Nutrition in Action, PLLC Hydration Guidelines

Before Practice

During Practice

After Practice

How to determine general hydration needs:

- Body weight divided by 2 = ounces of fluid needed per day
- Athletes need an **ADDITIONAL** 8 oz of fluid for every 15 minutes of exercise. Check sweat rate to be sure.

Example: A 130 lb athlete would need 65 ounces of fluid per day (130lbs/2). **If this athlete was participating in one training session(1 hour), she would need 97 ounces/day (65 + 32).

Weigh yourself before practice so you can determine your fluid needs post-practice.

Pre-practice guidelines:

- Drink 16-20 ounces (2-2.5 cups) of water or sports beverage at least four hours before exercise.
- In addition, drink 8-12 ounces (1-1.5 cups) of water 10-15 minutes before exercise

Consumption of beverages containing electrolytes and carbohydrates during prolonged exercise can help maintain fluid balance, regulate electrolytes, and sustain exercise performance

Practice Guidelines: Athletes should consume ~ 1 liter of fluid per hour of exercise! Or check sweat rate, to get the most accurate amount.

****See other side for specific guidelines****

Weigh yourself after practice to determine your post-workout fluid needs.

Consume 2 cups of water or electrolyte drink for every pound of body weight lost during exercise.

Eat salty foods (such as nuts, popcorn, pickles, pretzels, beef jerky) between workouts and games, and during travel to aid in fluid retention and hydration.

Pounds Lost	Fluid Lost	Sodium Lost	Fluid Replacement
1	16 ounces	500 mg	2-3 cups
2	32 ounces	1000 mg	4-5 cups
3	48 ounces	1500 mg	6-7 cups
4	64 ounces	2000 mg	8-9 cups
5	80 ounces	2500 mg	10-11 cups

**If you have lost more than 3 pounds, please see athletic trainer.

Food/Beverage	Sodium Content	
Gatorade (20 ounces)	275 mg	
The Right Stuff*	1,780 mg	
G2 (20 ounces)	270 mg	
Gatorlyte	770 mg	
Gatorade Endurance	800 mg	
Pretzels (1 bag)	900 mg	
Beef Jerky (1 bag)	1920 mg	
Olives (5)	1050 mg	
Pickle (1)	400 mg	
Popcorn (1 ³ / ₄ cup)	290 mg	
Cashews (1/2 cup)	280 mg	
Sunflower Seeds (1/4 cup)	140 mg	

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