Youth Hockey Nutrition - Supplemental Handout

Example Pre-Game Meals

2-3 hours before exercising (about 50-60g of carbohydrates)

- 2 pc whole grain bread with 2 slices cheese (or nut/seed butter 1-2 Tbsp) + 1 medium banana
- 1 large baked potato with shredded cheese or shredded meat
- 1 whole grain bagel with 1-2 Tbsp nut/seed butter

4 hours before exercising (about 75-100g carbohydrates)

- Spaghetti with tomato meat sauce (2-3 cups)
- Rice (\(^3\)4 cup cooked) or noodles (1 cup cooked) with grilled chicken and grapes (1 cup)
- Turkey sandwich: 2 pc whole wheat bread with 2 slices turkey, low fat mayo and 1 fig bar
- 10-12 pc meat/poultry/seafood dumplings and 1 medium to large orange

Example Pre-Game Snacks

30-60 minutes before exercising (about 20-30 g carbohydrates)

- ½ to 1 medium banana with 1 Tbsp nut/seed butter
- 1 pc whole grain toast with 1 Tbsp nut/seed butter
- 1-2 miniature box(es) raisins/cranberries and small handful of nuts
- 250 500 mL smoothie made with yogurt and fruit
- Kid's yogurt drink and ½ cup applesauce
- Fruit (e.g. 3/4 cup grapes) and cheese (3 cubes or 1 mini BabyBel)
- ¾ cup whole grain cold cereal and ½ cup 2% milk

Example Post-Exercise Snacks

Within an hour of exercise (about 20-30g carbohydrates and at least 5g protein)

- 250 ml chocolate milk
- 10 whole grain crackers + hummus
- 1-2 pc whole grain toast + 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- Fruit (e.g. ³/₄ cup grapes) + cheese (3-4 cubes or 1-2 mini BabyBels)
- 'Ants on a log' celery sticks filled with peanut butter and dried fruit placed on top

Hydration Tips

- Kids 12+ years or older need 1.5 3 L fluid per day
- Water is the best source of hydration
- Hydrate every 15-30 minutes during your games and practices
- Stick to sipping vs big gulps
- Avoid beverages with sugar substitutes as they can cause gut discomfort
- If opting for fluids other than water, choose beverages with less than 10% carbohydrate concentration. To calculate the carbohydrate concentration: 1. Divide grams of carbohydrates by volume of fluid (mL), then multiply this number by 100 to find the percentage of carbohydrates in the beverage. See example below

