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The Four Agreements

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**BE IMPECCABLE
WITH YOUR WORD**

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**DON'T TAKE
ANYTHING
PERSONALLY**

2

**DON'T MAKE
ASSUMPTIONS**

4

**ALWAYS DO YOUR
BEST**

Don Miguel Ruiz

The Beginning

Toyota Driver Development Program

6 Drivers in a storage unit

J44

"Get them to work out"

Toyota Performance Center 1.0

Toyota Performance Center 2.0



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The Big Questions

How do we provide value to the athlete?

How do we show that value to those who keep the lights on?



Heat Questions

Constantly seek questions without answers.

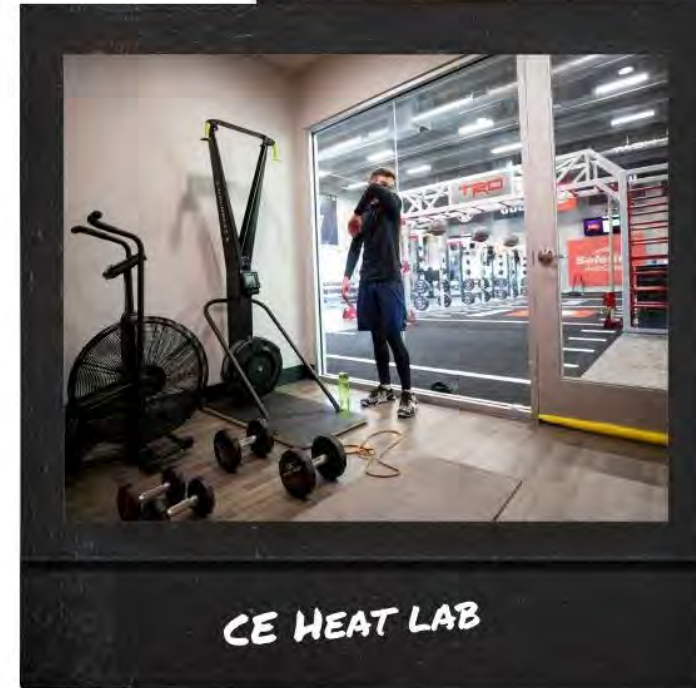
EX.

- How hot are the driver's core temperatures actually getting in the car during a race?
 - How do we train that to make it more efficient
 - Can we seek education on heat illness and the benefits of heat tolerance training?
 - Can we find an expert to advise?
- How hot are the driver's core temperatures actually getting in the car during a race?
 - How can we measure the temp?
 - How do we build a valid and reliable test to measure heat tolerance and subsequently heat tolerance improvement?



Heat Questions

- How hot are the driver's core temperatures actually getting in the car during a race?
 - What is the cost?
 - Is it feasible (logistically)?
 - Will the drivers be willing?
 - What do we hope to learn?
- How hot are the driver's core temperatures actually getting in the car during a race?
 - What do we do with the data?
 - How do we clean the data?
 - ...visualize the data?
 - ...share the data?
 - ...make the results meaningful?
 - What did we learn?
 - What will we change?
 - What do we do in the future?
 - **Was it worth it?**



Metabolic Questions

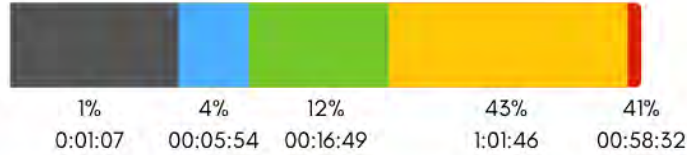
- What are the metabolic demands of a driver?
 - What sports are similar to their metabolic needs?
 - Can we use training heart rate and compare it to research?
 - Does the HR of training compare to the demands in the car?
 - Can we get in-car race heart rate?
 - Can we predict competition substrate utilization?
- How do we build a valid and reliable model to predict substrate utilization?
 - Is the research enough to work from?
 - What are the options for testing substrate utilization?
- Can we measure the actual metabolic demand of our drivers?
 - What is the cost?
 - What training is required for administration of the test?
 - Will drivers participate well enough for reliable results?
 - What do we hope to learn?
 - What will we do with the data we collect?
- So what actually are the metabolic demands of our drivers?
 - What are the actual logistics of collecting the data?
 - How do we make the data applicable or actionable?
 - How is the data visualized?
 - How is the data shared with the drivers?
- But really, what do we do with this information?
 - What will we change?
 - What do we do in the future?
 - Was it **worth it**?
 - What's other questions did this spark?
 - Glycemic response through blood glucose monitoring?
 - Can we quantify the effect of heat metabolically for our drivers?



Race Day Heart Rate



2543 calories



78% HR avg
98% HRmax | 43% HRmin



1912 calories



70% HR avg
94% HRmax | 38% HRmin



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The Journey of Answers

**What are the metabolic demands of our drivers?
Can we create metabolic profiles to inform nutrition
prescriptions for training and competition?**

Metabolic efficiency describes what source of energy an individual utilizes or is best adapted to utilize at different exercise intensities.

Metabolic efficiency testing™ (MET) is a graded treadmill test using indirect calorimetry to determine the contribution of fats and carbohydrates (CHO) to energy expenditure during exercise.

Respiratory Quotient (RQ) indicates the particular ratio of fats & carbohydrates used to fuel the activity being measured

- RQ increases as relative intensity increases
- Greater reliance on carbohydrates



Metabolic Profiling

1



Carbohydrate burner

An athlete who uses predominately carbohydrate as fuel.

More likely to run out of carbohydrate (energy) and depend on exogenous carbohydrate sources.

