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NAVIGATING NUTRITION WITH PARENTS, PEERS AND PRESSURES

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I currently have, or I have had the past 2 years an affliction or financial interest with Gatorade Sports Science Institute around this presentation including:







OBJECTIVES

1

Attendees will be able to recommend fueling proper meals, snacks and fueling techniques for parents to use with their athletes.

2

Attendees will identify ways to get peers advocating and participating in sports nutrition as a team as well as on their own.

3

Attendees will be able to identify tips for slimming down and gaining healthy weight while understanding the proper use of performance supplements.



NAVIGATING NUTRITION WITH PARENTS



POTENTIAL ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH PARENTS



POTENTIAL ISSUES

- Parents often think they know what is best nutritionally
- Parents often recommend what they did when they played sports
- Parents are often influenced by other parents
- Parents are hyper-focused on their child succeeding and excelling at all costs



POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide proper education for fueling their child's daily life and activity
- Utilize parent groups to fuel practices and games by providing ideal options
- Provide resources to parents like handouts, blogs, meal ideas, etc.



- Food should be looked at as fuel/energy for performance instead of calories
- Focus on choosing nutrient-rich foods that fuel performance
- No foods is considered "bad" or off limits
- Limit high sugar and fat calories from processed foods and flavored drinks (sweet tea, lemonade, soda, energy drinks, juices, etc.) to a smaller portion of the diet
- Eat when you are hungry (don't wait until starving), stop when you are satisfied

80/20 RULE

OF THE TIME
EAT FOR PERFORMANCE AND
HEALTH

20% OF THE TIME EAT FOR PLEASURE



- Eat multiple fueling meals and snacks throughout the day (every few hours)
- Encourage athletes not to skip meals or snacks
- Eat quality, nutrient-rich foods more often (80%)
 Combining complex carbohydrates, lean protein and healthy fat each meal/snack, veggies as often as possible and lots of water
- Limit moderate intake or less nutrient-rich foods to less often (20%)
 Refined carbohydrates, fried food, high fat foods, baked goods/pastries/doughnuts, creamy sauces/spreads/dips
- Watch high calorie fluids
 Sodas, sweet tea, juice, Gatorade (only drink at and around practice)



FUELING ON ATHLETE'S DAY

Carbohydrate

- Recommendation: approximately 45-60% of daily calories
- Provides energy
- Should be consumed at every meal and snack
- Best choices include whole grains, beans and fruit

Protein

- Should be consumed at every meal and snack
- Helps build and repair muscle mass, helps immune system and helps you get full faster and stay full longer thus regulating blood sugar
- Best choices include lean meats, low-fat dairy, eggs and beans



- Young females need fat for hormone production and males & females need for energy
- Goal is to consume more "good" fats like peanut butter, nuts, seeds, avocado, healthy oils, hummus and fatty fish
- Meals should be "garnished" with fat



Quick On-the Go Breakfasts

- Whole wheat bagel with peanut butter, banana and low-fat milk
- Energy bar, banana, string cheese and low-fat milk
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich on wheat bread and Greek yogurt with fruit
- Peanut butter crackers, baggie of trail mix and low-fat milk
- Smoothie with fruit, milk, Greek yogurt/whey protein powder, nut butter
- Whole grain granola bar (or two) with to-go peanut butter cup, string cheese and low-fat milk
- Overnight oats made with milk and top with nuts/seeds, granola and fruit with a Greek yogurt





FUELING SNACKS

- Energy bar
- Individual bag trail mix
- Beef jerky and a banana
- Granola bar and nuts
- Whole wheat crackers and string cheese
- Greek yogurt with granola and fruit
- Turkey/cheese roll-ups and apples or grapes

- Hummus and whole wheat pita bread/pita chips
- Apple and peanut butter
- Popcorn and string cheese
- Peanut butter bites
 - Stir ½ cup peanut butter and ¼ cup honey together
 - Stir in 1 cup oats and ½ cup whey protein powder
 - Roll into 20-22 balls and refrigerate



