

NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXERCISE IN THE HOT ENVIRONMENT

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Competition in the hot environment is not conducive for optimal sport performance as both dehydration and hyperthermia adversely affects physical performance. In addition, the ability to train in the hot environment is also impaired if the nutritional needs are inadequate.

Carbohydrate is the main fuel used by the muscle during hard training and competition and its requirement for exercise in the hot conditions is further increased due to the shift in substrate utilization towards carbohydrate oxidation. Daily food intake should focus on replacing glycogen stores after exercise. Competition diet strategies such as enhancing carbohydrate availability (carbohydrate loading) prior to endurance competition, pre-event carbohydrate intake, intake of sports drinks in events lasting longer than 45 minutes should be undertaken in hot conditions and practiced during training. Carbohydrate ingestion may not enhance performance for all events undertaken in hot environment, however, there is no disadvantage of consuming sports beverages containing the appropriate carbohydrates and electrolytes during competition and training.

During prolonged bout of exercise in the hot environment, an excess body fluid through sweat can be lost. Fluid intake strategies should be undertaken and should be of a paramount concern to the athlete if the athlete has to perform more than one training or competition sessions in a single day. Fluid strategies which include hydration well prior to the exercise bout, drink as much as is comfortable and practical during the exercise session and rehydrate aggressively afterwards in preparation for the subsequent exercise bouts are needed to ensure an adequate water intake to prevent chronic dehydration during competition in hot conditions as the body does not adapt to dehydration. Rapid recovery of fluid losses after an exercise bout is assisted by the replacement of some of the electrolytes losses.