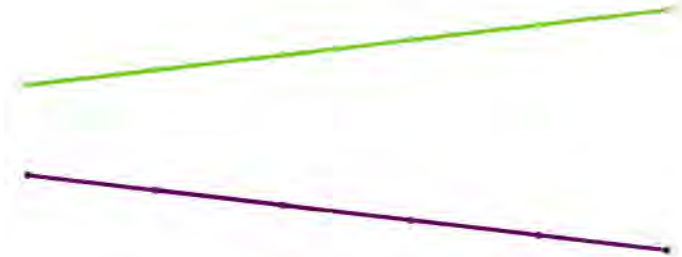
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Intermediate

An athlete who uses both fat and carbohydrate as fuel.

3



Fat burner

An athlete who uses predominately fat as fuel.

Less likely to run out of carbohydrates and overall carbohydrate needs are lower.

What Happened to our Athlete



Athlete complained of...

- Feeling like SpongeBob out of the ocean
- "Falling out of the seat"
- Brain fog the first 10-15 minutes of every race
- Frequent URTI



What are the demands in the car?



Physical stress from car control, g forces, vibration, track type

- METs range from 5.3 to 13



Heat stress

- Increased fluid losses through sweat
- Greater carbohydrate dependency



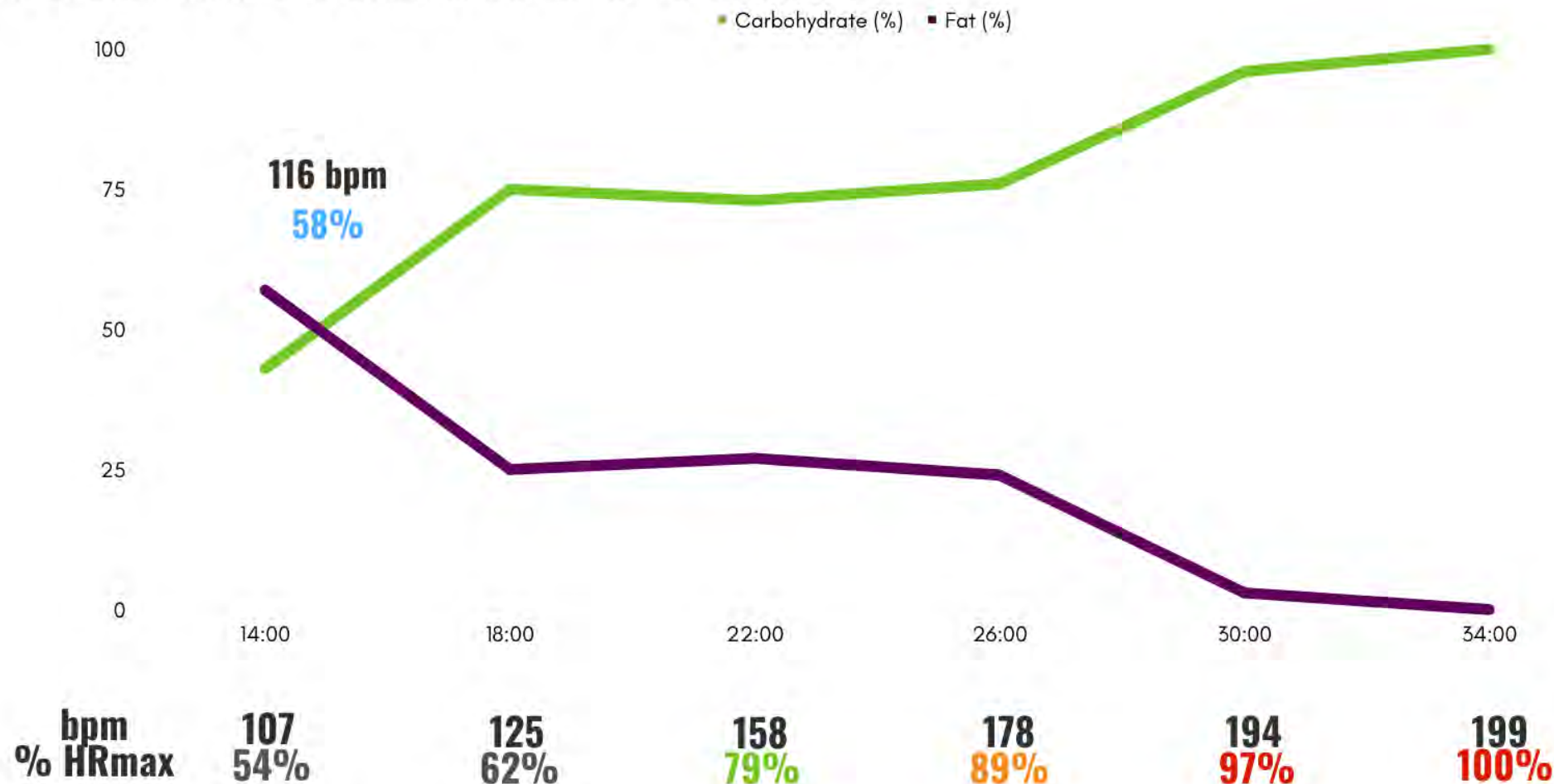
What are the factors we looked to address?

- Adequate energy availability
- **Adequate carbohydrate availability**
- Hydration status

Muscle glycogen

Glycemic response

Athlete Metabolic Profile



This athlete has a greater dependent on CHO as an energy source

What We Learned



Each individual driver has their own unique metabolic "thumbprint"



In the car, the reliance on carbohydrate is high from physical and heat-related stressors

Carbohydrate stores in the body are limited



Drivers with a high dependency on CHO as an energy source are at a greater risk of depleting CHO stores early

Drivers are more likely to "fall out of the seat"



APPLYING IT

Help to inform personalized strategies to meet CHO requirements

Bucket drivers based on profiles

Driver input is key in successful implementation & evaluation

Personal data is powerful



SPARKS MORE QUESTION

What is the glycemic response to these interventions?

Does this impact cognitive function and subsequently performance?

