

High Performance Nutrition Foundations

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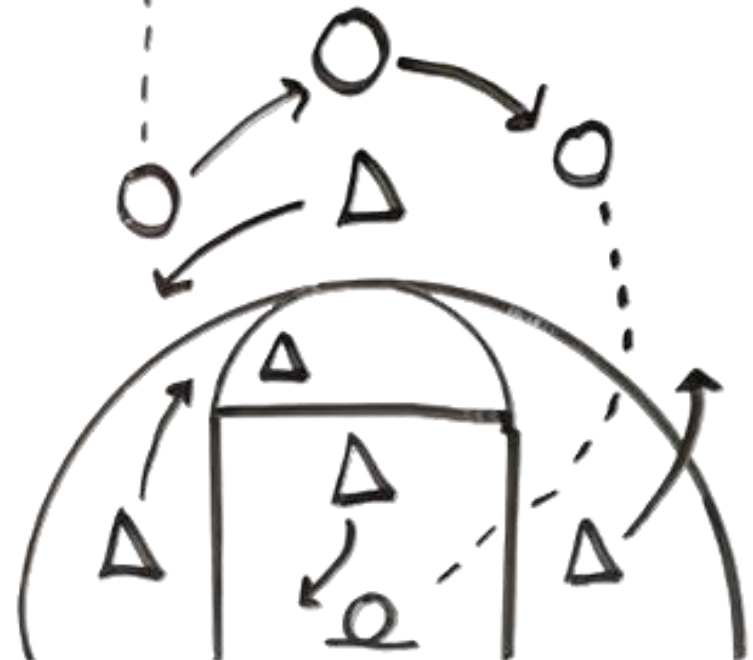
ABOUT ME:

- I work with **>15 high-performance sports**, from XCSki to volleyball and figure skating to combat sports; from developing teens to Olympians!
- My goal is helping athletes make nutrition **simple, practical and realistic**.
- How? 1:1 support, cooking skills, grocery store tours, body composition testing, hydration testing, travelling to camps & competitions...

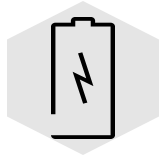


GAME PLAN:

- High-Performance Nutrition Foundations
 - Macronutrients
 - Athlete Plates & Meal Timing
- Fueling Around Training (+ Hydration)
- Summary & Questions



WHY DOES NUTRITION MATTER?



Provide **energy** for training & exercise



Prevent nutrient **deficiencies**



Support adaptation & **recovery** between sessions



Reduce risk of **injuries, illness & low energy availability**



Improves focus, mood & **decision-making**



Include foods you **enjoy!**

SPORT NUTRITION PYRAMID

SUPPLEMENTS

Use with purpose.
Quality and consistency
matter most.



- Protein powder
- Creatine
- Omega-3
- Vitamin D
- Iron
- Multivitamin
- Probiotics
- Electrolyte tablets/capsules

SPORT FOODS

Convenient fuel to support
training and performance
when whole foods are
not practical.



- Sports drinks
- Energy gels & chews
- Energy & protein bars
- Hydration mixes
- Quick snacks (e.g., rice cakes, granola bars, fruit snacks)
- Easy-to-digest carbs
- Caffeine (if used)

WHOLE FOODS

The foundation.
Fuel, nutrients and
variety for daily health,
training and recovery.



- Fruits & vegetables
- Grains (rice, pasta, oats, bread, quinoa, potatoes)
- Protein (meat, fish, eggs, dairy, tofu, beans, lentils)
- Healthy fats (nuts, seeds, avocado, olive oil)
- Fluids (water, milk, soy milk)
- Variety & balance

MACRONUTRIENTS

CARBS



FUEL

Primary energy source for training, high intensity efforts & the brain.

PROTEIN



BUILD & REPAIR

Supports muscle repair, adaptation & recovery from training.

FAT



SUPPORT & PROTECT

Supports brain function, hormone production & longer-term energy.

FLUID



HYDRATE & PERFORM

Regulates body temperature, transports nutrients & keeps everything running efficiently.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Which are examples of **carbohydrate** foods?



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SOURCES OF CARBOHYDRATES

Starch



**Some
Dairy
Products**



Fruit



Added Sugar



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Which are examples of **protein** foods?



