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| THE MEAL PRIOR TO A RUN | | | |
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| WHEN | WHAT | EXAMPLE | |
| Consider the timing of intake. This will depend on your available time, e.g. eat 2-4 hours, or 1-2 hours or within 1 hour of your run | | | |
| 2 – 4 hours before a run | 1 – 2 g/kg CARBOHYDRATES • 46 – 55 kg – 50 – 100 g carbs • 56 – 65 kg – 60 – 120 g carbs • 66 – 75 kg – 70 – 140 g carbs • 76 – 85 kg – 80 – 160 g carbs • 86 – 95 kg – 90 – 180 g carbs Keep FAT intake low Add PROTEIN source as preferred Ensure adequate FLUID intake | 60 g carbohydrate meals 1 cup Breakfast Cereal with 1 cup Milk and a Fruit 1 cup Oats with 1 tsp honey and a banana 1 cup Fruit Salad with 175 ml Fruit Flavoured Yoghurt 80 g carbohydrate meals Smoothie made with 50 g Future Life, 175 ml of yoghurt, 1 Banana and 1 Apple 1 cup Milo (1 cup milk and 2 Tbsp. Milo + 2 tsp Sugar) with 2 buttermilk rusks 3 Crumpets with 3 tsp Honey + Flavoured Milk 100 g carbohydrate meals 2 slices Toast with 2 tsp Jam, mozzarella cheese and a cup of Hot Chocolate 2 cereal bars + 1 banana + 500 ml sports drink | |
| Snack 1 – 2 hours before the run (if you do not have 3-4 hours) | If you are struggling to reach your intake goals 2 – 4 hours prior to the race 50 – 100 g CARBOHYDRATES | 50 g carbohydrate meals 500 ml Liquid meal supplement 1 small box of Milo drink with a Banana 1 cereal Bar + 1 Fruit + 1 small box Fruit Juice 1 cereal Bar + 3 Tbsp. of Raisins 1 small Muffin + 1 box Fruit Juice | |
| Less than 1 hour prior to a run | At least 50 g CARBOHYDRATE Keep FAT intake low Add PROTEIN source as preferred Ensure adequate FLUID intake | 50 g carbohydrate meals 700 ml Sports Drink 500 ml Sports Drink + 1 Carbohydrate Gel 700 ml Cordial (e.g. Oros) 1 small packet (60 – 70 g) Jelly Beans | |
| INTAKE DURING A RUN | | | |
| Every hour | 300 – 1 000 ml fluid according to individual need | Drink small amounts at regular intervals | |
| | 30–50 g carbohydrate | 30 g Carbohydrates 1 Energy Gel + 300 ml Energy Drink (e.g. Energade) 30 - 40 g Jelly Sweets 1 Energy Bar + 300 ml Energy Drink 500 ml Energy Drink | |

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| INTAKE AFTER A RUN | | | |
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| WHEN | WHAT | EXAMPLE | |
| Within ½ - 1 hour after a long training session / race | 0.8 – 1.0 g / kg body weight CARBOHYDRTES 10-20 g PROTEIN | 50 g carbohydrate meals 500 ml Liquid meal supplement 1 small box of Milo drink with a Banana 1 cereal Bar + 1 Fruit + 1 small box Fruit Juice 1 cereal Bar + 3 Tbsp. of Raisins 1 small Muffin + 1 box Fruit Juice 60 g carbohydrate meals 1 cup Breakfast Cereal with 1 cup Milk and a Fruit 500 ml Sports Drink + 1 Cereal Bar 3 Tbsp. Raisins + 1 small box Fruit Juice 1 Steri Stumpi (350 ml) + 1 Banana 1 small packet of Mini Cheddars (30 g) + 500 ml Sports Drink 80 g carbohydrate meals Smoothie made with 50 g Future Life, 175 ml of yoghurt, 1 Banana and 1 Apple 1 Steri Stumpi (350 ml) + 1 Boerewors Roll 4 Weet Bix + 1 cup of Milk and 3 tsp Sugar | |
| | Fluid intake = Weight Loss | If weight loss was 1 kg, take 1 – 1.5 liters of fluid within the hour after the run | |
| | Salt | Eat salty snacks, e.g. biltong after a runAdd salt to the first meal after the run | |



