SPORTS NUTRITION

Pre-Workout

- 2-4 hours pre-workouts: Meal of complex carbohydrates and protein with some fat and easy-to-digest veggies and 16-20 oz. fluid
- 20-30 minutes pre-workout Carbohydrates snacks and 5-10 oz. fluid (water/sports drink)

During-Workout

- Consume electrolyte-rich fluids consistently throughout workout: 5-10 oz. every 15-20 minutes
- Carbohydrate foods are needed during workouts over 60-90 minutes to help maintain energy levels

Post-Workout

- Replenish with carbohydrate
- Rebuild with protein
- Rehydrate with fluid
 16 oz. per pound of fluid
 sweated out in workouts or until
 urine is pale yellow to clear color



UTILIZE PARENTS TO FUEL PRACTICES AND GAMES

PARENTS/BOOSTER CLUB CAN ALTERNATE BRINGING SNACKS

- Energy bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Peanut butter filled pretzels
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich quarters/Uncrustables
- Salty snacks like pretzels, gold fish, crackers
- Granola bars
- Fruit and 100% fruit snacks
- Sports drinks





UTILIZE PARENTS TO FUEL GAMES

PARENTS/BOOSTER CLUB CAN ALTERNATE PROVIDING PRE-GAME MEALS

- Eggs, fruit, bagels (with jam and peanut butter) and yogurt
- Breakfast sandwiches on whole wheat bagel/English muffin with ham, cheese, egg and sides of fruit and yogurt
- Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, fruit and string cheese
- Grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and rolls
- Fajitas with lean beef and chicken (sides of cheese, lettuce, salsa, guacamole) with rice and fruit
- Sub sandwiches with turkey/chicken and cheese (can add lettuce/tomato), baked chips or pretzels
 and fruit



PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PARENTS

SCAN – Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition

https://www.scandpg.org/sports-nutrition

My Sports Dietitian

https://www.mysportsdconnect.com



PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PARENTS

ATHLETE'S PLATE

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PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PARENTS

ATHLETE'S PLATE

HARD TRAINING / RACE DAY: Grains Water Stewed Fruit Dairy/Nondairy **FATS Beverages** 2 Tablespoons **Diluted Juice** Flavored **Potatoes Beverages** Cereals Beef/Game/Lamb **Cooked Veggies FLAVORS** Eggs Low-Fat Dairy Salt/Pepper Soy (e.g., Tofu, Herbs Avocado Tempeh) 1 **Spices** Oils Vinegar Nuts Salsa Seeds Mustard Cheese Ketchup Butter



NAVIGATING NUTRITION WITH PERS



POTENTIAL ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH PEERS



POTENTIAL ISSUES

- Comparison game between members of a team
- Follow the leader with bad habits around eating and supplements
- Associating performance with body image and weight



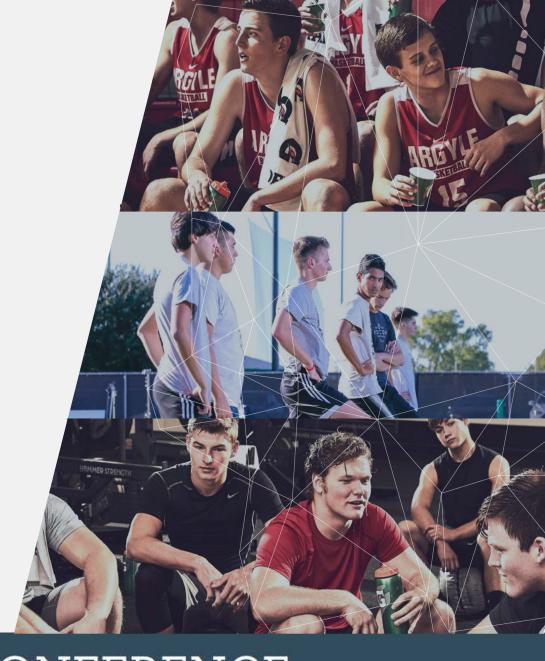
POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Develop leaders on team to keep it cohesive
- Have team discuss meal and snack ideas for practice and games
- Set up fueling accountability partners



