CAFFEINE

ESTABLISHED PERFORMANCE SUPPLEMENT





Performance impact

Potentially interesting for sprints, sustained sprints, middle & long distance running, jumps & throws and multi-events.



Dosage

Lower doses (3 mg/kg of body mass consumed ~200mg), provided both before & during exercise.

Moderate doses of 3-6mg/kg of body mass consumed ~60 min prior to exercise.





Potential side effects

Large caffeine doses (≥9mg/kg of body mass) do not appear to increase the performance benefit, and are more likely to increase the risk of negative side effects: nausea, anxiety, insomnia, restlessness and tachycardia.



Individualisation

Should be tested in training prior to competition use.

Take into account the athlete's personal history of reactions to caffeine intake in "everyday life".



Forms

Can be administered in the form of pill, powder, chewing gum and caffeinated coffee.

