

# An Assessment of Dietary Intake and Food Patterns in Soccer Players: A Systematic Review

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**Abstract – In spite of the effect and prominence of soccer, and the developing field of soccer-related logical research, little consideration has been committed to the nutritional intake and eating propensities for soccer players. Also, the few examinations that have tended to this issue propose that the nutritional intake of soccer players is insufficient, underscoring the requirement for better adherence to nutritional recommendations and the development and implementation of nutrition training programs. The target of these projects is advance smart dieting propensities for male and female soccer players of any age to advance execution and give medical advantages that last past the finish of a player's profession. To date, no all around planned nutrition instruction program has been implemented for soccer players.**

**Sports Nutrition in India picked up momentum after the direct of 2010 Common Wealth Games. Be that as it may, thinks about on Nutritional intake of tip top Indian athletes are restricted and there is a basic requirement for upgraded examine around there. This survey paper, along these lines, abridges the dietary profile of athletes of all age bunches with a particular spotlight on Indian athletes. The paper features the announced calorie utilization design, dietary practices, supplement utilization, inadequacies, maladies like metabolic variations from the norm, eating issue, hypertension, FAT/RED-S and talks about pertinent status among Indian athletes.**

## INTRODUCTION

Nutrition, physical execution and the level of practical limit of the people are interrelated. Any dietary inadequacy that antagonistically influences the wellbeing of the individual is probably going to impede his or her physical execution limit. Subsequently, nutrition and prosperity assumes an essential job in the field of sports and generally speaking execution of a competitor.

Distinctive sports include diverse levels of exercise sessions and a reasonable eating regimen to have a general decent wellness status. It has been bolstered by different looks into that great nutrition has an imperative job in keeping up great wellbeing and wellness of the sportsperson with the goal that they can prepare and contend well.

Dietary habits for Indian populace have a vast variety because of different social, financial and religious convictions. An expansive number of players and athletes are additionally receiving vegetarianism because of natural, financial and religious reasons. It has been recommended that a veggie lover diet whenever arranged well and comprises of assortment

of foods can be flawlessly dependable with great wellbeing and can enormously lessen the danger of various incessant ailments. A common veggie lover diet has a tendency to contain organic products, vegetables, nuts, entire grains and vegetables barring a wide range of meat and fish (Fraser 2009). An all around adjusted nutritious eating regimen can upgrade physical movement, athletic execution and recuperation from exercise among sportspersons.

Higher intake of protein items or protein particularly got from meat prompts more noteworthy strength. Additionally, meat eating may prompt enhanced solid hypertrophy because of opposition preparing. Vegan athletes having meatless dietary routine had low energy intake and low levels of vitamins and minerals especially B-complex, Calcium, Iron and Zinc. Be that as it may, if veggie lover consumes less calories are arranged including an assortment of foods, they can meet the nutritional requirements of athletes. Various medical advantages including lower danger of death from heart infections, low pulse and lower rate of tumors have been accounted for to be related with vegan eats less carbs. Non-veggie lover athletes have a tendency to devour lesser foods grown from

the ground when contrasted with vegans as revealed by Wang and Beydoun (2007).

Athletes performing different sports may require least or more percent muscle to fat ratio relying upon the length of their preparation. Quality and spryness which are vital for ideal execution are extraordinarily influenced by body piece (Ackland et al 2012). Body weight significantly impacts the speed, continuance and intensity of the athletes. Female athletes are evaluated to have something like 12 percent muscle to fat ratio to meet general wellbeing requirements, so they will probably pursue veggie lover diet as a measure to accomplish an ideal body weight (Ducher et al 2011). Nonetheless, if calories are confined with the end goal to acquire a specific physical make-up or to upgrade execution, the contrary outcome may likewise be watched. An extraordinary calorie confinement among female athletes may prompt negatively affect vitamins and minerals status prompting more serious danger of amenorrhea and scattered menstrual cycles. A decline in fat and muscle does not have dependably a beneficial outcome on accomplishing the objective of a perfect physical make-up for ideal sports execution.