1. Bread, Milk, Quinoa
2. Beef, Tofu, Yogurt
3. Avocado, Apple, Chicken
4. Salmon, Rice, Black Beans

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SOURCES OF PROTEIN

Animal proteins



Plant proteins



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SOURCES OF FAT

**Anti-inflammatory
(Omega 3, 9)**



**Inflammatory
(Omega 6, Trans,
Saturated)**



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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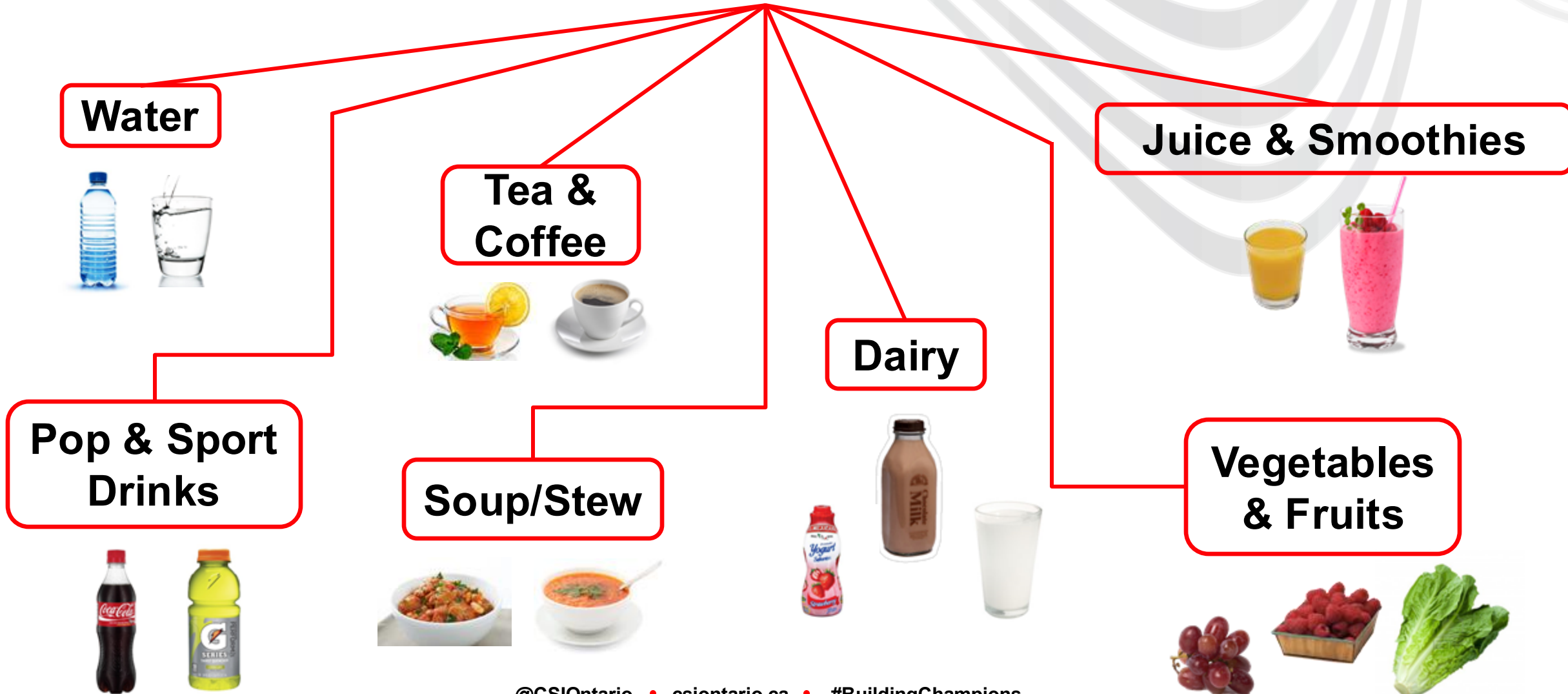
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SOURCES OF FLUID



Athlete Plates & Meal Timing

Easy/No Training Day



FATS - 2 tsp.

Oils
Avocado
Mayonnaise
Nuts, seeds
Butter
Margarine

FLAVOURS

Salt, pepper
Herbs, spices
Vinegar
Salsa
Mustard

Canada's food guide

Food guide snapshot



ATHLETE PLATES

Easy/No Training Day



Training Day



Hard Training Day



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What is the ideal **amount of time** you should leave between meals and snacks?