Carbohydrates and Performance



**Associated with
Endurance/Work
Capacity &
Ability to Sustain
Higher Intensities**



Delay Fatigue



**Improve
performance
between bouts of
exercise**



**Reduce risk of
injury and illness**



**Reduce risk of
mental mistakes**

Energy Stores

Carbohydrates



Liver Glycogen
~ 60-100 g
240-400 calories



Blood Glucose
~ 5 g

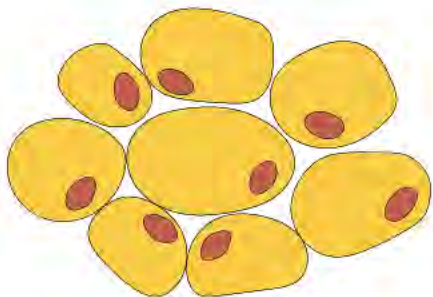


Skeletal Muscle Glycogen
~ 400-800 g
1,600-2,400 calories
300-600 g IMTG

Carbohydrate stores are limited.

Inadequate carbohydrate availability is a limiting factor to performance.

Fats



Adipose Tissue
> 3,500 g TG
36,000 calories

Muscle Glycogen



Begin exercise with low muscle glycogen stores.

Deplete muscle glycogen stores early.

Fatigued.



Implement strategies to optimize muscle glycogen stores.

Delay fatigue.



PAUSE



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**Reduced Work
Capacity &
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**Early Onset
Fatigue**



**Poor
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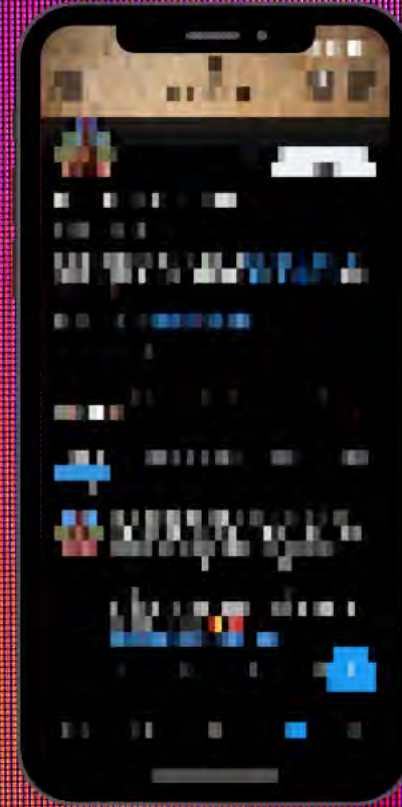
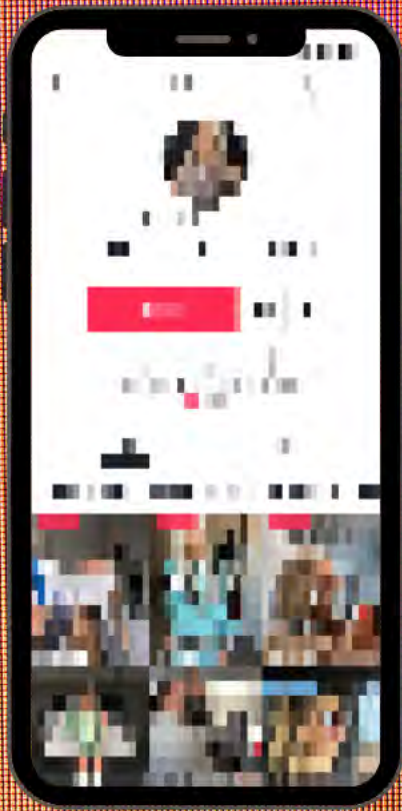


**Increased
occurrence of
injury and illness**



**Increased mental
mistakes**

Where are you getting your nutrition info?



The Moral of the Story

We needed to test to get relevant data to then go back and evaluate our drivers, watch them, look at performance, look at HR, and talk to them to see how they were reacting to training stimuli and how their current beliefs about training and NUTRITION were effecting their current state.



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What Did We Do About It

STAFF

- Shared insight gained through entire process
- Discussed how this information impacts or influences:
 - In-car performance
 - Adaptations
 - Nutrition recommendations, cueing, planning, and support
- Discussed additional ways we as a staff can support the behavior change:
 - Environment - resources
 - Social Support - outside of TPC, team support

TEAMS

- Shared findings and implications with teams
- Presented how we are helping their drivers execute on race day
- Offered or extended support
 - Various forms
 - More information on driver plans
 - Providing resources
 - Involving them in the process

EXECUTIVES (ADMIN)

- Shared findings and implications with admin
- Requested a presentation be created
- Presented to small group
 - Implications and impact meaningful enough to reach out to affiliated teams to share information/findings
 - Opportunity to build relationships with teams
 - Begin with offering insight to ways we (collectively) can influence driver performance
 - Make ourselves available for support

Multidisciplinary Approach

- Each discipline shares insight based on their expertise.
- Simply having the department or role on staff is not enough.
- A unifying mission allows all departments to work off the same guiding principles
- A framework is needed for effective communication.
- Leadership is required to protect/maintain the framework and stay on task in pursuit of the mission.

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Confirmation Bias

The tendency to interpret new evidence as supporting or upholding one's existing beliefs or theories.

Confirmation bias can place the weight of the solution more heavily in one's own area of expertise.



