad and pita bread

Salad or sandwich bars: i.e. Freshiis





### **Review Quiz**

- 1. Topping up with which fuel source may help maintain concentration during long periods of competition?
- 2. Optimal timing of your recovery snack or meal?
- 3. What should your recovery include?





#### TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Take ownership of your nutrition
- Be prepared and get the basics right first
- Optimize hydration prior to competition
- Practice your competition nutrition in training







## **QUESTIONS?**



Thank you,

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