

# Adjusting the carbohydrates consumption and improving specific-soccer skills

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## Abstract

Clearly, elite soccer athletes can lose performance as the time matches comes to an end, due to fatigue, match intensity, dehydration, and also, oftentimes, due to poor nutrition or poor supply of energy through carbohydrates. Therefore, a scientific literature review to solve this problem could be viable and would help athletes and coaches knows, with regard to the total carbohydrates amount to be ingested, another efficient way to conserve and maintain skills in the pitch to the end of strenuous matches.

**Keywords:** Carbohydrates, Soccer skills, Elite soccer players

## Introduction

The information about how much carbohydrate the elite soccer players should consume for improved specific-soccer intensity still unclear, which can harm them when they don't follow any nutritional monitoring protocol, because they lose power output, performance, and skill [1]. This lack of specific knowledge about how much carbohydrates they should be consumed for their sport to improve skills, like soccer, can lead to problems affect energy intake leading to performance loss what may be compromising the general results on the pitch [2]. So, it has been reported, generally, that these athletes have low carbohydrate intake in the diet [3]. Therefore, is interesting to improve nutritional practices and to sustain the physical soccer demands during matches, offer information for involved professionals or the coaches about the main approaches related to the carbohydrates amounts that will influence on skills during matches. Because, the nutritional strategies that involve and offer the correct total carbohydrates amounts for elite soccer players, taking into account the total grams of carbohydrates offered for the specific type of athlete, without the importance of the glycemic index or whether this carbohydrate comes from sugar or starch, can preserve their skills under conditions that induce soccer-specific fatigue, how to decisive and strenuous games [4]. Thus, knowing that carbohydrates influence soccer skills and athletes may be consuming less than necessary for this sport [2], it is interesting brings adjustments that must be made to avoid carbohydrates lack at diet and provide performance increase along with skill improvements on the field. This way, the objective of this work is to demonstrate, clearly and objectively, but clearly evidenced in the current scientific literature, what the elite soccer player can do, when it comes to the amount of carbohydrates to be ingested, for improve, or maintain until end match, your skills on pitch during extenuating matches.

## Discussion

How the general carbohydrate recommendations for elite soccer players should be 5 to 10 g. kg<sup>-1</sup> body weight. day<sup>-1</sup> due to variations within the season and the power applied during matches [5,6] and how the nutritional interventions which provide carbohydrates have the potential to preserve skills performed in specific-soccer exercises [4], a special attention should be paid the quantities offered before departures, because when they obey and eat the correct carbohydrate amount for the soccer match, something that will be better explained later, this athletes have a twenty six percent increase in total distance covered at high power compared to training corresponding to forty two percent increase in total energy expenditure [7]. That is, carbohydrates demand that will improve elite soccer players skills during matches may not be the same demands that would improve their skills during training, existing the importance to understanding about carbohydrate periodization strategies applied to elite soccer players [8]. On the other hand, carbohydrate offers may obey 1 g. kg<sup>-1</sup> body weight for each

before match hour, using amounts about 200 to 300 g carbohydrates consumed between 2 and 4 hours before matches to improve muscle glycogen storage [9].

As the correct amounts of carbohydrates can play improvement for soccer players skill performance [5], and a higher consume calorie can improve dribbling speed improving performance on the field [10], was recently demonstrated that soccer players when start to ingest adjusted amounts of carbohydrates for their sport, they can run longer distances in the first and second half of the match [11] becomes very important use diets with food amounts meet soccer athlete's energy demands for improve the skills during matches.

## Conclusion

In summary, the carbohydrates prescription that have been reported to improve soccer skills should obey daily amount 5 to 10 g. kg<sup>-1</sup> body weight and 1 g. kg<sup>-1</sup> body weight for each hour before match, still maintaining an intake of 200 to 300 g between 2 and 4 hours before game.

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