HYDRATION
Staying hydrated can improve your performance

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Visual disturbances
- Mental confusion
- Loss of consciousness
- Nausea
- Cramps
- Loss of coordination
- Collapse
- Vomiting
- Dark urine

IF YOU START TO EXPERIENCE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
- Remove yourself from sun and get into a cooler area
- Drink fluids
- Apply ice to cramping areas
- If symptoms increase, rapidly cool your body
- If symptoms continue, go to the nearest emergency care facility

PREVENT DEHYDRATION
- Two hours prior to exercise, drink at least 16 ounces of fluid
- During exercise, drink about 8 ounces every 20 minutes
- After workout, drink 24 ounces per pound of body weight lost during workout
- Limit carbonated beverages and fruit juices during exercise
- Caffeine, alcohol and energy drinks increase risk of dehydration

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NUTRITION

Smart dietary choices can improve your performance

NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED MEALS SHOULD INCLUDE:

**45-65% Carbohydrates** *(4 calories/gram)*
Carbohydrates provide your body’s main source of energy

**Good sources:**
- Whole grains (breads, rice, pasta, cereal)
- Whole fruits and vegetables
- Beans and legumes

**10-35% Proteins** *(4 calories/gram)*
Proteins contribute to cell structure, regulate body processes and supply energy

**Good sources:**
- Fish and poultry
- Lean cuts of red meat
- Dairy (eggs, cheese, milk)

**20-35% Fats** *(9 calories/gram)*
Fats contribute to cell structure and supply energy

**Good sources:**
- Fatty fish (salmon, tuna)
- Vegetable and canola oils
- Avocado and nuts

NUTRITIONAL TIPS TO BRING OUT YOUR BEST COMPETITOR

**Before exercise:** Meals should be consumed two to four hours prior to exercise and should be rich in complex carbohydrates. Never exercise on an empty stomach.

**During exercise:** Consuming simple sugars from sports drinks, gels and energy bars is encouraged in small, equivalent intervals.

**After exercise:** Meals should be consumed as soon as 15 minutes after exercise and consist of 200-400 calories.
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A smart workout routine can improve your health

Warming Up
Improper warmup or stretching routines and increasing workout intensity too quickly can cause sports injuries. The best way to avoid being sidelined for weeks or months is to ease into, and out of, strenuous activities by stretching adequately before and after you work out.

Exercise Tips
- Wear proper-fitting, lightweight clothing and shoes. Make sure shoes have cushioned soles and good support to help prevent foot and ankle injuries
- During warm weather, exercise indoors or in the early morning or late evening hours
- Always begin with a five-minute warmup and finish with a five-minute cooldown

Warning Signs
Stop exercising if you have any of the following symptoms:
- Chest pain
- Inability to catch your breath
- Irregular heartbeat
- Light-headedness or dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Severe tiredness or fatigue

Taking Your Heart Rate (Pulse)
- To take your pulse at the wrist, use two fingers and press just below the palm of your hand. Find your pulse on the thumb side above the wrist bone, between the tendons and the edge of the wrist.
- Recheck your pulse after you cool down. Remember to cool down by performing stretching exercises or walking at a slow pace for one to two minutes.
- Count your heart rate for 15 seconds and multiply by four to get your one-minute pulse. Example: 23 beats \* 4 = 92 beats per minute (BPM)
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