

Marathon Program Nutrition Notes

We want you to stay hydrated with water during your run of course, but to avoid cramping and other problems we also want you to drink sports drinks. Make sure to bring enough gel packs with you. You want carbs that are absorbed quickly. You want to bring bananas and LARA bars as well.

I want you to find your own routine but most people find consuming the gel packs every 45 minutes works best. Many people time this with the water stations so they can wash them down. I have also heard of people consuming one 45 minutes before the race. That might be something you want to try (before the race in a practice run).

The night before I want you to have supper as usual. For the week of the race I want you to add carbs into your supper (1/2 to 1 cup – I want you to eat until you are satisfied – don't stuff yourself). Now, in saying that, I also want you to stay off the scale that week. This is because you will start to retain some water before the race (for some up to 4 pounds, but again it is just the carb induced water retention). The rest of your eating should be the same as usual.

For your morning breakfast the day of the race 2-3 hours before the race have your breakfast (oatmeal, blueberries, eggwhites, and water). Drink water up until 1 hour before the race. 45 Minutes before the race consume a banana or gel pack.

The day of the race you don't want to try anything new. In preparation you should do a pre-game day. Consume exactly what you are going to consume and see how you feel and what changes you may like to make.

Things to Bring Race day:

- Running clothes
- Running shoes
- Fruits (banana is top of choice here)
- Sports Bar/fruit bar (LARA bar and and sports bar of choice)
- Sport gels
- Sport drink
- Water

Final Tip! - Catch the early water stops. Once you are dehydrated, you won't catch up.

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