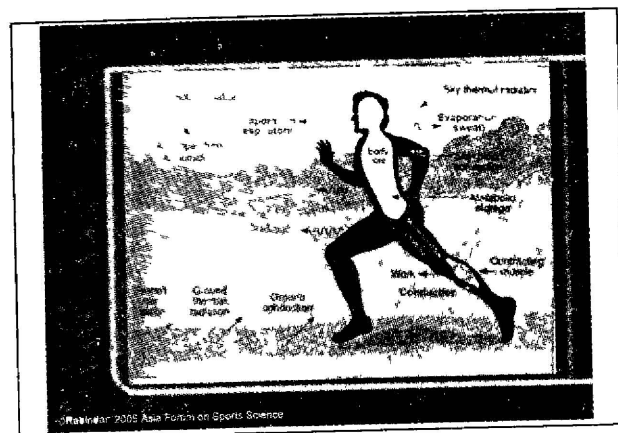
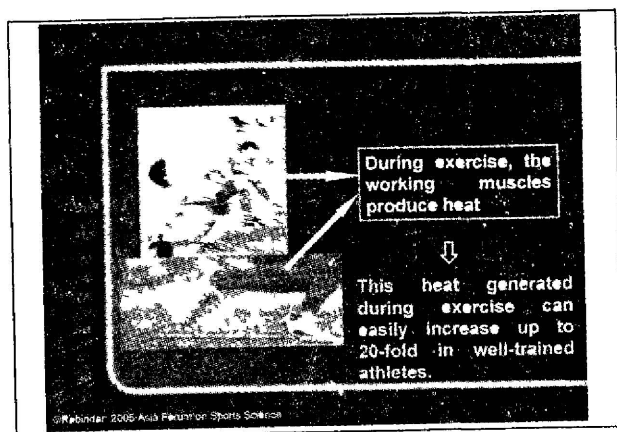
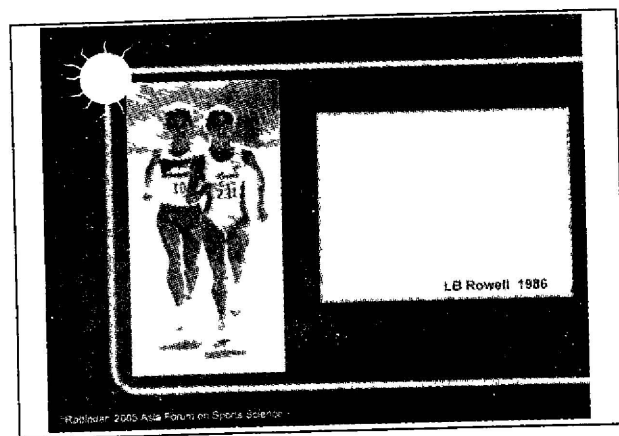
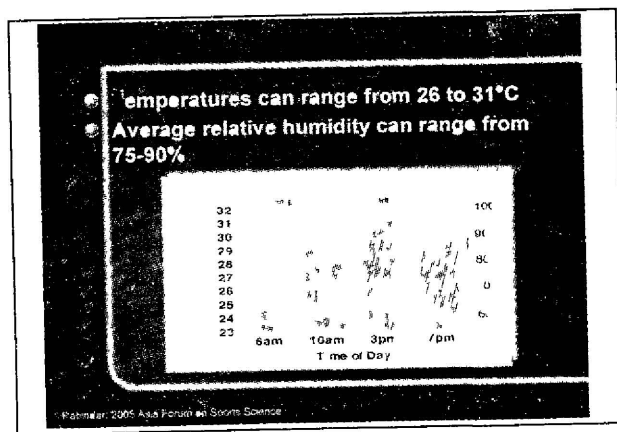
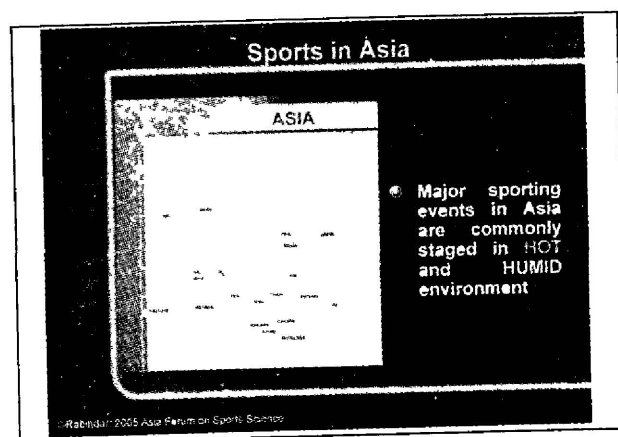
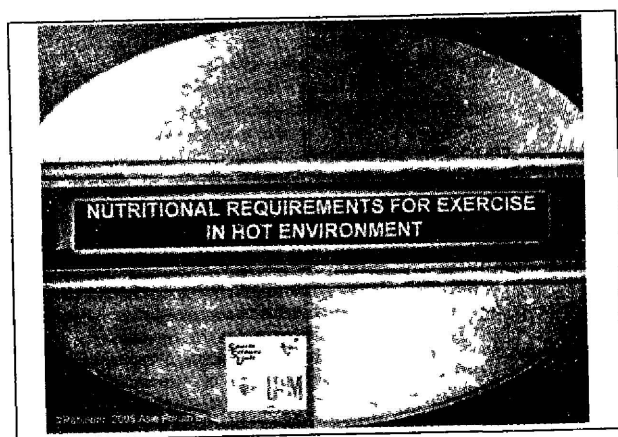
There is also no good evidence to suggest that specific supplementation is necessary or will improve performance in sport activities undertaken in hot environment.

In conclusion, the primary aim of athletes training in the hot environment must ingest a source of energy, usually carbohydrate and fluids for replacement of water lost as sweat.

在热环境下运动的营养需要

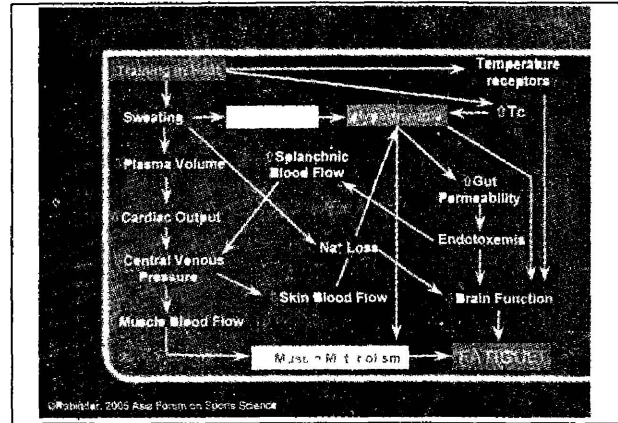
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What Limits Competition and Training in the Heat?

