

Your Nutrition Action Plan for Greater Endurance Sports Performance

Ashton Eaton, Decathlete

Diet Type: Avoids sugar and high in protein

Breakfast

- Eggs
- Wheat toast
- Sausage
- Avocado
- Bananas

Lunch

- Carrots
- Hummus
- Crackers
- Cheese
- Salami

Dinner

- Buffalo chicken casserole
- Spaghetti squash

Snacks

- Nuts
- Protein bars



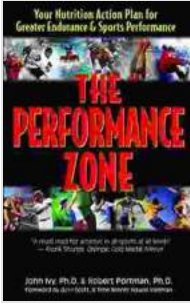
The infographic features a list of food items for each meal, accompanied by small images of those items. On the right side, there is a full-body photograph of Ashton Eaton in a red athletic singlet and shorts, running. The background of the infographic is white with horizontal lines separating the meal categories. There are faint watermarks of 'history.nicksuor.com' across the image.

If you're an endurance athlete, you know that nutrition is key to your performance. Eating the right foods can help you fuel your workouts, recover faster, and perform at your best. But with so much information out there about nutrition, it can be hard to know where to start.

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That's why we've put together this comprehensive guide to nutrition for endurance sports. In this article, we'll cover everything you need to know about eating for performance, from macronutrients to hydration to supplements.

Macronutrients

Macronutrients are the three main types of nutrients that your body needs in large amounts: carbohydrates, protein, and fat. Each macronutrient plays a specific role in fueling your body and supporting your performance.

- **Carbohydrates** are your body's primary source of energy. When you eat carbohydrates, your body breaks them down into glucose, which is then used to fuel your muscles.
- **Protein** is essential for building and repairing muscle tissue. It also helps to produce enzymes and hormones, and it supports your immune system.
- **Fat** is a source of energy and it also helps to protect your organs and insulate your body.

The ideal ratio of carbohydrates, protein, and fat in your diet will vary depending on your individual needs and goals. However, a good starting point is to aim for a ratio of 60% carbohydrates, 20% protein, and 20% fat.

Hydration

Hydration is essential for endurance athletes. When you sweat, you lose water and electrolytes, which can lead to dehydration. Dehydration can impair your performance and increase your risk of injury.

To stay hydrated, you should drink plenty of fluids before, during, and after your workouts. The best fluids to drink are water, sports drinks, and electrolyte-rich beverages.

Here are some tips for staying hydrated:

- Drink plenty of fluids before your workout, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Sip on fluids throughout your workout, especially if it is long or intense.
- Drink more fluids after your workout to replace the fluids you lost through sweat.

Supplements

Supplements can be a helpful way to improve your endurance performance. However, it is important to talk to your doctor before taking any supplements, as some supplements can have side effects.

Some of the most popular supplements for endurance athletes include:

- **Creatine** is a natural substance that helps to increase muscle strength and power.
- **Beta-alanine** is a amino acid that helps to reduce muscle fatigue.
- **Caffeine** is a stimulant that can help to improve alertness and focus.

Sample Meal Plan

Here is a sample meal plan for an endurance athlete:

Breakfast

- Oatmeal with fruit and nuts
- Yogurt with granola and berries
- Whole-wheat toast with peanut butter and banana

Lunch

- Sandwich on whole-wheat bread with lean protein, vegetables, and cheese
- Salad with grilled chicken or fish, vegetables, and beans
- Soup and crackers

Dinner

- Grilled salmon with roasted vegetables and brown rice
- Chicken stir-fry with whole-wheat noodles
- Lentil soup with whole-wheat bread

Snacks

- Fruit
- Yogurt
- Trail mix

By following the tips in this guide, you can create a nutrition action plan that will help you perform at your best. Remember, the key to success is to find a plan that works for you and stick to it. With the right nutrition, you can achieve your endurance goals and reach your full potential.

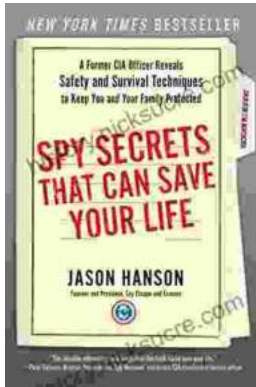


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