It has been demonstrated by various investigations that protein amid recuperation is improved when the serving of recuperation food contains both starch and protein. Protein needs are specifically identified with caloric intake. Nitrogen balance is enhanced and protein requirements are diminished when adequate calories are expended to keep up energy balance. Be that as it may, if energy intake is low, protein is separated to address energy issues. Likewise, protein as an energy substrate builds protein requirements.

Another explanation behind athletes to be less anxious about the aggregate sum of protein they eat is the maturing proof that the planning of one's protein intake is a noteworthy factor in improving the results of preparing or accomplishing recuperation objectives. Eating protein in the moment recuperation period after strenuous perseverance exercise likewise accomplishes this impact. The boost of continuance exercise serves to make proteins to repair harmed muscle or to make new compounds that will empower the competitor to perform better at his exercise assignments. In the interim, the boost of opposition preparing serves to make new muscles to make the competitor predominant and more grounded.

The mission for greatness in game inclines a competitor to attempt over the top preparing loads for more elevated amounts of achievement. This heap reliably enhances execution, yet in addition produces sport related pressure, safe concealment, inclining a competitor to different dangers, one such vital zone being the nutritional status of athletes for which ceaseless nutrition bolster is persistently arranged and implemented for athletic perfection and the athletes' long haul great wellbeing.

Nutrition assumes an essential job in sports execution since it encourages a competitor to keep up perfect body weight, body structure particular to sports and quicker recuperation. Preparing and nutrition ought to go as an inseparable unit to accomplish abnormal state of achievements in sports. Satisfactory nutrition improves high-impact limit or  $Vo_{2max}$ , decreases weakness, attaches recuperation and gives damage avoidance and conservation of resistance.

Nutrition assumes a job in execution, as well as forestalls wounds, upgrade recuperation from exercise, help keep up body weight, and enhance by and large wellbeing. It is essential for all sports people to have a decent working learning, comprehension of exercise science and sports nutrition so that these can help in their own execution potential.

The B vitamins are of extraordinary enthusiasm to athletes and exercisers since they oversee the energy creating responses of digestion. Requirement for these vitamins increment relatively with energy consumption. To address development issues, athletes require higher intakes of a few vitamins than those for non athletes. The requirement for riboflavin is higher due to expanded energy intake, yet intake is much of the time low in adolescents, particularly in young ladies. Folate and vitamin B12 needs are expanded on account of the high rates of development. Vitamin B6 is fundamental for the protein amalgamation that happens amid fast development.

The requirements for calcium, iron, and zinc increment considerably amid the youthful development spurt. Every one of the three of these minerals are as often as possible insufficient in the pre-adult competitor's eating routine. The requirement for small scale minerals ought not be disregarded.

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**INDIAN SCENARIO**

Nutritional and dietary practices of Indian athletes are allegedly subnormal. Skipping of breakfast was seen in State/National level sportswomen, University/State level male and female athletes, Indian aggressive wrestlers, South Indian locale level sportspersons; lunch was being skipped by sportspersons of Coimbatore region and Indian focused wrestlers and supper was skipped by sportspersons of Coimbatore region. The recurrence of skipping went between 3 to multi day/week. Grains utilization was appeared to be low in university volleyball players, weightlifters and sprinters. Organic product intake is low in North and South Indian university Hockey players and game people of Coimbatore district. Vegetable utilization was accounted for to be subnormal in North and South Indian university Hockey players, volleyball players, weightlifters, sprinters, male expert bushel competitors and sportspersons of Coimbatore area. Utilization of fat was high contrasted with proposed dietary stipends in male expert bin competitors. Fat utilization particularly ghee (100g) is appeared to be high in Indian focused wrestlers. High utilization of nuts particularly almonds (75to 100g) in Indian focused wrestlers, dates (40g), and cashew (50g) in male expert bushel competitors of Dharwad city every day were accounted for. Complex sugars are supplanted by refined starches because of decisions, for example, bread and prepared snacks by South Indian area level sports people. High utilization of low quality nourishments (Chowmein, chilly beverages, and aloo chips) and sleek foods (samosa, bread pakora, bathura and so forth) were common among State/National level sportswomen.

