



What **matters**, in order

Timing is the last thing that matters. In order:

1. **Enough food across the day.** A client who under-eats all day cannot be fixed by a clever snack.
2. **Enough protein across the day.** About 1.6 to 2.2 g per kg of bodyweight for a client who lifts, from a 2018 meta-analysis of resistance training studies.
3. **Carbs on the days and around the sessions that need them.** Carbs are the fuel for hard training.
4. **Fluids.** Start the session hydrated.
5. **Timing and the details.** They help once the first four are in place.

That order is a summary of common sports nutrition guidance, and we state it as judgement where the research is thin.

Check your scope. Targets for a client with a medical condition, a pregnancy, a history of disordered eating, or medication that affects diet come from a doctor or a registered dietitian. Know what your certification and your local rules allow you to prescribe.

Apply it.

1. Ask your client what they ate and drank around their last three sessions.
2. Check items 1 to 3 before you talk about timing.
3. Fix the first one that is off.

Workbook. Exercise 1, what I eat around my sessions now.

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Part 2. Before training

General information for coaches and their clients. It is not medical advice and does not replace a doctor or a registered dietitian. Work within your scope of practice and refer when in doubt.