## Sports Nutrition for WAKO Kickboxers!!

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## My Qualifications in a Glimpse!

- **B.Sc.** with Master's in Biotechnology- K.C College, Mumbai
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- Post-Graduation in Sports Science, Exercise & Fitness Nutrition SNDT University - University Topper
- Specialist in Sports Nutrition from International Sports Science Association - USA
- Sports Nutrition Specialization from Oxford College UK
- Certified in Nutrition Foundation & Sports Nutrition Specialisation courses from Exercise Science Academy (ESA) & American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
- Certified Diabetes Educator from Dr. Pradeep Gadge's Institute of Diabetology – Mumbai





## To begin with..... Trust me, it will be interesting.

- Kickboxing Know the Game
- Physical & Mental Impact
- Kickboxers Nutritional
   Challenges
- Sports Nutrition True Solution

Doping is a STRICT NO!!

- Lets listen to the Science
- Testimonial of a Happy Boxer
- Q&A Session



# Kickboxing - The Game

- Hybrid Mixed Martial Arts since 1960's
- Dynamic Combat & Full Contact Sport
- High Paced, High Intensity Action
- 10-12 rounds of 2-3 minutes- unless you knockout!!!
- Punches in Bunches & Kick to Trick
  - multi-limb & multi-muscle movement
- Growing Sport on its way to the Olympics!!!



# Physical & Mental Impact

#### Physical Attributes:

- Strength & Power
- Endurance & Cardio vascular Conditioning HR ~180
- Stamina to resist Fatigue -Lactic Acid Clearance
- Technical Skills Agility with max punches & kicks

#### <u>Mental Attributes:</u>

- Stress of the game
- Willpower to last the Fight!
- Strategizing the Victory Game Plan!
- Reading the Opponent Capitalize on his mistake
- Focused Fight

Brain-Body Coordination - FAILS WITHOUT NUTRITION!!



# Kickboxers Nutritional Challenge.

- Imbalanced Fat Burn vs. Muscle Gain Goal Focus on just protein?
- No Attention to Pre-During & Post Game Nutrition less recovery, lesser training capacity & least performance efficiency
- Fitting in the Weight Class/Making weight extreme harmful measures
- No Focus on Micronutrient Deficiencies calcium, iron, Vit D, B12 etc
- Dependency on Supplements "Look & Feel Factor"
- Voluntary/Involuntary Dehydration 2% in water = 10% performance
- NO INDIVIDUALIZED SCIENTIFIC APPRAOCH



# So the Difference between winning or loosing a match...

Frequently comes down to a lost few punches– often the result of exhausted physical & mental state decisions

 Margins of great victory across tournaments can be as low as 2-3 points

So If there was something that you could do to keep you from missing those punches, wouldn't you be interested?

Sports Nutrition can impact both aspects positively



# Sports Nutrition - One True Solution

 Successful athletic performance is a combination of proper training & a sensible approach to nutrition

**Sports Nutrition:** Integration & application of scientifically & evidence based nutrition & exercise physiology principles that support & enhance training, performance & recovery

**Branches of Sports Nutrition** 

- Foundation Nutrition | Training & Pre-Game Nutrition | Performance Nutrition | Post Game/Recovery Nutrition
- If you train like an athlete, you need to eat like an athlete



## Nutritional Strategies for Kickboxers..



#### Balanced Meals/

- Customized Meal Plans
- Sensible Portions
- Train the Gut
- Food First Approach
- No Starvation
- Smart, Informed Choices



DON'T QUIT

#### Consistency & Discipline

- Mistakes are Natural
- Managing Stress & Failure
- Periodization Approach
- Set Realistic Goals SMART
- Look beyond the Scale!

#### Eat, Play, Perform

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- Energy to match training intensity
- Bio-Chemical Analysis
- Avoid Micro-deficiencies
- Supplement Guidance
- Protein for Recovery
- Healthy Fat Foundation
- Don't forget your Sleep



# How do the Kickboxers benefit?





- Aids you train harder & longer improved energy levels
- Delays onset of fatigue & tiredness "hitting the wall"
- Maintains a healthy immune system prevent cold/cough, URTI.
- Injury prevention recovery foods & vitamin sufficiency
- Enhance muscle healing & recovery complete protein provision
- Prevents crash dieting, poor rest & dehydration
- Helps with focus & concentration
- Improves overall performance on the final day!!!