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2. 2-4 hours
3. 4-6 hours
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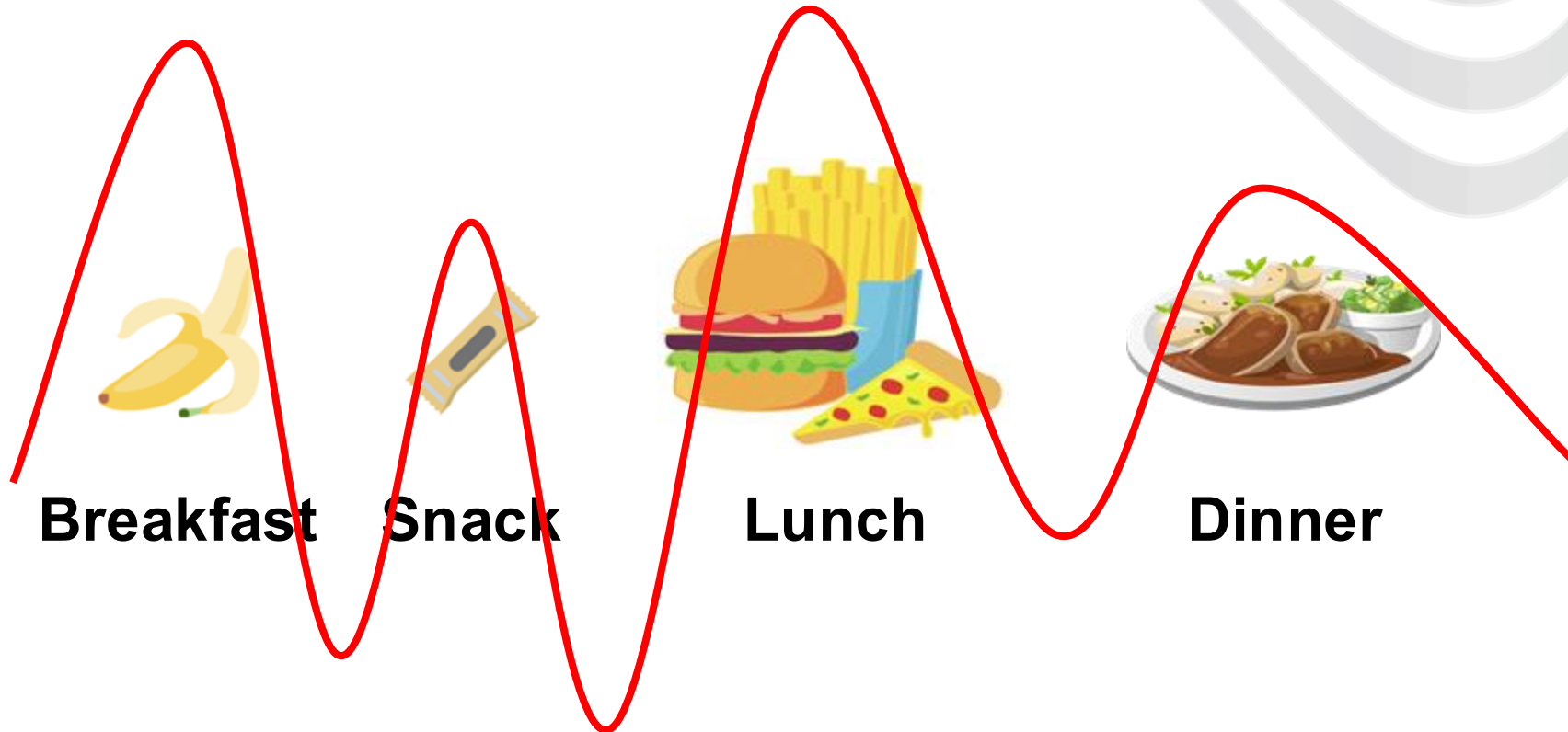
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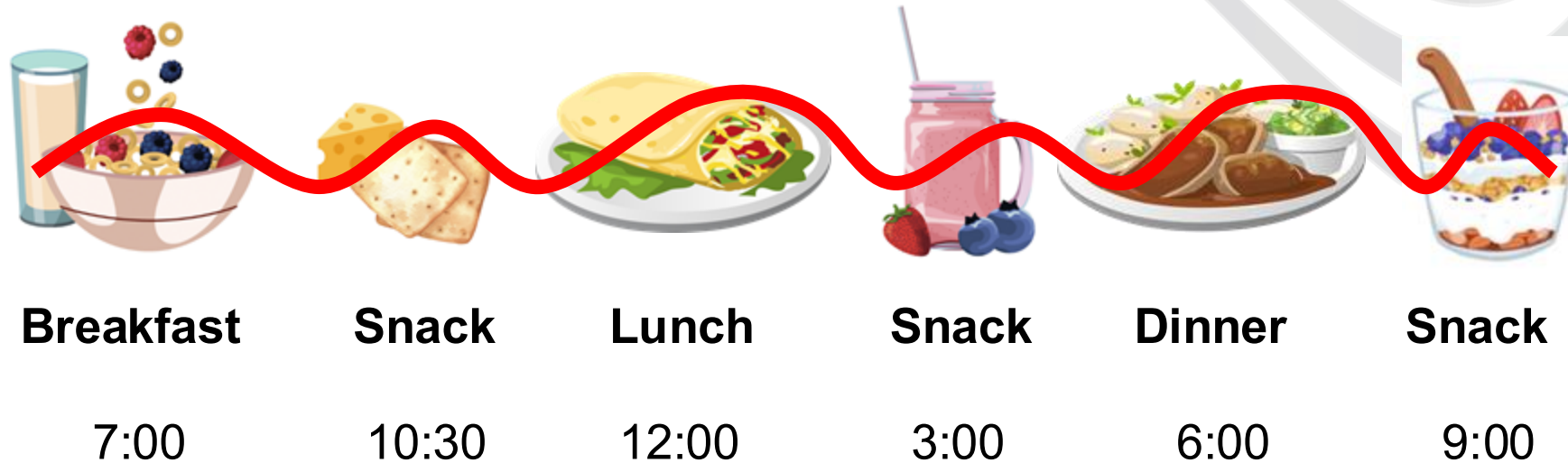
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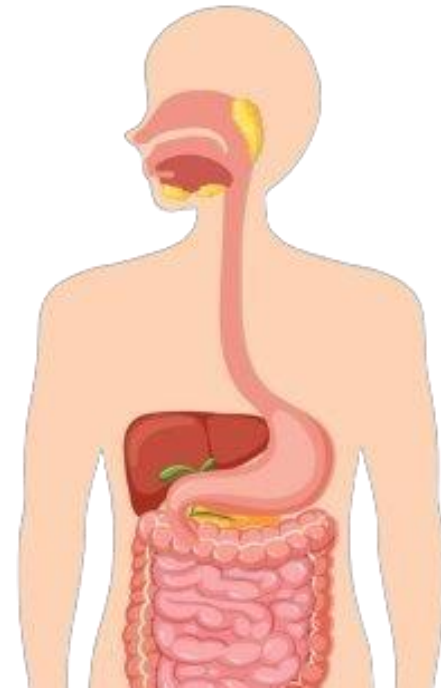
Eat at least **every 2-4 hours** to maintain energy levels and blood sugar balance

