

CREATINE

- Recommended dosage includes a high-dose, short-term (20 g/day for 5 days) protocol or a low-dose, long-term (3-5g/day ~30 days) protocol before a maintenance dosage of around 5/g per day.
- There is no rationale backed by research for supplementing with anything other than creatine monohydrate

CAFFEINE

- Moderate to high doses (5-9 mg/kg) ingested before and during exercise can increase endurance performance. This dosage can cause side effects
- Lower doses of no more than 3 mg/kg can also boost performance w/o side effects

VITAMIN D

- Vitamin D plays a big role in maintaining the health and performance of an athlete
- The vitamin D requirement can be met solely by exposure to the sun. It is recommended that you expose your arms, legs, and back to 5-30 minutes in the sun without sunscreen at close to solar noon several times a week
- Vitamin D can also be found in foods like fatty fish (salmon, mackerel, or tuna), fortified milk, yogurt, soy milk, egg yolks, or fruit juice

ANTIOXIDANTS

- Important antioxidants for athletes are vitamins C and E
- These can be met through your daily diet or in the case of a deficiency, dietary supplements can be used to meet your needs
- Antioxidants help to minimize free-radical damage to skeletal muscle in order to reduce inflammation, muscle fatigue, and soreness

IRON

- Iron is essential to the oxygen uptake in your body. It also helps to reduce heart rate and reduce lactate concentrations during exercise
- Men and postmenopausal women should take 8 mg/day
- Premenopausal women should take 18 mg/day

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DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