Multidisciplinary Approach

1 The group identifies the **desired adaptation**.

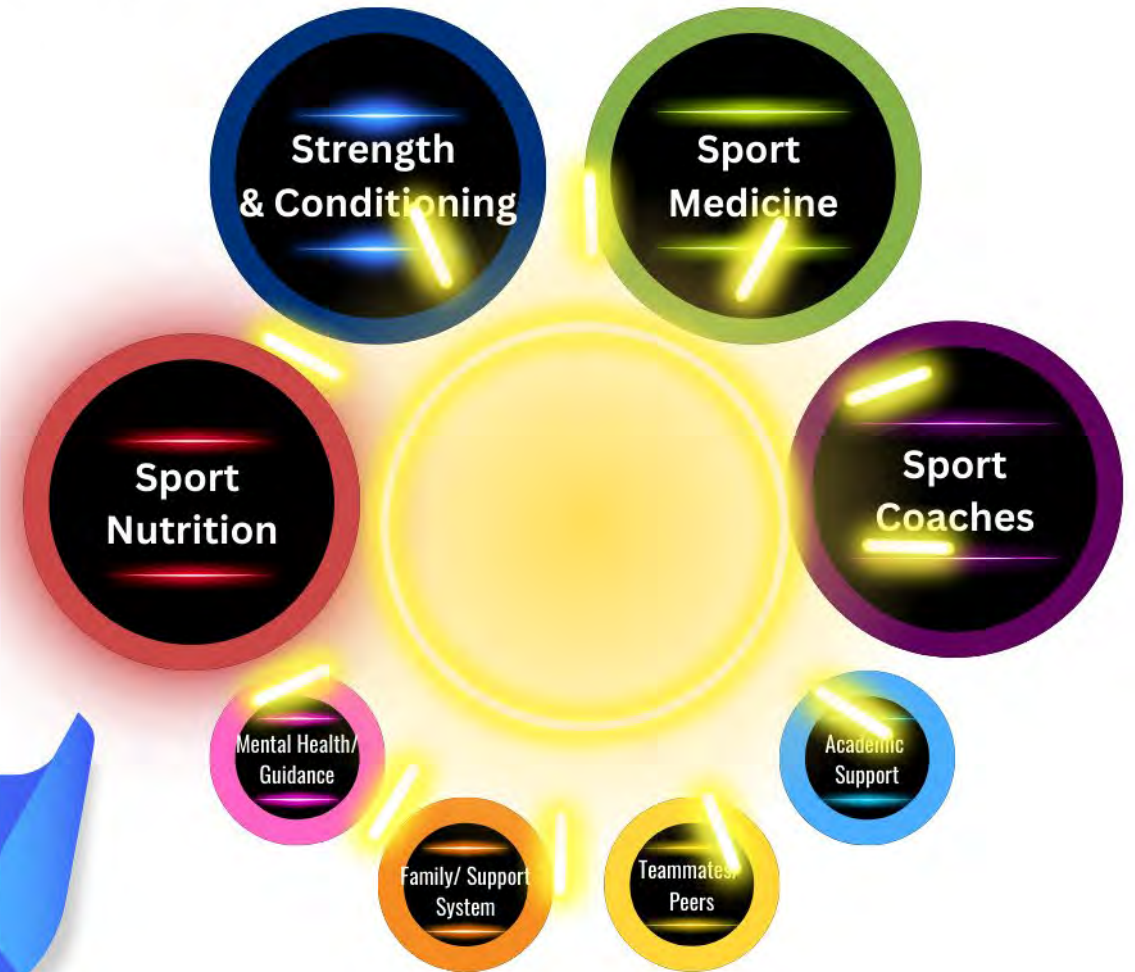
2 The **athlete's capabilities** are considered.

3 The **ideal program** demands are weighed against the athlete's **current capabilities**.

4 The **most impactful area** is identified, and that area takes the lead.

5 All other areas create program goals in **support** of the most impactful area.

6 The group continues to **assess and provide feedback**.



Voice & Vote

Everyone always has a VOICE,
But not everyone always gets a VOTE.

Voice: Expressing your interpretation of a problem
and sharing expertise in pursuit of a solution.

Vote: A WEIGHTED voice
Voters bear the responsibility of the decision for better or worse.

Pros

Voice:

- heard, valued
- diversity of thought
- battles confirmation bias
- not ultimately responsible for undesirable outcomes



Vote:

- ideas/solutions are weighted more heavily
- may receive accolades decisions/ideas

Cons

Voice:

- may not receive credit for a great decision/idea
- ego hit when ideas/solutions are not utilized



Vote:

- ultimately responsible for undesirable outcomes
- ego hit when ideas/solutions yield poor results
- responsibility to
 - make sure fellow decision makers remain involved
 - keep a 10,000 foot view
 - battle confirmation bias on all fronts, **especially** one's own

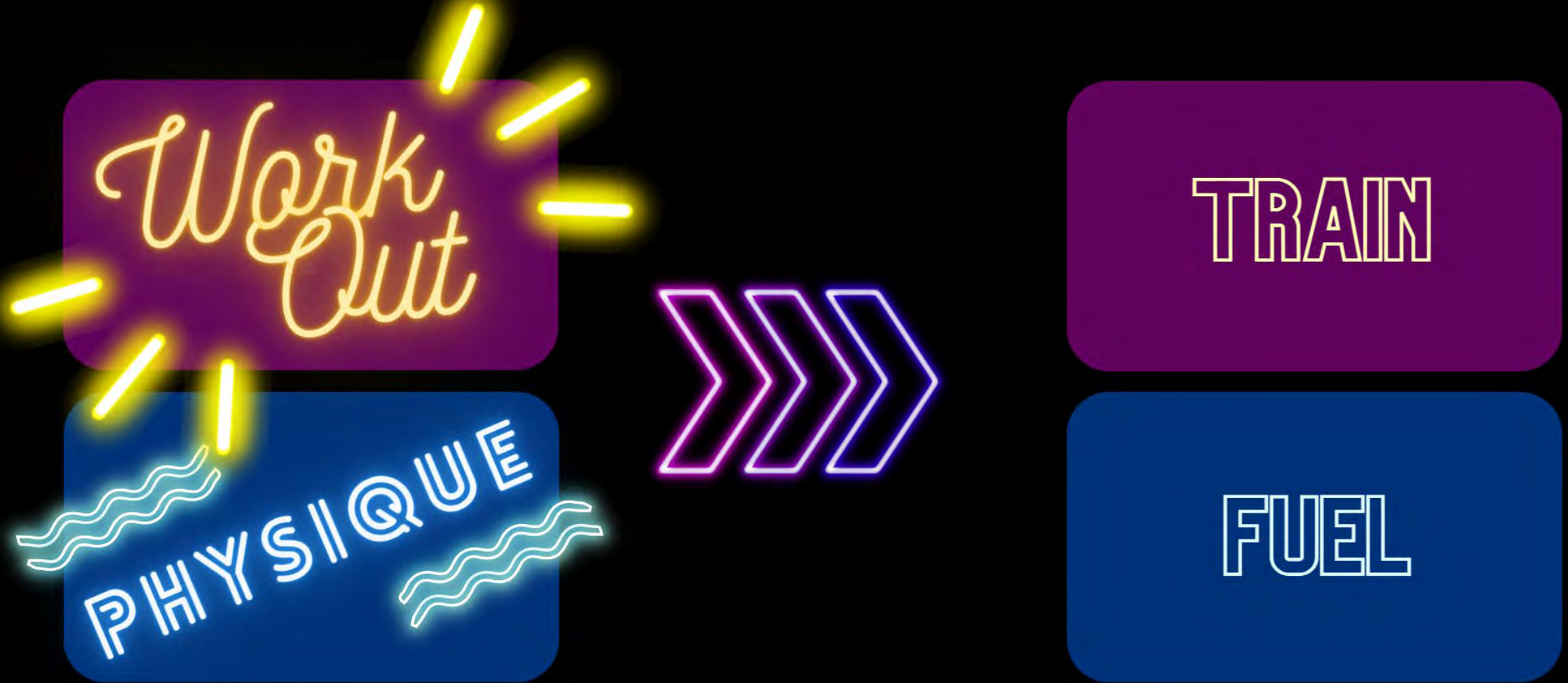
The best program is the one you'll do.