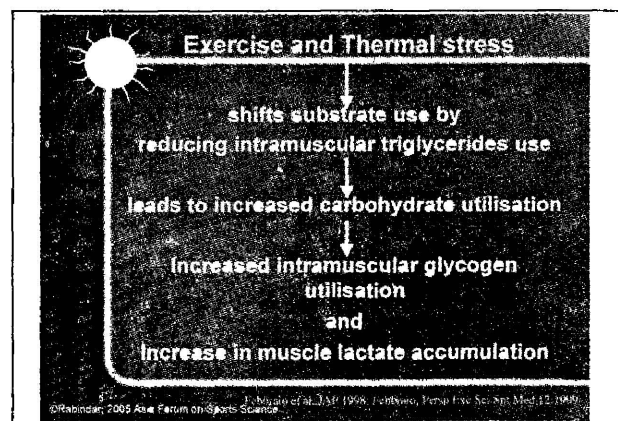
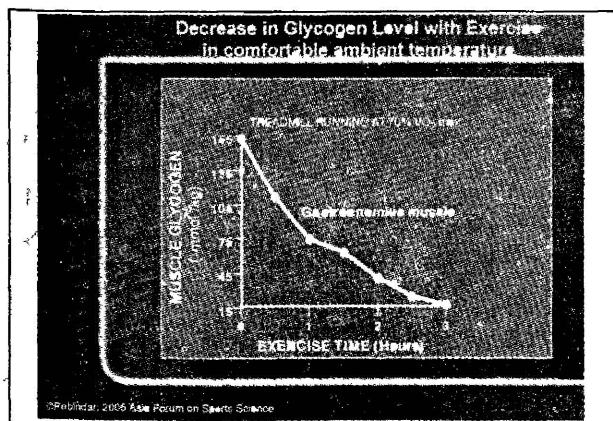
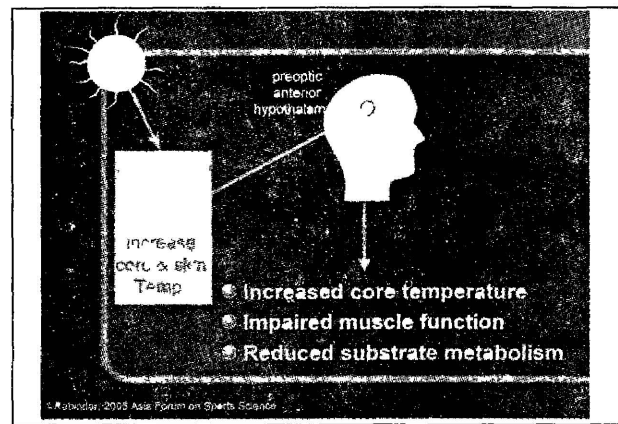
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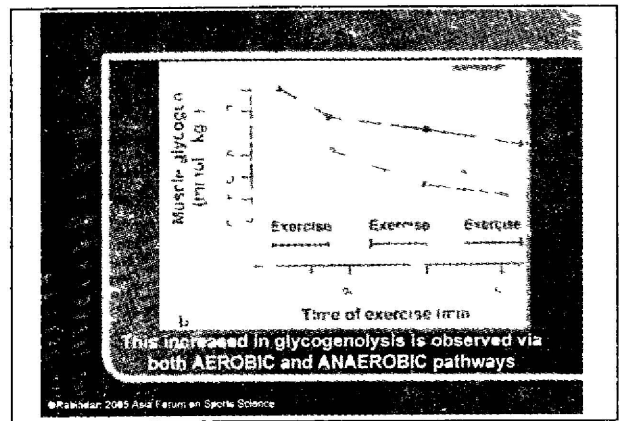
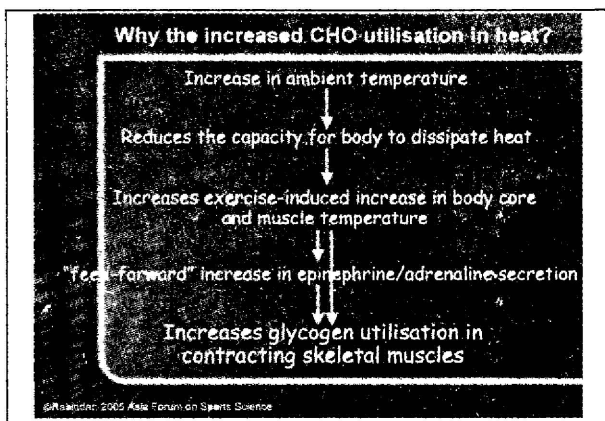
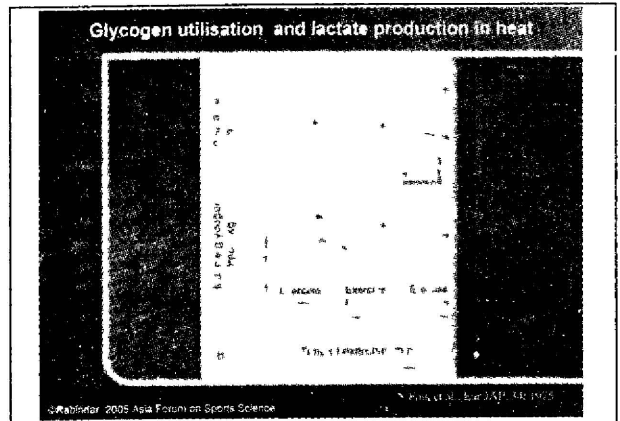
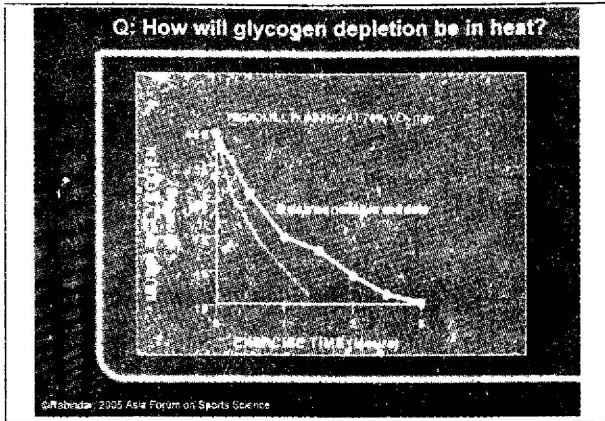