DEVELOP LEADERS ON TEAM

- Having team vote on leader can be great for decision making as well as for noticing problems
- Team leaders can be coached to promote healthy habits around eating, hydration and fueling practices, workouts and games
- Team leaders can develop challenges/games that challenge athletes about fueling in a positive way
 - Take pictures of meals and see who has most food groups
 - Track food in an app
 - Have snack board where they check off if they had a pre/postworkout snack





TEAMS BUILDING MEALS AND SNACKS

- Research suggests that when you are part of the food decision making or preparing process, you
 will be more on board to eat it
- Provide team restaurant or meal options and have them research which meal would be best for fueling
 - Ideally give them a handout or resource to help them learn what and why
 - Give teams local restaurants and have them choose the healthiest fueling options at those places for when they eat out with friend and family
- Have teams come up with nutrient-rich fueling snacks that they like and can make list for parents/booster club to provide
 - Alternating snack schedule can give each athlete a chance to feel like they contributed
- Set up snack schedule where different team members bring snacks for workouts or tournaments



FUELING ACCOUNABILITY PARTNERS

- Pairing up players, by coach of choice, can give them a healthy reason to encourage each other about eating
- Possibly set up a game where partners can win a prize or award of sorts based on how many times they checked with each other
- Have each partner group make a nutrition handout for the team





NAVIGATING NUTRITION WITH PRESSURES



POTENTIAL ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH PRESSURES



POTENTIAL ISSUES

- Many athletes (boys more so) feel they have to be the biggest and strongest
- Many female athletes feel like they have to look like a teammate or model and do not understand the consequences of under-fueling
- Many athletes listen to what supplements other people take and want to copy



POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide education around healthy weight gain and leaning out
- Educate athletes on the consequences of under-fueling
- Help athletes understand about supplements and their risk



ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR ATHLETES

 Weight loss and weight gain can be difficult for athletes based on the physical demands put on them by their sport

 The ideal time to manipulate body composition and weight is in the off-season

- Key is to set realistic goals and monitor
- Constantly monitor energy levels and hunger levels of athlete
- Giving athletes easy, real-life eating ideas is key to compliance and thus results





ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR ATHLETES

4 THINGS MAKE UP BODY WEIGHT



LEAN MUSCLE MASS



FAT MASS



WATER



BONE

Only one of these things do we want athletes to lose: fat mass

- This is typically minimally a 6-8 week process
- Weight lost quickly is water weight, maybe muscle mass
- Dehydrating the body can cause significant detriments to performance



ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR ATHLETES

4 COMPONENTS DETERMIN TOTAL DAILY ENERGY EXPENDITURE (TDEE)

- Resting Metabolic Rate (RMR)
- Thermic Effect of Food (TEF)
- Exercise Energy Expenditure (EEE)*
- Non-Exercise Activity Thermogenesis (NEAT)

MOST VARIABLE COMPONENT IS **EXERCISE ENERGY EXPENDITURE**



ENERGY MANAGEMENT: WEIGHT GAIN

- Increase in calorie intake is crucial
 Overfeeding is required to put body into an anabolic state
- Challenge is that the increased calorie consumption may be offset by an increase in metabolism such that TDEE will increase and thus promote increases in lean body mass
- There is an increase in TEF due to more calorie consumption
- Often times very difficult for athletes, especially males, to gain weight up to age 12-25





ENERGY MANAGEMENT: WEIGHT GAIN TIPS

- Eat 6-8 meals/day every 2+ hours
- Do not skip breakfast or snacks
- Drink milk and/or 100% juice with meals
- Eat a 30-minute pre-workout snack, every hour during exercise and immediately after post-workout
- Eat a high-calorie meal or shake right before bed
- Make high-calorie food exchanges
- Consume healthy fats throughout day
- Consistency is key 7 days a week!!!



