ATHLETE’S PLATE

HARD TRAINING / RACE DAY:

Grains
- Pasta
- Rice
- Potatoes
- Cereals
- Breads

Lean Protein
- Poultry
- Beef/Game/Lamb
- Fish
- Eggs
- Low-Fat Dairy
- Soy (e.g., Tofu, Tempeh)
- Legumes/Nuts

Vegetables
- Cooked Veggies
- Veggie Soups
- Raw Veggies

FATS
- 2 Tablespoons
- Avocado
- Oils
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Cheese
- Butter

Fresh Fruit
- Stewed Fruit
- Dried Fruit

Dairy/Nondairy Beverages
- Diluted Juice
- Flavored Beverages

Water

FLAVORS
- Salt/Pepper
- Herbs
- Spices
- Vinegar
- Salsa
- Mustard
- Ketchup

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Training volume and intensity vary from day to day and week to week along your training/competition plan. Eating your meals and fueling your workout or race should also be cycled according to how hard or easy it is. Consult with your sport dietitian to put the Athlete’s Plate into practice!

The Athlete’s Plates are tools for you to better adjust your eating to the physical demands of your sport!

**EASY** An easy day may contain just an easy workout or tapering without the need to load up for competition with energy and nutrients. Easy day meals may also apply to athletes trying to lose weight and athletes in sports requiring less energy (calories) due to the nature of their sport.

**MODERATE** A moderate day may be one where you train twice but focus on technical skill in one workout and on endurance in the other. The moderate day should be your baseline from where you adjust your plate down (easy) or up (hard/race).

**HARD** A hard day contains at least 2 workouts that are relatively hard or competition. If your competition requires extra fuel from carbohydrates, use this plate to load up in the days before, throughout, and after the event day.

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**EASY TRAINING / WEIGHT MANAGEMENT:**
- **FATS:** 1 Teaspoon
- **Whole Grains:** Avocado, Oils, Nuts, Seeds
- **Lean Protein:** Cheese Butter, Fresh Fruit
- **Veggies & Flavors:** Salt/Pepper, Herbs, Spices, Salsa, Ketchup

**MODERATE TRAINING:**
- **FATS:** 1 Tablespoon
- **Whole Grains:** Avocado, Oils, Nuts, Seeds
- **Lean Protein:** Cheese Butter, Fresh Fruit
- **Veggies & Flavors:** Salt/Pepper, Herbs, Spices, Salsa, Ketchup

**HARD TRAINING / RACE DAY:**
- **FATS:** 2 Tablespoons
- **Whole Grains:** Avocado, Oils, Nuts, Seeds
- **Lean Protein:** Cheese Butter, Fresh Fruit
- **Veggies & Flavors:** Salt/Pepper, Herbs, Spices, Salsa, Ketchup

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