This Athlete's Peril

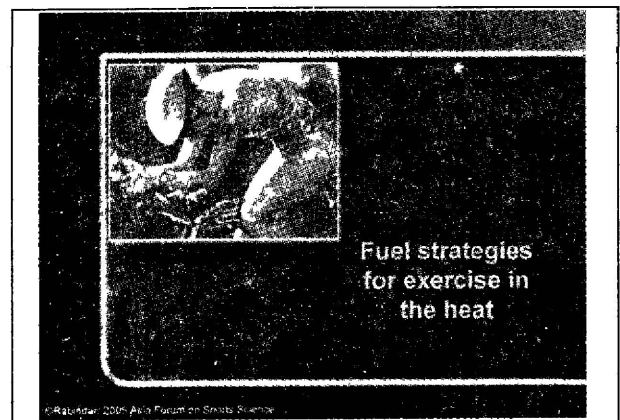
- Increased core temperature
- Reduced substrate metabolism
- Impaired muscle function
- Dehydration
- Heat stress

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- In comfortable ambient temperature muscle glycogen becomes depleted after:
- 2-3h of continuous exercise performed at intensities of 60-80% VO_{2max}
 - 15-30 min of exercise performed at 90-130% VO_{2max} in 'intervals' of 1-5 min exercise bouts followed by rest periods.
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Fuel strategies in the heat

- Increase carbohydrate availability for exercise by:
 - consuming carbohydrate before prolonged exercise
 - consuming carbohydrate during prolonged exercise
 - consuming carbohydrate in the recovery period between prolonged bouts

Will enhance or maintain carbohydrate status
↓
Delay the onset of fatigue & enhance exercise capacity

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Carbohydrate Recommendation

- Athletes who train intensively for 60-90 min, expend as much as 1000-1400 calories. To replace their muscle glycogen, they must:
 - increase carbohydrate intake by 500 gm
- OR
- consume 7-10 gm of carbohydrate per kg body weight per day between workouts