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Perspective Shift



Improvement Process



Training

Actively applying a specific stress to elicit a specific adaptation

examples:

- strength & conditioning workouts
- heat room sessions
- MMA
- playing a basketball game

Recovery

Pointedly helping along the process of rebuild

examples:

- mobility session
- meditation
- massage
- basketball shoot around

Nutrition

Enhances both TRAINING & RECOVERY

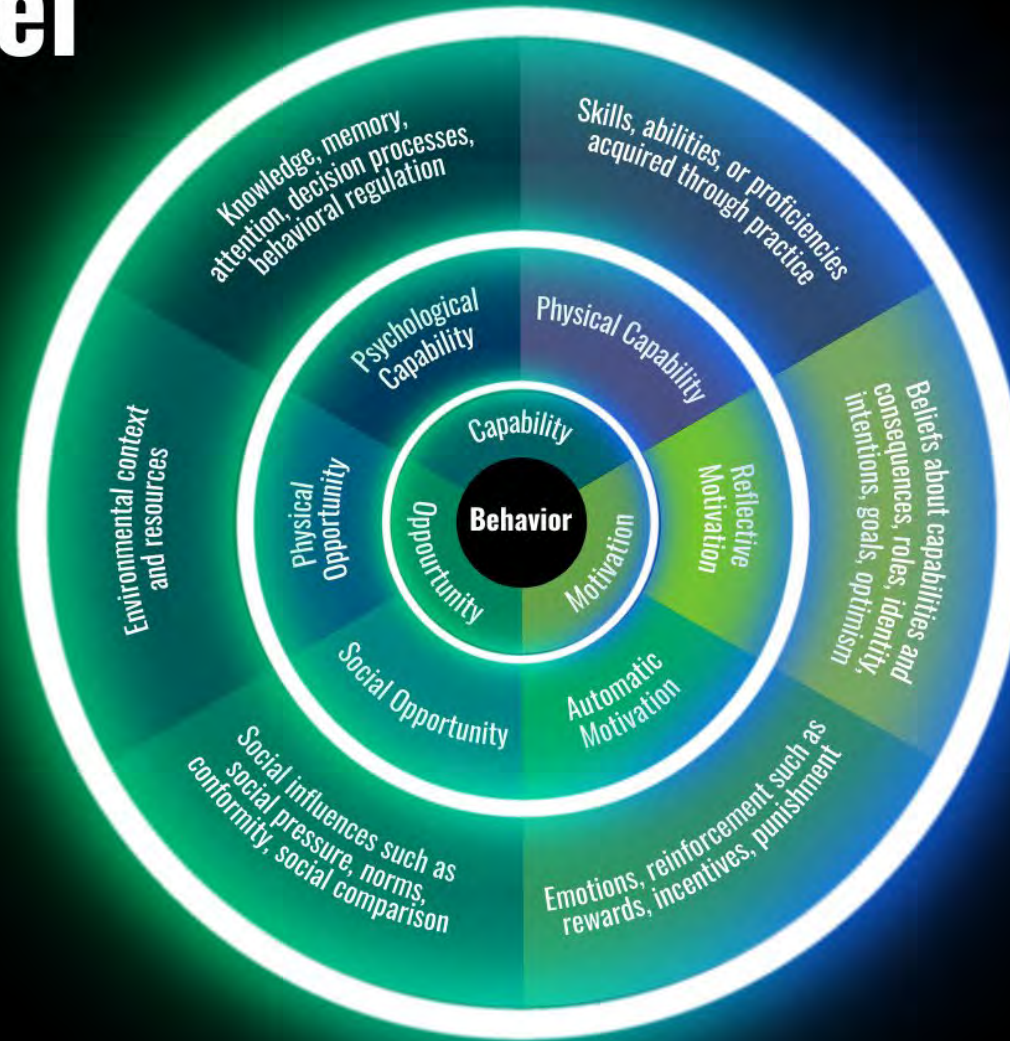


COM-B MODEL



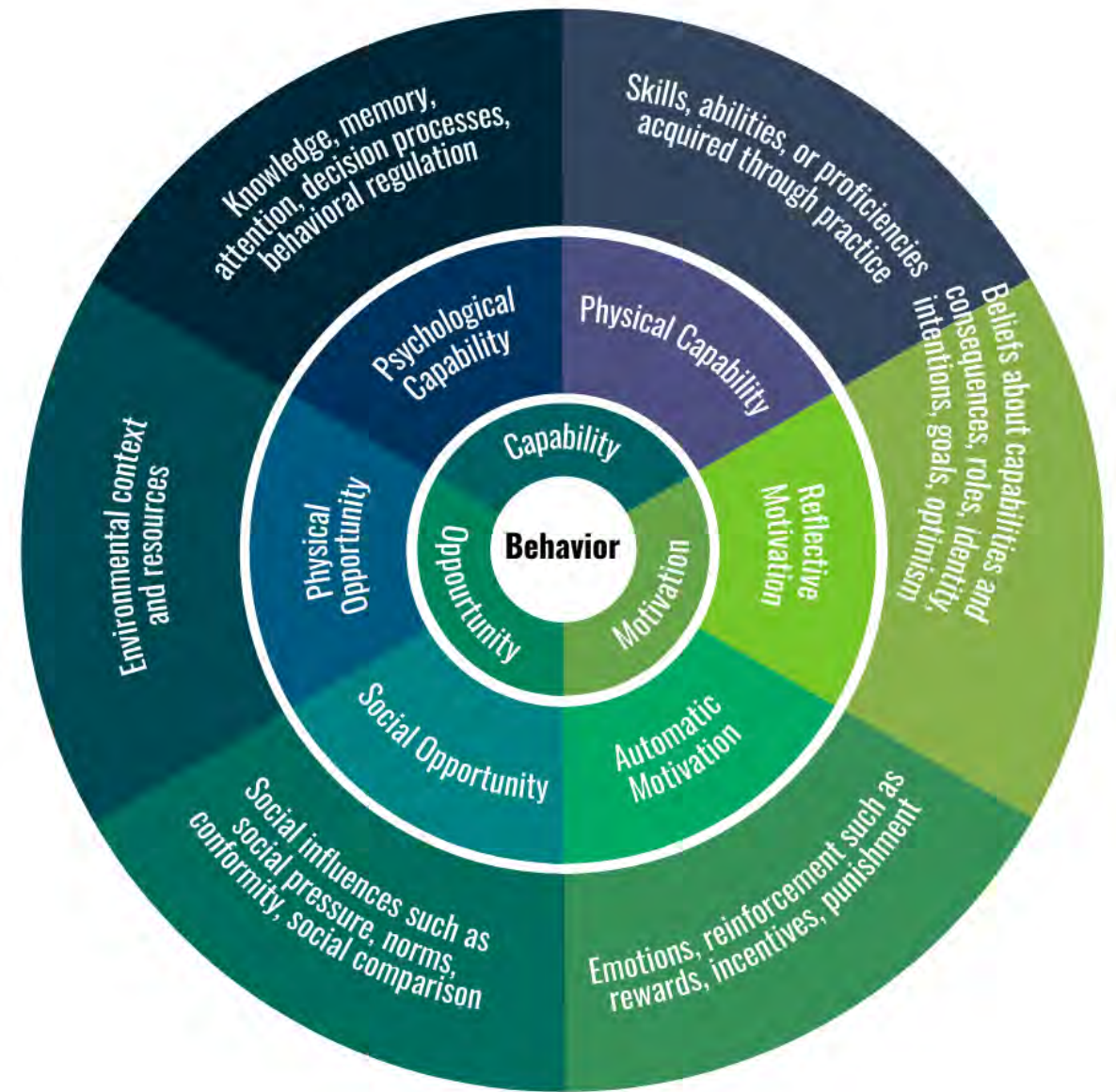
"For any behavior to occur there must be the capability and opportunity to engage in the behavior, and the strength of motivation to engage in it must be greater than for any competing behaviors."

COM-B Model



COM-B Model

- **Understand the behavior first.** Analyze and identify various factors that influence behavior.
 - Who, What, When, Where, How often, With whom?
 - What components of the behavior needs to change?
- **Design your interventions.** COM-B proposes that capability, opportunity, and motivation drive behavior.
 - Focus on the skills, techniques, relationships, and resources.



Determining the Intervention



BEHAVIOR

Develop and execute nutrition strategies to support race day performance.