Imperfect protein intake has been seen in Indian aggressive sprinters, boxers and weightlifters, North Indian university female hockey players, sportspersons of Coimbatore area and volleyball players and sprinters when contrasted with recommended dietary remittances amid preparing and in addition rivalries. Adverse energy balance was brought up in the weight control plans of male National level hurlers, State/National level sportswomen, North and South Indian male and female university hockey players and sportspersons of Coimbatore area. Lower sugar intake underneath the recommendations and higher fat intake particularly soaked fat over the recommendations is accounted for on male National level hurlers, male expert container competitors of Dharwad city, Indian aggressive wrestlers, female university kabaddi players and North Indian school male hockey players. High protein intake is seen in South Indian university hockey players and male National level hurlers. Starch intake was appeared to be high in North Indian university female hockey players. The level of calories from starch, protein and fat in Indian athletes' eating regimen are outlined in (Table: 1).

S. No	State	Level of participation	Sex & Sport	Carbohydrate (En %)	Protein (En %)	Fat (En %)
1	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Weight lifting	45.77	19.4	31
2	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Wrestling	43.5	16.6	36.7
3	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Swimming	46.9	18.6	30.4
4	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, 100m running	43.3	19.5	33.3
5	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Basket ball	44.89	15.5	35.8
6	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Cycling	46.5	18.1	31.5
7	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Football	48.3	17.66	30.04
8	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi	All India inter university level	Male, Handball	46.8	16.4	32.8
9	All India	National	Male, throwers	46.7	21.9	30.1
10	Karnataka	Professional	Male, basketball players	51	10.7	35.7
11	Delhi-NCT	State/National	Female, Volleyball, hockey, football & kabaddi	<60	15	>25
12	All India	State, National & International	Male, Wrestlers, runners, boxers & weightlifters	34	15	49
13	Karnataka	College	Female, kabaddi players	54.1	14.4	31.2
14	North India	College	Male, hockey players	60.6	16.6	22.7
15	North India	College	Female, hockey players	63.7	16.9	20.2
16	South India	College	Male, hockey players	58	25.2	16.8
17	South India	College	Female, hockey players	59.6	22.2	15.2
18	Tamil Nadu	College	Volleyball players	48.8	12.3	24.7
19	Tamil Nadu	College	Weightlifters	61	17.4	23
20	Tamil Nadu	College	Runners	44.4	10.5	22.4

\*En%: % total energy intake

**Table 1: Carbohydrate, protein and fat intake of athletes of India**

These examinations indicated commonality in issues among athletes playing distinctive sports, for example, low energy intake, a mix of rate calories from sugar under 60%, protein more prominent than 20% and fat more noteworthy than 30% of aggregate energy.

Micronutrient intake is accounted for to be beneath the recommendations particularly iron and calcium. Deficient intake of iron is commonly seen in Indian athletes, as detailed by Ashwini et al (2012) on Indian female fencers (14mg/dl) than the recommended dietary recompenses of iron (30mg/dl). Their serum ferritin esteems were likewise beneath (14.85ng/ml) the alluring reach (20-212.3ng/ml). Similar examines directed on male expert crate competitors of Dharwad city (26.1mg), University/State level male and female athletes, focused sprinters (29.9mg), boxers (32.2mg), weightlifters (36.3mg), wrestlers (19.1mg), sportspersons of Coimbatore area and university volleyball players, weightlifters and sprinters detailed insufficient iron intake contrasted with recommendation (50mg/d). Hemoglobin levels were low when contrasted with the measures in male expert bin competitors of Dharwad city, University/State level male and female athletes and sportspersons of Coimbatore area. Calcium intake was accounted for to be low which is underneath the recommendations in focused boxers, University/State level male and female athletes, sportspersons of Coimbatore locale, university volleyball players, weightlifters and sprinters. Imperfect niacin intake was accounted for by male expert bushel athletes of Dharwad city, State/National level sportswomen and sportspersons of Coimbatore area. Low thiamine, riboflavin intake has been seen in State/National level sportswomen and University/State level male and female athletes. Nande et al. (2009) revealed bring

down intake of folate in University/State level male and female athletes.