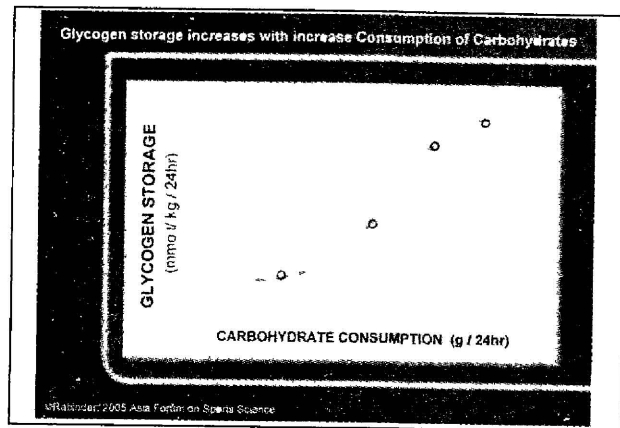
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CARBOHYDRATES

Bread
Pizza

SIMPLE CARBOHYDRATE

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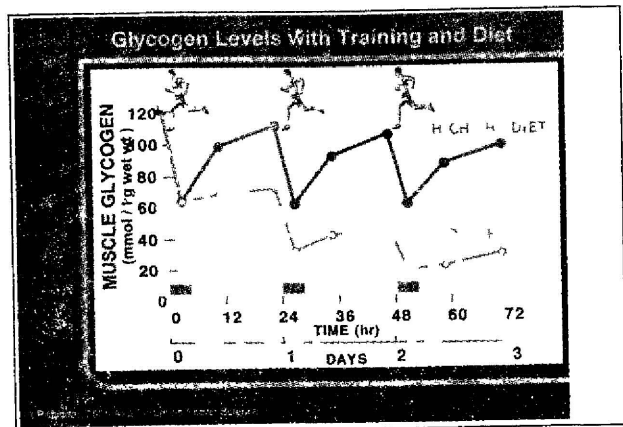
Pre-competition strategies

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Pre-competition strategies

- For sports activities of less than 60 min duration, muscle glycogen stores that have been normalised to the resting levels can be considered adequate.
- In absence of muscle damage, muscle glycogen levels can be restored by 24 h of high intake, 7-10 g/kg BM per day
- This "fuelling up" for most sporting events simply consists of high carbohydrate eating.

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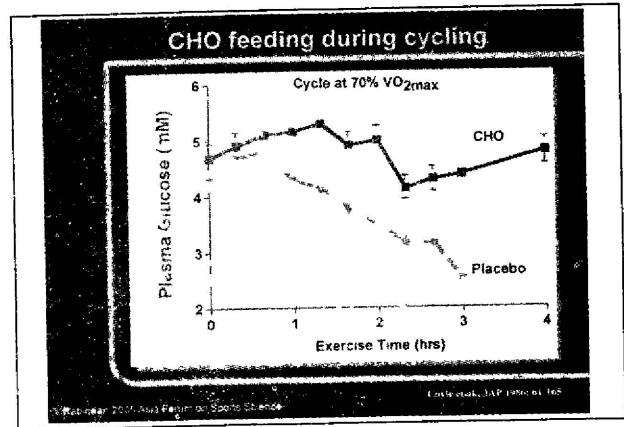
Carbohydrate intake during Competition

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Carbohydrate intake during Competition

- There is strong evidence that intake of CHO during prolonged, moderate-intensity exercise can improve work capacity and performance (Magraves, 1991).
- In general a CHO intake of 30-60 g/h is recommended, although higher intake (1 g/hr) may be needed to support oxidation rates.

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Effects of Carbohydrate intake during Cycling on Endurance

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Post-exercise restoration of muscle glycogen

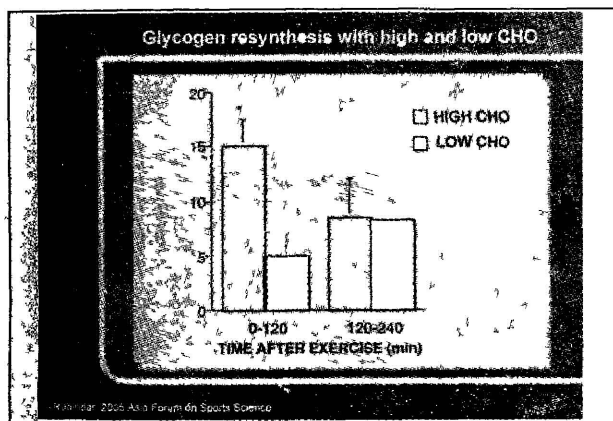
- Resynthesis of depleted glycogen stores is a key issue in post-exercise recovery and is a challenge for athletes who train or compete more than once a day.
- Moderate and high GI CHO-rich foods and drinks are more favourable for glycogen storage
(Burke et al., 1992)