Fueling **Before** Training

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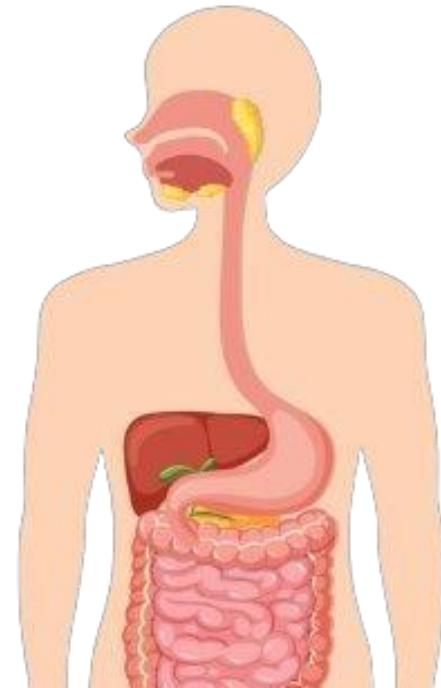
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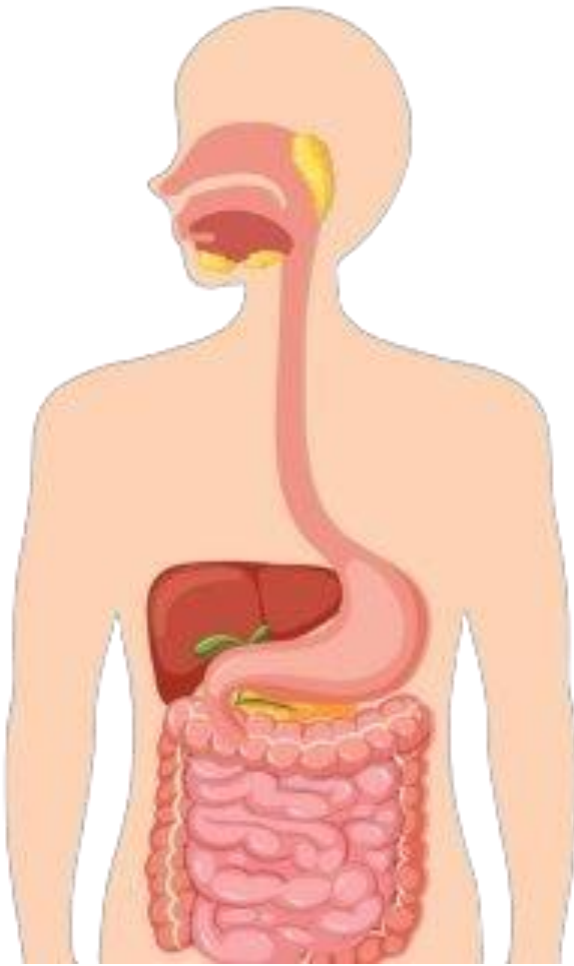
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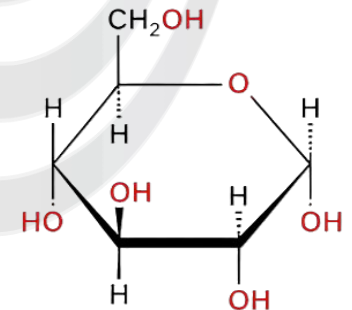
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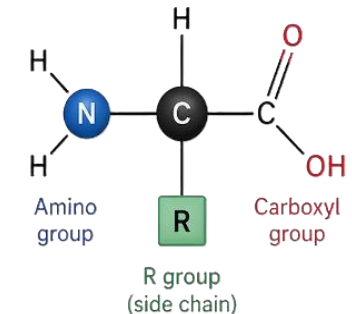
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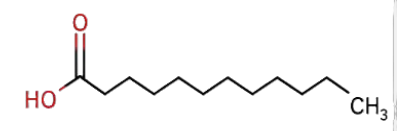
Carbohydrate: < 2 hrs