## **NUTRITIONAL INTAKE AND EATING HABITS OF SOCCER PLAYERS**

Notwithstanding the ubiquity of soccer and the prospering field of soccer-related logical research, the nutritional intake of soccer players has pulled in shockingly little research consideration. A few writers have additionally investigated the intake and nutritional status of vitamins and minerals, yet these articles were excluded in this correction because of the methodological challenges and impediments for a precise assessment and understanding of micronutrient intake data. In the accompanying segments, we will examine the explanations behind the huge fluctuation in energy and macronutrient intake of soccer players, and additionally sexual orientation contrasts in nutritional conduct.

### **Energy Intake and Expenditure-**

Hardly any investigations have broke down energy balance in soccer players, and just two have met the inclusion criteria for this survey. Different investigations directed around there have delivered profoundly factor results, potentially because of the utilization of assorted approaches and experimental plans, and to contrasts in the ages, aggressive levels, and preparing heaps of the players contemplated. A few creators have concentrated on the assessment of aggregate day by day energy use (EE), yet give no data about supplement intake. In these investigations, the systems used to quantify EE incorporated the doubly-named water technique and aberrant calorimetry (resting EE) . Albeit precise, these are mind boggling and costly systems, and are of constrained an incentive with expansive gatherings or for routine utilize. A few investigations have assessed energy consumption amid match-play or preparing without figuring all out day by day energy use, and thus have not been incorporated into this audit.

### **Macronutrient Intake-**

Given the very much documented significance of nutrition in enhancing execution and wellbeing, it is to some degree amazing that the nutritional intake of soccer players, especially male players, has been methodically depicted as insufficient. Most examinations have revealed every day CHO intakes lower than those recommended, while the protein and lipid intake of the greater part of players surpasses recommended sums. The announced macronutrient intake solely alludes to food sources, since data about the utilization of supplements was not given by the creators.

### **Food Intake and Eating Practice-**

Hardly any examinations have explored the food wellsprings of the supplements ingested by soccer players. To the best of our insight, no data on the food intake of female soccer players is accessible. We beforehand revealed that the food intake of youthful male soccer players is gotten from the accompanying food gatherings: oats, subordinates, and potatoes; drain and dairy items; meat, poultry, and subsidiaries; and oil; which together gave 65% of aggregate day by day energy intake, with a minor commitment from vegetables and organic products .

## **CORRELATES OF THE EATING PRACTICE AND NUTRITIONAL INTAKE OF SOCCER PLAYERS**

The numerous connects of eating practice offer a plenty of potential roads through which food choice and supplement intake can be adjusted. In any case, huge numbers of these elements are hard to evaluate and cooperate with different factors. Add to this a profoundly focused game environment, and the image turns out to be significantly more mind boggling. In the accompanying areas, we will investigate the little data accessible because of a portion of these connects on eating rehearses in soccer players.

### **Food Preferences -**

Food different preferences are solid corresponds of eating practice and have been depicted as indicators of food determination and even of supplement intake in a few investigations in various populaces. There is general agreement that understanding food inclinations is fundamental to design powerful nutrition training programs. Be that as it may, to the best of our insight, we are the main gathering to have dissected this parameter in soccer players, and we found no proof of a connection between food inclinations and food and nutritional intake.