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Recommendation for eating after competition

- Carbohydrate consumption after training ensures repletion of muscle glycogen.
- Research shows that muscle will replete glycogen stores to a higher level when up to 600g of easily digestible carbohydrate is consumed within the first two hours after training.
- The main reason for promoting CHO-rich meals or snacks soon after exercise is that effective refuelling does not start until ~1g/kg BM CHO is consumed.

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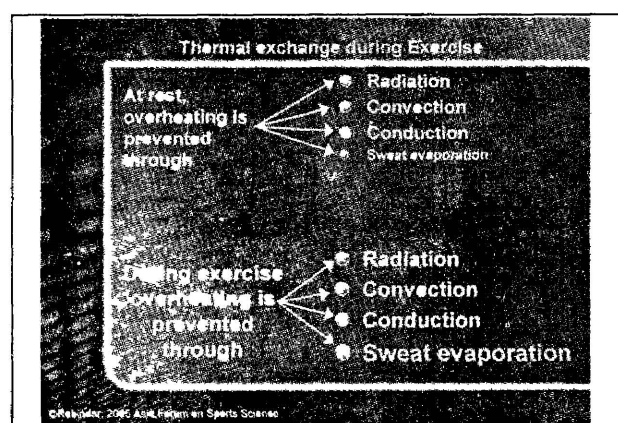
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Fluid Strategies for Exercise in the heat

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Sweat Rates

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Large sweat rates (300 to >3000 ml/hr) leads to progressive DEHYDRATION

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Avoid Dehydration!

Dehydration is the most-preventable cause of premature fatigue during exercise

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Heat exposure and Dehydration can impair Performance and their negative effects are additive

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What are the Fluid Strategies

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Optimise Fluid Ingestion

- Before
- During
- After

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Fluid Ingestion Before Exercise

Goal:
To attain optimum hydration prior to any physical activity




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Fluid Ingestion Before Exercise

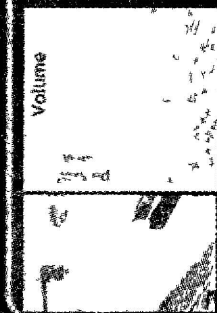
- "It is recommended that individuals drink about 500 ml of fluid about 2 h before exercise to promote adequate hydration and allow time for excretion of excess ingested water."
- Optimal delivery of fluid from stomach is achieved by 'priming' the stomach with a comfortable volume just prior to the exercise bout
- In practical terms, each athlete should experiment to determine the appropriate timing and volume of pre-exercise fluid intake.

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How do I know if I'm fully hydrated?



- If your urine volume is low and is coloured throughout most of the day, then you are not drinking enough.

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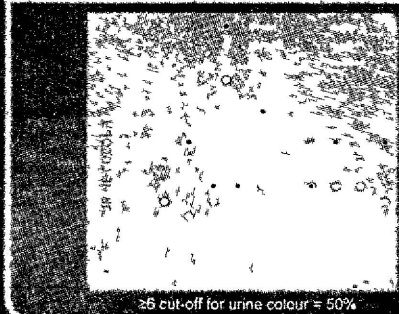
Urine colour scale



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10


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Le Tour de Langkawi study



• 56 cut-off for urine colour = 50%

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Hydration during Exercise

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Fluid Ingestion During Exercise

Goal:
To maintain full hydration during physical activity especially in heat.




Fluid intake can attenuate or prevent many metabolic, thermoregulatory and performance perturbations that occur during exercise in the heat by reducing the degree of hypohydration.

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Fluid Ingestion During Exercise

- Optimum hydration can be facilitated by drinking 150-350 mL of fluid at 15-20-min intervals, beginning at the start of exercise.
- Beverages containing 4-8% carbohydrate are recommended for intense exercise events in the heat.