WHAT'S IDEAL

- 'Fuel for the work required'
 - Adjust CHO availability in accordance with demands
- Increase CHO intake in the 1-2 days prior to race
- Compose plan, execute, & evaluate post-race

DRIVER INPUT

- Current behaviors & routines
- Knowledge base
- Resources at track
- Travel and transportation
- Ability to plan
- Time management

ACTUAL PROGRAM

- Education on energy systems and substrate use
- 4-5 days prior to race, map out schedule and fueling opportunities in Apple Notes
 - Scout area (online)
 - PCR Kit
- Evaluate week-to-week

Raceday Hydration Plan Example

4:44 5G

< Notes November 2, 2022 at 9:46 AM - Shared

CEckes Nutrition:

MST - 3 hours behind EST.

Hotel: Radison 427 North 44th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Track: Phoenix Raceway 7602 Jimmie Johnson Dr, Avondale, AZ 85323

-11/03-
Breakfast (8-9 AM)
The Bread and Honey
Over Easy
Snooze AM Eatery
First Watch

Carbohydrate 1 Bagel OR 2 slices Whole Wheat Toast OR 1 1/2 cup Oatmeal OR 1 1/2 cups of potatoes OR 2 pancakes (large waffle)

Protein 3 Whole Eggs

Fruit 1 medium to large bowl

Fat 1/2 Hass avocado OR pea butter/almond butter

Fluids 20 ounces of water

Lunch (1 PM)
Flower Child
ProteinHouse
Original Chop Shop
Modern Market Eatery
MAD Greens