ENERGY MANAGEMENT: WEIGHT GAIN TIPS

HIGH-CALORIE FOOD EXCHANGES

Choose:	Instead of:
Bagel/Thick rolls	Bread
Waffles	Toast
Granola	Cereal
Peanut butter	Butter or jelly
Nuts	Candy
Trail mix	Granola bar
2% milk	Skim milk
Sautéed veggies	Steamed veggies
Milk/juice at meals	Water
Sports drink at practice	Water



ENERGY MANAGEMENT: WEIGHT GAIN TIPS

- Add peanut butter, honey and brown sugar to oatmeal
- Add peanut butter and honey to waffles, pancakes, toast and bagels
- Add low-fat granola to cereal, oatmeal, yogurt or trail mix
- Put nuts on salad, tuna, in cereal and trail mix
- High calorie trail mix = high calorie cereal/granola, nuts, dried fruit, M&M's
- Mix high-calorie protein powder with milk
- Drink Boost Plus or Ensure Plus between meals
- Drink shakes with low-fat chocolate milk as a base
- Eat a PBJ sandwich as a "dessert" post meals



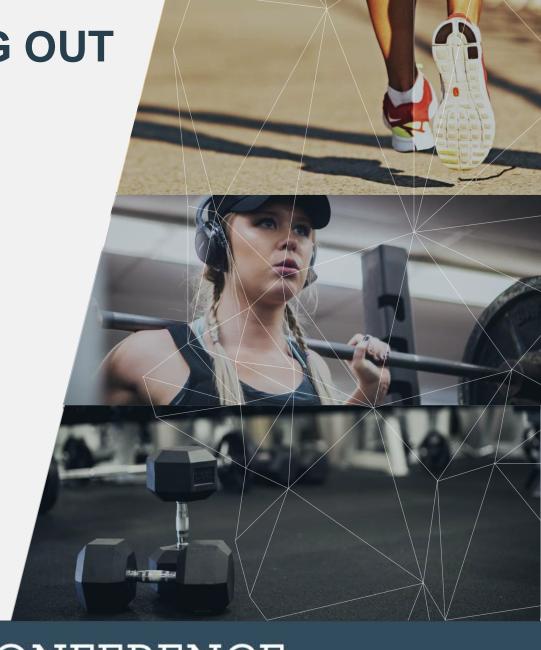
ENERGY MANAGEMENT: LEANING OUT

Excess body fat is detrimental for many athletes because it reduces speed

 Thus decreasing body fat could have a positive effect on performance for males and females

Trying to achieve an ever-lower body fat percentage can have disadvantages to health and performance

- Disrupted hormonal balances
- Disordered eating behaviors
- Fatigue and delayed recovery





ENERGY MANAGEMENT: LEANING OUT TIPS

- Eat smaller, more frequent meals throughout the day to manage hunger
- Encourage athletes to not skip meals or snacks
- Post-exercise snack of carbohydrates and protein is essential for recovery
- Eat quality, healthy foods combining complex carbohydrates, lean protein, and healthy fat at each meal and snack and lots of water (80-90% of time)
- Avoid refined carbohydrates, fried food, high fat foods, baked goods/pastries/doughnuts, creamy sauces/spreads/dips (10-20% of time)
- Watch high calorie fluid intake
- Eat until satisfied, not until full



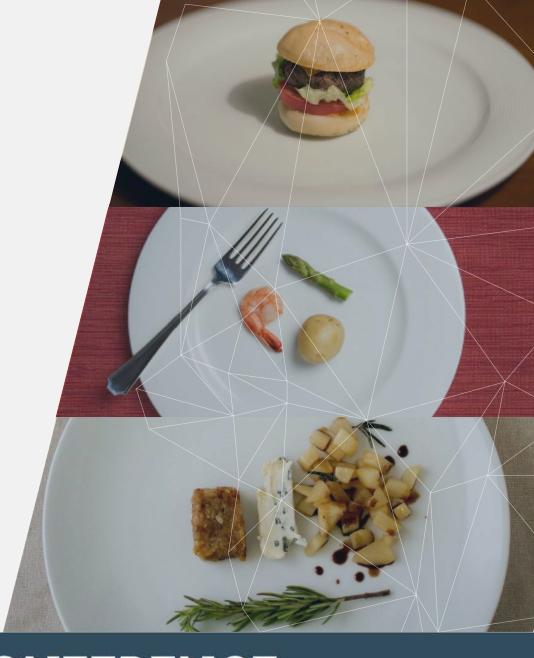
ENERGY MANAGEMENT: UNDER FUELING

WHAT IS UNDER-FUELING?

