





OhioHealth Sports Medicine for Student Athletes

Healthy Eating

What to eat for a strong foundation

Grains	Vegetables	Fruits
+ Whole grain bread + Brown rice + Whole wheat pasta + Oatmeal + Barley + Popcorn + Whole wheat crackers + Pita bread + Cornmeal + Quinoa + Millet Portions: 1 mini bagel or slice of bread ½ cup rice, pasta, oatmeal = ½ baseball 1 cup cold cereal = baseball Pancake or waffle = CD Crackers = package serving size	 + Broccoli + Cauliflower + Squash + Potatoes/sweet potatoes + Greens – kale, spinach, Swiss Chard, collards + Tomatoes + Mushrooms + Green beans + Beets + Brussels sprouts + Cucumbers + Lettuce Portions: Cooked vegetables = baseball 2 cups leafy vegetables = 2 closed fists 	+ Apples + Banana + Apricots + Kiwi + Oranges + Mangoes + Berries - strawberries, blueberries, raspberries + Grapes + Cherries + Melons + Pineapple Portions: Apple, orange, peach = baseball 1 cup strawberries = 8 1 cup grapes = 32 Dried fruit = golf ball
Protein-Meats/Nuts/Beans/Fish	Dairy	Healthy Fats
 + Chicken, Turkey, Pork Beef — lean cuts Fish — salmon, shrimp, tuna + Eggs + Nuts — almonds, pecans, walnuts, pistachios, etc (~ 24 nuts) + Lentils or Edamame + Beans - kidney, black, pinto, refried 	 + Milk (low-fat or fat-free) + Chocolate milk + Ice cream or frozen yogurt + Yogurt — plain, fruit or Greek + Cheese + Cottage cheese 	+ Olive oil + Canola oil + Fish oils + Avocado + Nuts + Seeds
Portions: 3 oz meat = deck of cards 1 ounce = 1 egg, ¼ cup of beans, or 1 tablespoon peanut butter	Portions: 1.5 oz cheese = 3 dice 1 cup milk, yogurt, ice cream, cottage cheese = baseball	Portions: 1 tablespoon oil = poker chip 1 oz. nuts ~ 12 1/2 an avocado 4 olives



What foods will help you feel your best? The plate pictured, MyPlate, is a great guide for meals and snacks.

- Try three meals and snacks to keep a steady supply of energy, carbohydrates, protein, fats and fluids during the day.
- Select foods from each food group, especially at lunch and dinner.
- Choose a variety each day.



To learn more about healthy eating visit, OhioHealth.com/SportsMed-Nutrition

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