

Track Meet Day Timeline — Print Handout

An hour-by-hour fueling timeline for all-day track meets. Covers pre-meet cooler packing, between-events snacking, and recovery.

ACCESS

Free resource

AUDIENCE

athlete / coach

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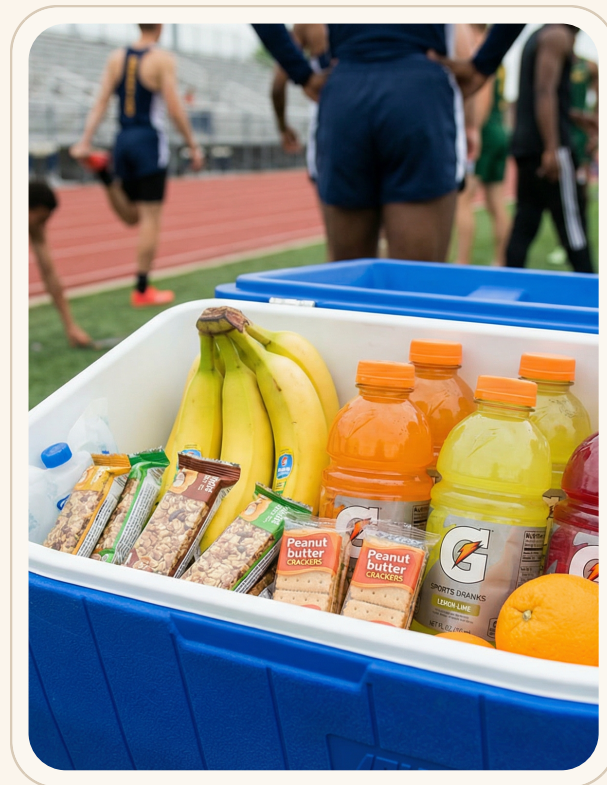
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WHY THIS MATTERS

⇒ This is a print-ready visual handout.



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QUICK START

Start here

An hour-by-hour fueling timeline for all-day track meets.

WAKE-UP BLOCK

Start with breakfast and fluids

- Match the first meal to the first event, not to the bus schedule alone.
- Bagel, oatmeal, cereal, toast, or pancakes all work when practiced.

WARM-UP TO RACE

Keep the last hour simple

- If athletes need a top-off, think applesauce, fig bars, sports drink, or half a banana.
- Small, low-fiber carbs are easier than trying to force a full meal close to start time.

LONG MEET GAP

Use the down time instead of drifting

- Multi-event athletes and relays often need more total fuel than they expect.
- Pack bagels, pretzels, bars, fruit, and a real lunch option if the meet runs long.

OVERVIEW

What this resource is helping solve

An hour-by-hour fueling timeline for all-day track meets.

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WATCH FOR

Common Mistakes

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- Not packing enough food for a 6-hour meet
- Eating concession stand nachos between events

- Going all day on just a sports drink and gum

Do This Now

Pack a cooler the night before with snacks for the entire meet

Eat a carb-rich meal 3 hours before your first event

BETWEEN EVENTS

small bites every 30–45 min (don't wait for hunger)

Timeline

****3 HRS BEFORE**

**** Full breakfast**

****1 HR BEFORE**

**** Light snack**

****30 MIN BEFORE**

**** Sip water**

****BETWEEN EVENTS**

**** Fig bar, banana, or applesauce pouch + water**

****AFTER LAST EVENT**

**** Recovery snack within 30 min**

QUICK REFERENCE

Key targets to keep in view

Use these as planning anchors when you turn the manual into weekly actions.

3-4 HR

breakfast lead time

Treat this as a decision anchor, not a trivia stat.

EVERY GAP

small top-off if needed

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FIRST HOUR

recovery starts fast

Treat this as a decision anchor, not a trivia stat.

COACH TAKEAWAYS

Coach reminder

These are the cues worth repeating before the week gets busy.

Pack before bed: Breakfast backup.

Snack bag and recovery option.

Best between-event foods: Fig bars, bananas, pretzels.

Bagel pieces, applesauce, sports drink.

Do not rely on: Concession food only.

One giant lunch in the middle of the day.

TAKEAWAY

Coach bottom line

A clear timeline outperforms random snacking all day.

- Have athletes write their breakfast, top-off snack, and recovery food on the meet schedule itself.

COACH CUES

Field reference

Use these short cues when you need to turn the manual into a quick conversation or decision.

PRIMARY FOCUS

THIS WEEK'S CUE

Printable Handouts

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Use this sentence in the next team conversation.

KEY THEMES

handout • printable • pdf • track meet fueling

These are the anchors to reinforce, not the entire lecture.

BEST FOLLOW-UP

Open the handout with your team

Use the printable handout to keep the message simple.

WHAT TO DO NEXT**Use it this week**

Have athletes write their breakfast, top-off snack, and recovery food on the meet schedule itself.

BOTTOM LINE

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