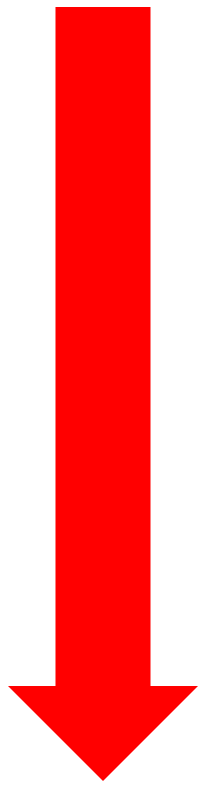
Protein: 2-4 hrs



Fat: >4 hrs



PRE-WORKOUT: 3-2-1- MODEL



Hours Before

3

CARBS + PROTEIN + FAT

2

CARBS + PROTEIN

1

CARBS



PRE-WORKOUT: 3-2-1- MODEL

3 HOURS BEFORE

Pasta & Sauce
Stir-Fry with Rice
Turkey Sandwich
Chicken Caesar Salad
Oatmeal + Fruit
Burrito Bowl
Chicken + Potatoes

2 HOURS BEFORE

Smoothie
Yogurt + Granola
Cereal & Milk
Egg & Toast
Cheese & Crackers
Trail Mix + Fruit
PB + Rice Cakes

1 HOUR BEFORE

Fruit (Fresh, Dried)
Juice
Crackers
Granola Bar
Applesauce Pouch
Rice Krispie Square
Fruit Gummies
Sports Drink

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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1. True
2. False



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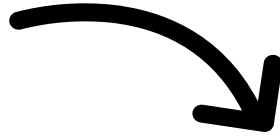
1. True
2. **False**



HYDRATION & PERFORMANCE

2%

The level of
dehydration
which impacts
performance



Performance can
decrease by up to
10% at this level!