The players evaluated were teenagers living in their family environment. In this circumstance, the likelihood of choosing foods as indicated by individual inclination is restricted, as dinners are for the most part under the supervision of other relatives, who select the day by day menu dependent on a few elements (e.g., states of mind towards wellbeing and nutrition, food cost, simplicity of planning) unmistakable from the player's food inclinations. Therefore, of the extensive variety of components that impact food choice and supplement intake, food inclinations are not a basic determinant for soccer players. The impact of the family environment has all the earmarks of being more grounded and ought to be borne as a primary concern when structuring and implementing nutritional intercessions for soccer players, particularly for young people. It is important to affirm these outcomes with grown-up players.

### **Playing Position -**

It has as often as possible been accounted for that the unconstrained nutritional intake of athletes is identified with the physiological and metabolic requests of their game. Numerous creators have portrayed position-related contrasts in the execution capacities and physiological and anthropometric attributes of soccer players. This is identified with the specific action profile of each playing position, which influences the extent of vigorous and anaerobic energy generation. While the distinctions in the physiological requests between playing positions are considerably less set apart than those between various orders, they are in any case huge. In their rules for day by day CHO intake for soccer players, Burke and collaborators separate among "portable" and "less versatile" players dependent on the nutritional requests related with their playing position. Be that as it may, there is little data accessible about the food and supplement intake of soccer players in respect to their field position. In addition, a portion of these articles don't give data to the whole group. No data on female players is accessible.

### **Nutritional Intake on Match Days -**

Numerous soccer players and specialized staff generally think about pre-and post-amusement dinners as a nutritional need. Menu arranging has along these lines got much consideration as the foundation of a fruitful nutritional technique for rivalry. Be that as it may, much of the time it stays misty whether nutritional recommendations for pre-and post-amusement dinners are connected by and by, particularly for away matches, when set menus are generally offered to the players. Besides, it may be believed that nutritional ampleness would be higher, better appropriated crosswise over suppers, with more consideration regarding post-exercise recuperation nutrition, and so forth., when dinners and feast designs are given contrasted with players who self-select their own food. It merits investigating whether it could establish an option in contrast to the implementation of nutrition training programs. Subsequently, an intriguing inquiry is: to what degree can eating rehearses on match days be credited to the set menus offered, the players' capacity to choose food.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **Subjects -**

A qualitative descriptive epidemiological investigation of 35 soccer arbitrators of various classes was embraced. The inclusion criteria for the investigation included: being a soccer arbitrator inside one of the already depicted classifications; being 18 or more established; and being free of damage at the season of the examination. All subjects who took an interest in the investigation were dynamic refs who had

experienced a medical examination by their sports league.

Those taking any medication at the moment of the examination were prohibited. The normal period of subjects was 25.9 years. Every one of the refs had a normal everyday employment that they joined with their refereeing obligations. Participants were educated of the goal of the investigation in a discussion that was given with the end goal to disclose what would have been done, and they all presented a marked assent frame that had been uniquely arranged for the examination. They were given the confirmation that they could drop out of the examination whenever should they so wish.

### **Dietary assessment-**

The subjects arranged a food journal, utilizing frames accommodated that reason. These structures expected them to record data about what they devoured every day: sums, extents of fixings, strategies for readiness, et cetera. Every one of these structures had an underlying rules segment to help participants all through the procedure, which kept going three days. Photos of food models, estimating spoons, containers, bowls, and different prompts were approached to additionally enhance the nature of the gathered dietary data. When the subject restored the 3-day food record, a prepared specialist promptly checked through it and caught up with the competitor to ask for illuminations about particular things as well as get more detail if vital.

The majority of the subjects in the gathering were additionally interviewed by and by, by a prepared research collaborator, 24 hours they had presented their structures. The point of this interview was to rerecord a similar data given by the individual dietary records with the end goal to play out a crosscheck and consequently make the data utilized in the investigation more solid.

### **Statistical analysis of the data-**

A Microsoft Office Excel 2007 spreadsheet was used to record and handle data and to produce graphs. The results were reported as mean values and standard error of the mean. In working out the Student's T-test of the sample, the statistical software package SPSS 17.0 was used. Values were taken as significant with  $p < 0.05$  and highly significant with  $p < 0.01$ .

