## **VITAMINS and MINERALS FOR SPORT**



Top Three Things to Know About Vitamins and Minerals



Athletes do not need higher amounts of most vitamins and minerals compared to non-athletes. Athletes tend to need and consume more total calories than non-athletes, thereby absorbing the additional vitamins and minerals they need naturally. It is important for all athletes to consume a balanced diet from all food groups to meet energy and micronutrient needs for performance, storage, recovery, and immunity.

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## Micronutrients that may require more attention from adequate food intake include:

- Sodium (replace electrolyte losses through soups, salted crackers, pretzels, etc).
- Calcium (milk, cheese, dark leafy green vegetables, sesame seeds, yogurt, etc).
- Vitamin D (fortified milk/OJ, wild salmon, mushrooms, canned tuna, sardines, etc).
- Iron (beef, chicken, mussels, fortified cereals, cooked beans, dark leafy greens, etc).
- B-Vitamins (fruits and vegetables, whole grains, beans, fortified cereals, meat, eggs, fish, dairy, etc).

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## Taste your multi-vitamin by eating real food sources.

Supplements of any kind are risky for athletes. Studies show multi-vitamins are unneccessary and can often cost more than meeting nutrtient needs through a balanced diet.

Skip the supplement aisle and turn your cash into real food dollars!

Save \$30+ on multi-vitamin supplements: EAT REAL FOOD!









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