 An energy deficiency relative to the balance between dietary energy intake and energy expenditure required for health and activities of daily living, growth and sporting activities

WHAT ALL DOES UNDER-FUELING AFFECT?

- Physiological function
- Health of the athlete
- Athletic performance





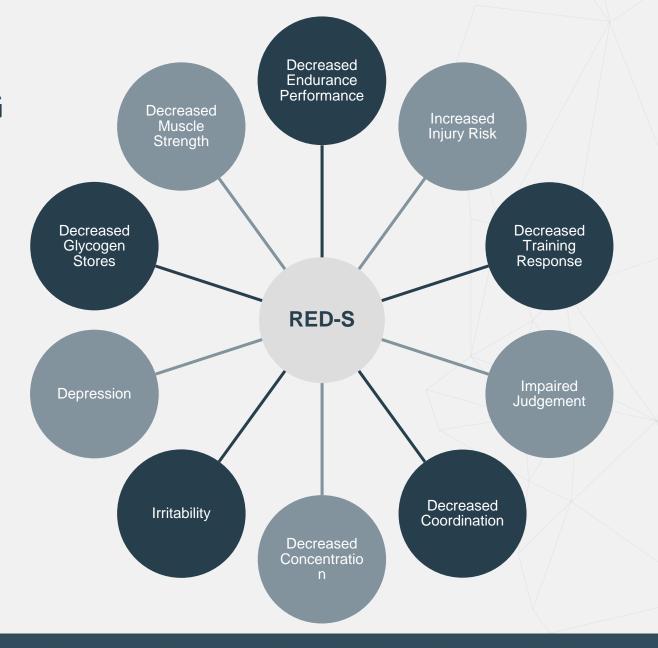
WHY DO ATHLETES UNDER-FUEL?

- Nervousness around a competition or big event that has weight on their career
- Decline in appetite due to nerves
- Trying to be or look leaner for a competition or performance
- Pressures put on them by self, family, peers, etc.





CONSEQUENCES OF UNDER-FUELING





PERFORMANCE SUPPLEMENTS

SUPPLEMENT DEFINITION

 "A dietary supplement is a vitamin, mineral, herb, botanical, amino acid, metabolite, constituent, extract, or a combination of these ingredients."

ERGOGENIC AID DEFINITION

 Substances or techniques other than training that are thought to improve athletic performance.





THE SUPPLEMENT SITUATION

- FDA does not conduct premarket reviews to determine if a supplement is effective
- There is no law that requires the manufacturer to show evidence of effectiveness before or after a supplement is marketed
- The purity of supplements is of question for athletes who are drug tested
- Issues with purity could be due to poor manufacturing practices and/or the use of tainted substances
- Weight loss and muscle building supplements rank high on the list of those that are likely to be contaminated
- "Legal Supplements" can test an athlete positive on a drug test from being "laced" or contaminated



THE SUPPLEMENT SITUATION

IF an athlete chooses to take a supplement or use a protein powder, he/she should choose a third party tested supplement

- Tests for steroids, illegal substances, maskers, etc.
- Tests that what is in the product is what is on the label
- Tests labs for cleanliness
- Does not mean it is 100% safe, but likely as safe as possible

Top third party supplement testing certifications

- NSF Certified for Sport http://nsfsport.com
- Informed Choice http://www.informed-choice.org



THE SUPPLEMENT SITUATION

- There is no research on supplement use in young athletes
- Most athletes don't eat a diet that supports improving performance, so starting there should be the goal
- Supplements are supplements, not replacements
- There is a time and place for supplements, but FOOD is always legal!



NAVIGATING THE P'S



Education is key for parents, peers and to tackle pressures



Providing student athletes with quality information sets them up to make better choices



Empower students to help each other fuel their bodies better



Make fueling a priority with players and games



THANK YOU!