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Dehydration

Q: How much dehydration can be tolerated without impairing performance?

NONE!




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DEHYDRATION!

Can DEHYDRATION HURT your performance?

If you lose 2% of your body water, your performance will drop by 20%.

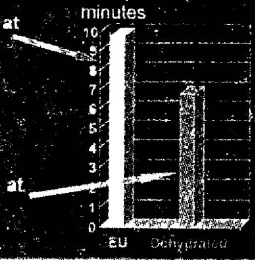
If you lose 4%, your performance drops by 30% and your health is at risk.



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Effect of dehydration on performance

- 1h @ 70% VO₂max
- Cycle to exhaustion at 90% VO₂max
- 1h @ 70% VO₂max
- 1.5% dehydration
- Cycle to exhaustion at 50% VO₂max



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Fluid Ingestion During Exercise



- “..... the optimal rate of fluid ingestion to attenuate hyperthermia and cardiovascular drift is the rate that most closely matches fluid loss through sweating”
- “During exercise, athletes should start drinking early and at regular intervals in an attempt to consume fluids at a rate sufficient to replace all the water lost through sweating”

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Post-exercise rehydration



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Fluid Ingestion After Exercise

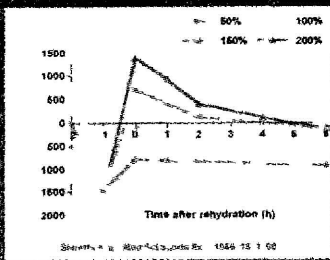
Goal:
To rapidly restore full hydration following physical activity/training.



However, under conditions of environmental heat, thirst may not be sufficient stimulus for maintaining euhydration and there may be a considerable lag of 4-24 h before body fluid levels are restored.

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Fluid Ingestion After Exercise: How much to drink?



Drink volume equal to 150% or greater of the sweat loss.

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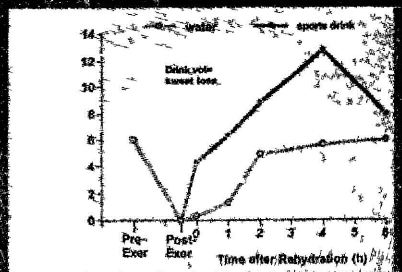
Fluid Ingestion After Exercise: What to drink?

Sports drinks

- Sports drinks are beverages that contain
 - 6-8 % carbohydrate (14-19g/240ml)
 - 20-25 mmol of sodium (110mg/240ml)
 - 30mg/240ml of potassium
- Sports drinks are formulated with the right balance of carbohydrate and sodium for optimal hydration and taste.

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Fluid Ingestion After Exercise: Sports Drink



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Fluid Ingestion After Exercise: What to drink?

How about fresh young coconut water?

Time (min)	Coconut Water (%)	CEJ (%)	Water (%)
Pre-Ex	0	0	0
0	-2	-4	-6
30	-1	-3	-5
60	0	-2	-4
90	1	-1	-3
120	2	0	-2

The natural young coconut water was:

- sweeter,
- caused less nausea and fullness
- caused no stomach upset

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**Avoid Drinking
Coke & Pepsi
Drink Tender
Coconut Water**

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Optimal Rehydration

- Drink volume greater than volume of sweat loss
- Drink palatability
 - Drink drinks which are tasty but not beer/juices
- Do not drink plain water as it is not the most effective rehydration drink
 - Add salt which will help retain the ingested fluid within the body and help maintain thirst to stimulate drinking
 - Add carbohydrate for replenishment of lost energy sources

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Rehydration

Even when fluids are available, athletes typically replace only about 50% of sweat loss.

- Spitting out fluids doesn't hydrate the body
- nor does pouring water on the head or face!

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In Summary ...

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SUMMARY

There are few things in life that are easily attainable, inexpensive and very good for you.

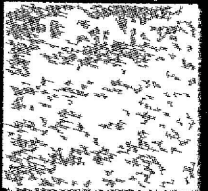
Through careful training methods with sound sport nutrition practices

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SUMMARY


DRINK
on a schedule.
not just
when thirsty

When you feel thirsty
you've already lost
important fluids
and electrolytes



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Drinks should be easily available



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Thank You

Life
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Eat Well
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it Up



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