### **Results -**

Table 2 demonstrates the attributes of participants and their kilocalorie intakes and basal metabolic rates, in this nutritional examination the sample was contrasted and the tables of recommended energy and supplement intakes (RDI: Recommended Daily Intake) for the Indian populace as an entirety. In

particular, it was contrasted and two recommendations: REC1 (2,700 Kcal), for individuals of indistinguishable age and sex from the refs who embrace just light action, and REC2 (3,600 Kcal), for individuals of indistinguishable age and sex from the refs who hone comparative sports that require a similar large amounts of movement.

An energy intake of 2,700 kcal is shown by REC1 and one of 3,600 kcal by REC2. In any case, the aggregate normal energy intake of the subjects was 11% not exactly the main (the recommended intake for individuals with light action), and 33.1% lower than the second (the recommendation for expert athletes of a comparable age). The subjects were therefore well underneath recommended energy intakes.

Age	24.7 ± 9.9 years.
Height	178.5 ± 6.5 centimeters.
Weight	73.1 ± 8.2 kilograms.
Average intake	2408.8 ± 517.8 kilocalories.
Normal day average intake	2371.1 ± 519.1 kilocalories.
Training day average intake	2479.7 ± 430.7 kilocalories.
Game day average intake	2368.4 ± 584.7 kilocalories

**Table 2 General characteristics**

study demonstrates that with respect to REC1 and REC2 the subjects' eating regimens were low in starches, averaging 279 g, against the 371 g of REC1 and the 540 g of REC2. Additionally, they were high in protein, with a normal of 125.8 g, contrasted with the 62.8 g of REC1 and 117.9 g of REC2.

At last, with respect to fats, there were no critical contrasts from both of the recommendations, despite the fact that the qualities noted exceeded the 30% of the aggregate calorie intake proposed by REC1. There were no distinctions that were subject to the kind of day in the rate esteems, which were 38.7%, 39.8% and 39.3% for ordinary, preparing, and coordinate days individually.

## DISCUSSION

The significance of nutrition in expert refereeing, as in any sports action, would appear to be more than clear. The nutritional requirements for each game are particular and are identified with the energy requests that the game being referred to forces. The sort, power, and term of exercise influence the utilization of energy substrates. Along these lines, to fulfill the nutritional requirements for various sports, for this situation soccer it is important to create satisfactory dietary designs. As was set up by past research, the requirements of a soccer ref are like those of a soccer player, and a satisfactory eating routine will decidedly impact the execution of these sportspeople. There is accordingly a need to modify the utilization of foods in the day by day life of soccer refs with the goal that

they are have the capacity to pick the correct food at the ideal time with the end goal to be proficient.

## CONCLUSION

Great nutrition assumes a noteworthy job in the upkeep of wellbeing, enabling the competitor to prepare and contend. A very much booked and fluctuated veggie lover diet is superbly steady with great wellbeing and can possibly decrease the danger of numerous incessant sicknesses. In this way, nutrition and prosperity expect a dynamic job in the field of sports. In the present examination, effect of dietary example on nutritional status and physical execution of sportspersons was contemplated.

Nutrition training is expected to enhance nutrition learning and get changes dietary practices. Nutrition-instruction programs are frequently founded on the preface that prevalent nutrition information may convert into better dietary intake. The idea of interpretation of learning into training was bolstered by results from a huge network sample in the United Kingdom demonstrating a relationship between nutrition information and expanded foods grown from the ground intake and lessened fat utilization.

Most examinations on supplement intake of tip top Indian athletes report a lacking intake, with brought down biochemical profile, for example, hemoglobin, anthropometry, eating issue, related of poor dietary intake with anthropometry, physiological and execution parameters stays unexplored. Nutrition training is every now and again answered to be ignored in sports programs around the country. There is a scarcity of nutrition instruction mediations among various sports in India. More examinations are should have been done around there and give right data and urge athletes to get sound changes their eating routine.

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