Tips to keep you playing at your best!

PREGAME MEAL & FLUID INTAKE

- stay energized throughout game
- ensure proper hydration
- provide empty stomach at game time

To do this:

plan meal size according to time frame available
4-6 hrs before game

large meal with plenty of carbs (focus on starchy foods),
small portion of protein and low fat

2-3 hrs before game

less than 500 calories
lots of carbs (starchy foods), low protein and fats

1-2 hrs before game

light snack, bowl of cereal, liquid meal

*note: for early morning game eat large high carb (starchy foods) meal relatively late the night before w/light breakfast in morning a couple of hours before game

Drink more fluids than you think you need!

Drink 16 oz of fluids 2-3 hrs before game TIP: Drink 8-12oz cold water 10-15min before game start

POSTGAME MEAL & FLUID INTAKE

Drink at least 16oz of fluids after game

Drink carbohydrate/protein replacement drink

Meal should be balanced with high carbs for glycogen, moderate protein to rebuild/repair muscle and low fat

For More Info: <u>http://urbanext.illinois.edu/hsnut/index.html</u> <u>https://elite-soccer-fitness.com</u>

Foods High in Starch Pastas Macaroni Spaghetti Noodles Ravioli

Post Game Meals High Carb(75-100g) /Moderate Protein(<10g)

12-17 oz liquid meal suppliment 12-17 oz Fruit Smoothie Large bowl Cereal w/Milk + Fruit Yogurt

Dried beans

Lima beans Navy beans Kidney beans

Rice

Brown rice Wild rice White rice *polished or unpolished*

Breads

Rolls Muffins Crackers Sliced breads Pancakes

Dried peas

Split peas Lentils Black-Eyed peas

Starchy Vegetables

Potatoes Carrots Peas Corn Winter squash Sweet potatoes

Cereals

Hot cereals (like oatmeal) Cold cereals (like wheat flakes) *Avoid highly sugared cereals* 2 cups Fruit Salad + Fruit Yogurt 2 English Muffins w/Peanutbutter + 10oz Milk ½ Med Thick Crust Pizza w/meat + vegetables