Garage Open: 2:00PM MST

Snack
1/2 sandwich + smoothie
16 ounces of water OR 1 SkratcH

Practice: 5:05PM MST
Garage Close: 7:00PM MST

Dinner Spots
Flower Child
True Foods Kitchen
Modern Market Eatery
Pizzeria Bianco - highly recommend to carb up (can add a side salad and extra protein)

-11/04-
Breakfast
The Bread and Honey
Over Easy
Snooze AM Eatery
First Watch

Carbohydrate 1 Bagel OR 2 slices Whole Wheat Toast OR 1 1/2 cup Oatmeal OR 1 1/2 cups of potatoes OR 2 pancakes (large waffle)

Protein 3 Whole Eggs

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Fat 1/2 Hass avocado OR pea butter/almond butter

Garage Open: 9:00AM MST

Lunch
Kitchfix - Rice
20 ounces

Qualifying: 3:00PM MST

Pre-Race Meal
Kitchfix - Pasta
16-20 ounces

Toyota Appearance: 5:15PM MST
Driver Intros: 6:20PM MST

Topper (Optional)
1/2 sandwich + smoothie/acai bowl
12-16 ounces of water (or SkratcH)

Race: 7:00PM MST

-11/05-
Leave PHX: 12:15 PM MST
Arrive CLT: 7:09 PM EST

RACE DAY NUTRITION
NHMS
TPC
TOYOTA PERFORMANCE CENTER

TIME	Pre Race Meal (3-5 hours prior)	1-2 Hours Before	During Race	Immediately Post-Race	Post-Race Meal
	10:00-12:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Within 30-45 minutes afterwards	
NUTRITION	6-7 oz. of Chicken Breast 2 cups of Gluten-Free Pasta OR White Rice 1/2 cup of zucchini + squash OR 1 Large Gluten-Free Wrap 1/2 cup of white rice 1/4 cup of low-fat shredded cheese 5-6 oz of chicken Shredded lettuce or kale, tomato, cucumber Combine all for a wrap 1 cup of cantaloupe	GoMicro Bar OR BeitWell Bar + 1 cup of pineapple Optional: Take Hot Shot (within 30 minutes before)		RECOVERY STARTS NOW CORE POWER Protein Shake	6-7 oz. of lean beef/salmon OR chicken 2 cups of rice OR 1 large baked potato 1 cup of cooked carrots OR sauteed bell peppers Understand that this is challenging. Do your best by aiming for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source of protein • High energy carbs like rice, potatoes • Nutrient dense fruit/vegetables
HYDRATION	16-20 ounces of SKRATCH OR PEDALYTE	16-20 ounces of SKRATCH OR PEDALYTE <i>(If you can't drink it, add a electrolyte)</i>	Try to drink at least 2-3, 16 ounce bottles of SKRATCH OR PEDALYTE <i>(Mix it down!)</i>	16-20 ounces of SKRATCH OR PEDALYTE <i>(Mix it down!)</i>	Continue to drink water For every pound that you lose in sweat, you need to drink 20-24 ounces Aim to hit at least 2-3 more 16 ounce bottles



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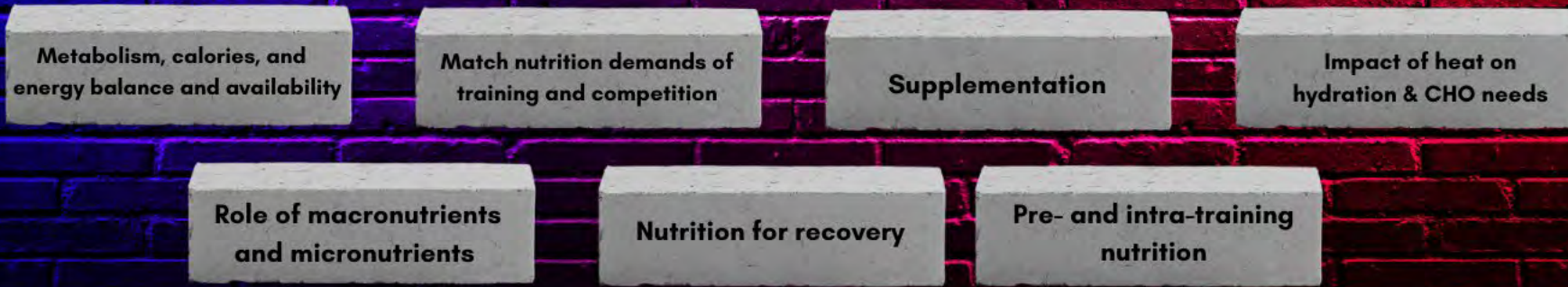
COM-B Model



What Needs to Change	Domain	Potential Interventions
Need a source of carbohydrate before high intensity training sessions	Knowledge	Education session with dietitian/nutritionist on role of carbohydrate for training
	Resources	Source of carbohydrates available near weight room (i.e. fruit, gummies, carb-rich bars)

Foundational Nutrition

COMPREHEND AND APPLY THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS:



UTILIZE AND PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING HABITS:



PLATING TECHNIQUES



TRACKING NUTRITION HABITS USING TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY



MEAL PREPARATION AND PLANNING



REGULAR SUPPLEMENTATION



RACE DAY NUTRITION AND HYDRATION PLAN



ANALYSIS, EVALUATION, & COMMUNICATE THE INFLUENCE OF NUTRITION PROGRAM AND HABITS ON HEALTH & PERFORMANCE

Meal Prep



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERSATIONAL ENGAGEMENT:

Impact of heat on hydration & CHO needs



Regular Supplementation

Supplementation



Race day nutrition and hydration plan

Pre- and intra-training nutrition

COMPREHEND AND APPLY THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS:

Match nutrition demands of training and competition

Metabolism, calories, and energy balance and availability

Role of macronutrients and micronutrients

Nutrition for recovery



TRACKING NUTRITION HABITS USING TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY



