THE BEST NATURAL SOURCES OF FOOD TO MAINTAIN YOUR HEALTH

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An athlete's nutrition plan should be underpined by a "Food first philosophy"

although supplements may be used under medical supervision to treat and prevent nutrient deficiencies (e.g. iron and vitamin D), or when nutritional goals cannot be reached through a whole-food diet

CARBOHYDRATE



Energy Whole grains, potatoes, brown or wild rice, fruits, vegetables

VITAMIN D



Bones / Immunity Cold water fish and egg yolk

PROTEIN



Muscles / Bones Lean meats, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, yogurt, soy, tofu, quinoa

ANITOXIDANTS



Oxidative stress Whole fruits and vegetables

OMEGA-3



Heart / Brain Cold water fish, krill oil

IRON



Red blood cells Meat, fish, poultry, lentils, nuts

GELATIN / COLLAGEN + VITAMIN C



Tendons Gelatin, oranges, raspberries, grapefruits

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