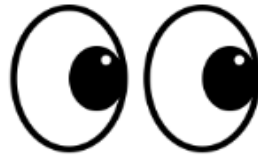
3%

The level of
dehydration that
causes you to
sense thirst

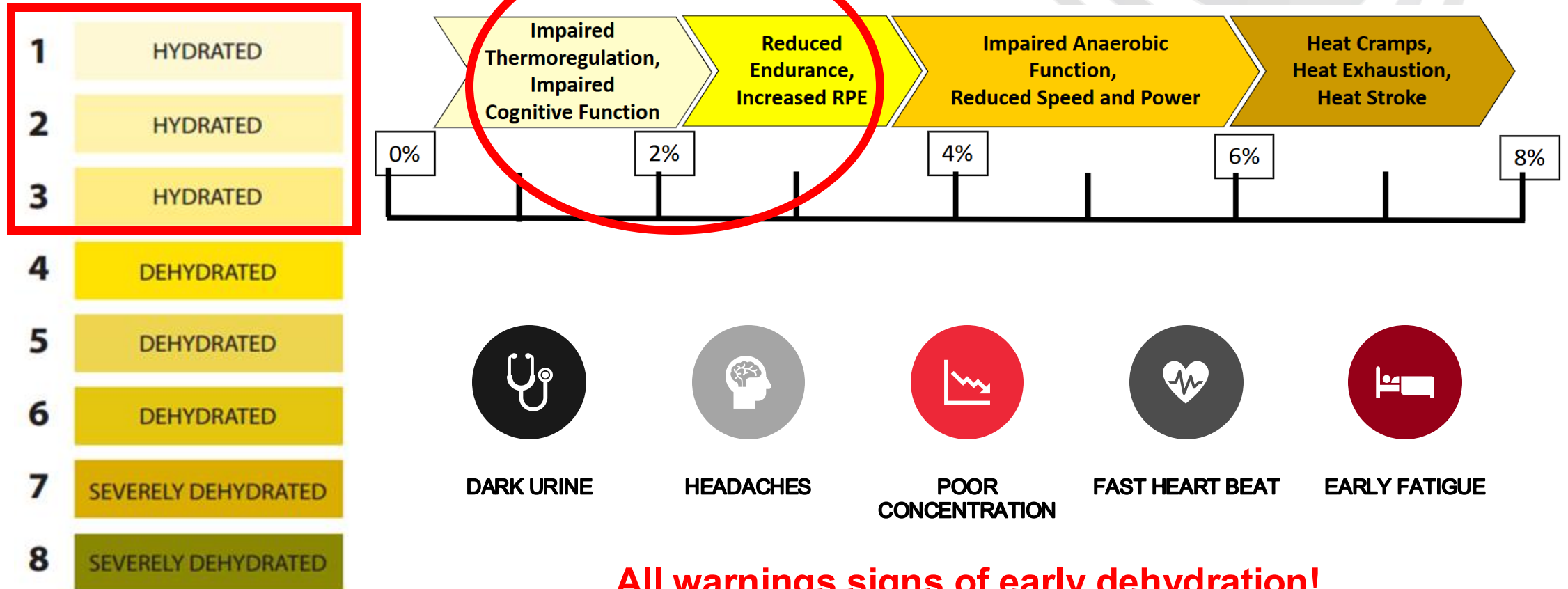
HYDRATION & PERFORMANCE

TIPS:

- Take small, frequent sips – don't chug if you forget!
- Water bottle always in sight
- Drink continuously during workouts – every 15 mins



HYDRATION & PERFORMANCE



All warnings signs of early dehydration!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Which is the best example of something you could have
2 hours before exercise?

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Fueling **During** Training

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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- A. True
- B. False



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CARBS = YOUR MAIN HIGH-INTENSITY FUEL

CARBS POWER YOUR TRAINING, HELP YOU PERFORM LONGER AND RECOVER BETTER!

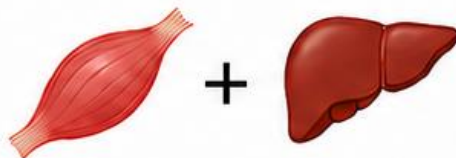
1 EAT CARBS BEFORE TRAINING

Fills your fuel tank.



2 YOUR BODY STORES CARBS IN YOUR MUSCLES + LIVER

This stored fuel is called glycogen.



3 DURING TRAINING, YOU USE THAT STORED FUEL

The longer/harder you train, the more you use.



4 AFTER ABOUT 60-90+ MIN OF HARD TRAINING...

Your fuel tank may start getting low.

→ Energy, focus and quality of training can drop.



FULL

Eat carbs



3/4 FULL

Start training



1/2 FULL

Keep going



LOW

Top up your fuel!

LONG SESSION?
TOP UP YOUR FUEL!



SPORTS DRINK



FRUIT



GRANOLA BAR



CRACKERS



APPLESAUCE



OTHER EASY CARBS
(TAILORED TO YOU!)

DURING TRAINING...

- If your practice is LESS than 1 hour:
 - Water is usually enough.
- If your practice is MORE than 1 hour:
 - Add **easy-to-digest carbs** to keep your energy up
 - Tip: Choose a sports drink if you don't have time to chew a snack.
 - Especially in hot/humid environments or with more intense practices!

DURING EXERCISE...