ANALYSIS, EVALUATION, & COMMUNICATE THE INFLUENCE OF NUTRITION PROGRAM AND HABITS ON HEALTH & PERFORMANCE



PLATING TECHNIQUES

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Beliefs About Nutrition

Capacity to Learn

Social Support

Ability to Cook

Planning & Time Management

Available Resources

Communication

Peer Influence

Financial Ability

Ability to Buy Food

Communication

Willingness to Track



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Meal Prepping



Physical Capabilities

- **Recipe execution**
- Knife skills
- Roast, sauté, boil, bake
- Grocery Shopping
- Portioning

Psychological Capabilities (Knowledge)

- Tutorials on physical skills
- Grocery store tours
- **Planning** for meal prep
- How menus align with nutrition plan



Social Opportunity

- Guided **grocery shopping**
- Other drivers participating
- Performance staff support
- Toyota racing support

Physical Opportunity

- Teaching kitchen
- **Time management**
- Staff support
- Menu matches financials



Reflex & Automatic Motivation

- **Self-efficacy**
- Alignment with performance goals
- Belief meal prepping will help
- Potential reward or consequence
- Emotional response
- Extent meal prep is a priority



Identifying Opportunity

Program Development

Science

- Assessments performed pre program development
- Goals set based on sport requirements and assessments
- Program framework based on science of sport quality
- Habits necessary for ideal program adherence identified

IDEAL

DRIVER INPUT

- Goals refined, specified
- Driver training age (experience) factored in
- Habits narrowed to meet current
 - skill knowledge
 - skill execution capabilities
 - attitude
 - effort

Program Adherence

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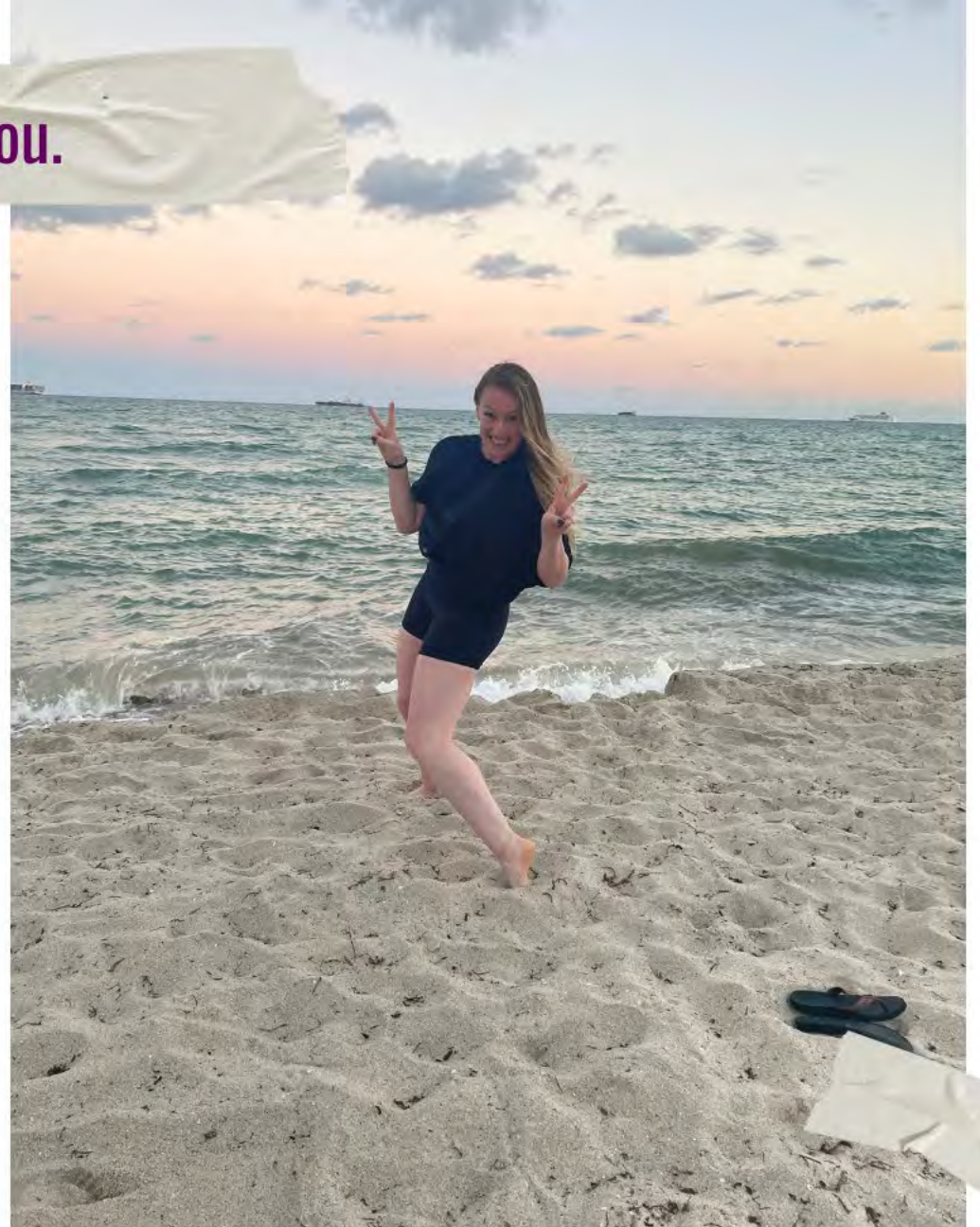
- Program framework based on science of sport quality + driver input = realistic program
- Habits necessary for realistic program adherence identified
- Smaller goals based on habit execution are outlined
- Program created for progressive, consistent movement toward goals
- Adherence, skill execution, and skill knowledge improvement tracked
- Adjustments continually made based on drivers continually exhibited

REALISTIC

- **skill knowledge**
 - **skill execution capabilities**
 - **attitude**
 - **effort**
- OR**
- **Capability**
 - **Motivation**

- Assessments performed post program execution to measure success and inform next program

Thank You.



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