- For exercise 1.0-2.5 hrs:
 - 30-60 g of carbs per hour of exercise
- Examples of 30g of carbs:
 - 500mL sport drink
 - 1 banana
 - 1 cup of pretzels
 - 1 granola bar
 - 2 Go-Go Squeez packs
 - 2-3 Welch's Fruit Snacks



Fueling **After** Training

THE 3 R'S OF RECOVERY:

Refuel

Carbohydrate

Rebuild

Protein

Rehydrate

Fluid

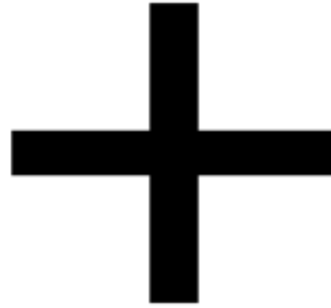
Eat within 60 minutes of exercise for the most benefit!

AFTER EXERCISE:

Carbohydrate



Quick
Energy



Protein

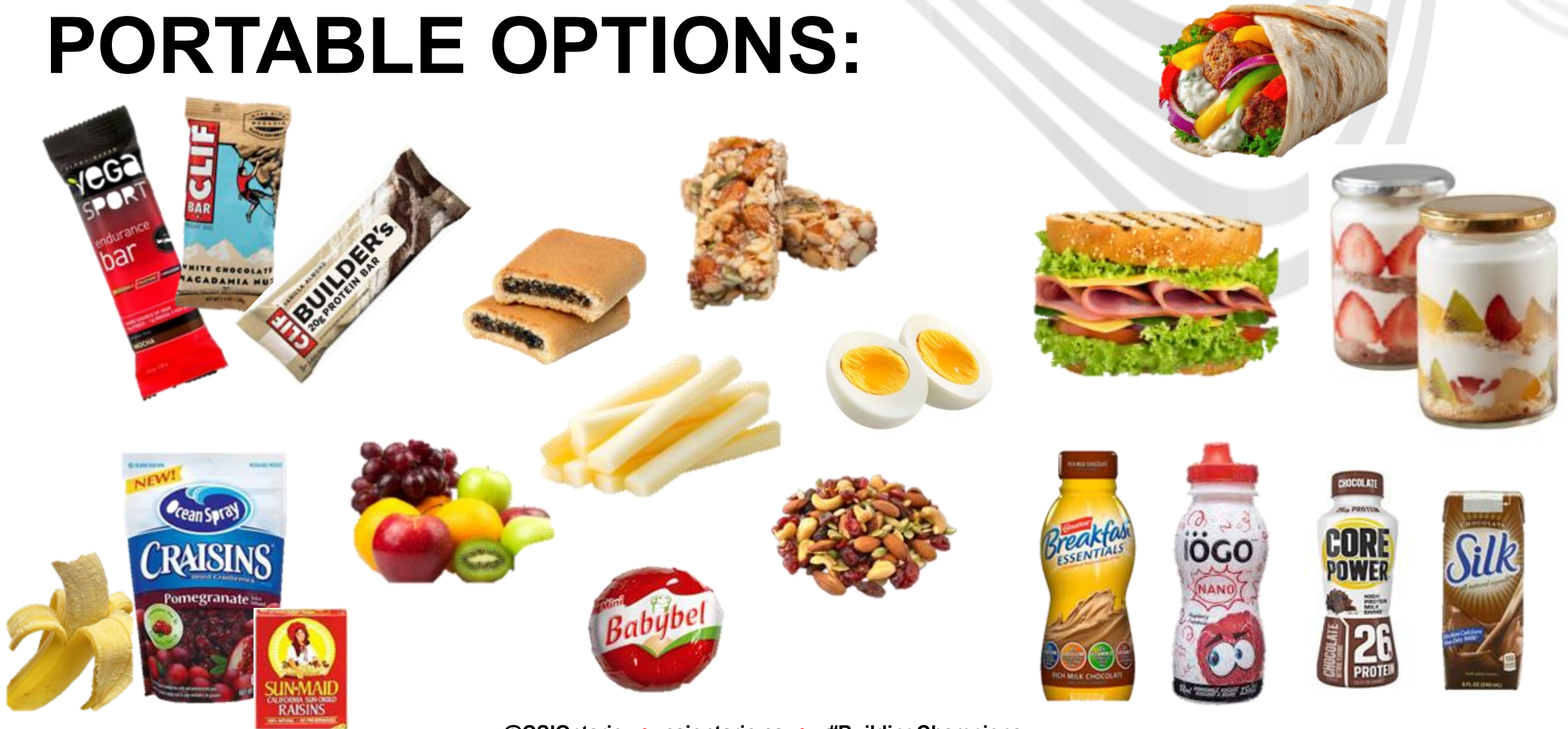


Slow
Energy

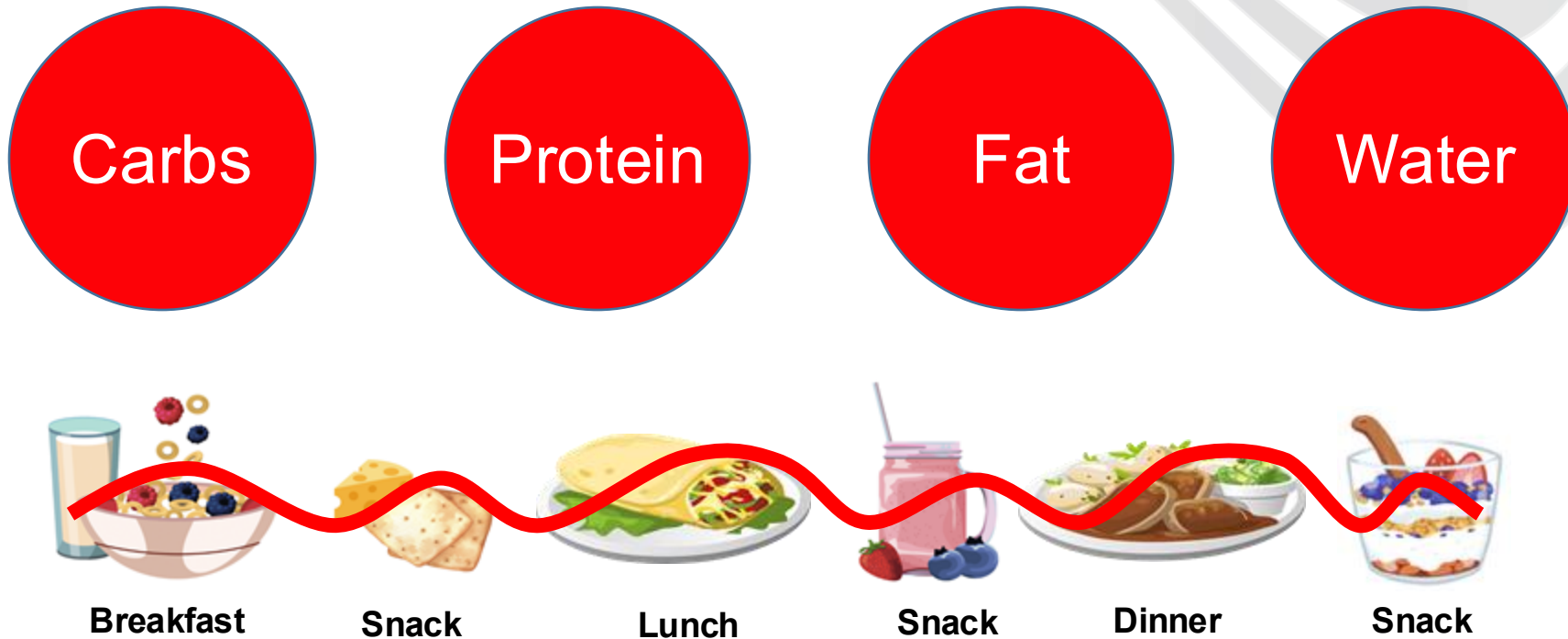
RECOVERY MEAL/SNACK IDEAS:

Recipe idea:	Carbs (60g+)	Protein (20-40g)
Bagel sandwich	Whole grain bagel	3-4 oz deli turkey OR tofu slices + cheese + shelf-stable milk box
Greek yogurt bowl	1 cup granola + berries or banana	1.5 cups Greek yogurt
Chicken & rice burrito	Large tortilla + $\frac{3}{4}$ cup rice	3-4 oz. chicken + cheese
Overnight oats	1 cup oats + fruit + honey	1 scoop protein powder + milk
Pasta salad	1.5 cups pasta + veggies	Chickpeas or chicken
Snack box	1-2 cups fruit + whole grain crackers	1 cup cottage cheese

PORTABLE OPTIONS:



SUMMARY: General



Eat every **2-4 hours** to maintain energy balance

SUMMARY: Athlete Plates

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Hard Training Day



FUELING AROUND TRAINING

Before: **3-2-1 Model**

During:
Quick Carbs

After: **The 3 R's**



3 R's OF RECOVERY

Refuel	Carbohydrate
Rebuild	Protein
Rehydrate	Fluid

Thank you!
Any questions?



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