"Performance Nutrition" every day, not just competition day



So Is Training along with correct Nutrition enough for my Performance?? YES, YES & YES



## Then Why do Athletes Dope?

The term "doping" refers to the use of prohibited medications, PED'S, or treatments by athletes with the intention of improving athletic performance.

What tempts the Athletes to Dope?

- Ignorance or Lack of Knowledge
- Amateurism to Professionalism
- Drugs miracle potion for success
- Fame, Fortune, Power & Money
- To cope with Stress & Injuries
- Pressure from peers, family, friends & Influencers
- Zero Patience, Direct Results
- Easily susceptible to marketing gimmicks of big brands!



### Prohibited Substances - "No means No"



## You can't escape their Side Effects..

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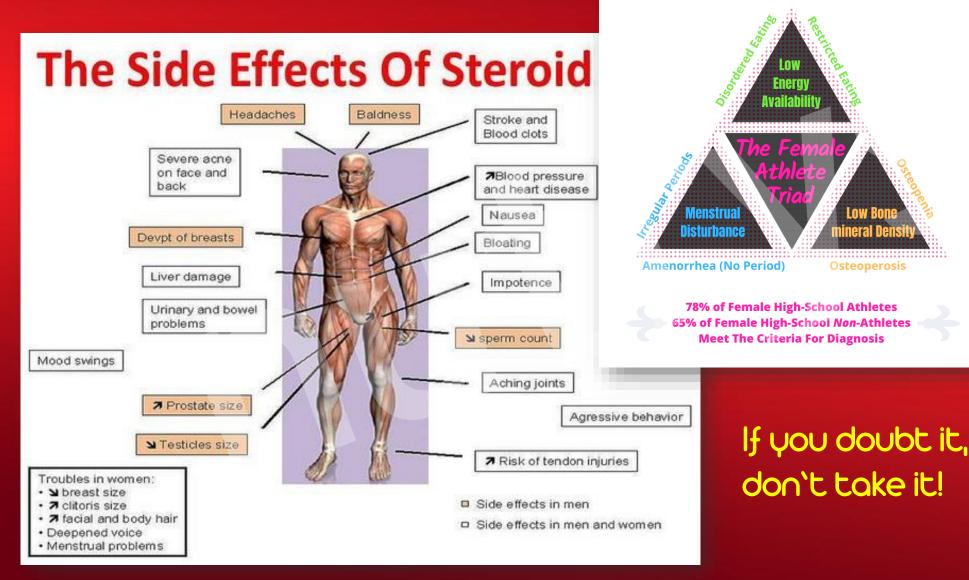
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## WADA code - Doping is strict NO!

Compliance with WADA Prohibited Items & Methods List

- Athlete is responsible for everything that enters his/her body
- Athlete is obliged to submit samples anytime requested
- Any violation, tampering or failed test punishment & suspension from sport

Understand, Respect & Honour the code cause -

- Drugs threaten athletes health
- Drugs threaten the integrity of the sport
- Unfair advantage cheating your way to success
- Athletes are role models to many youngsters
- Illegal drugs use Legal concern







## Let's Listen to the Science...

The long term training program, combined with proper nutrition, are the key factors for achieving greatness. Ensuring the fuel for body workout with the optimum composition in macro and micronutrients will support the intense effort that a kickboxer has to perform in order to increase his personal fitness level, flexibility, aerobic and anaerobic capacities. *The training, nutrition and physical conditioning programme: a challenge for kickboxing athletes to achieve athletic greatness- Timişoara Physical Education and Rehabilitation Journal -March 2020* 

This study found inadequacies in the consumption of macro and micronutrients. Since fighters have a higher energy expense and metabolism rate, such deficiencies are a cause for concern, as proper nutrition is essential for physical growth and sports performance. In view of this, the importance integrating a nutritionist along with the rest of the sport professionals working as technical trainers, physical trainers, doctors, physiotherapists and psychologists is verified, in order to properly educate athletes and their coaches on proper nutrition and its beneficial effects on athletes' body composition and physical performance. *Dietary intake in kickboxing fighters – by using Authors – Article in Brazilian Journal of Development · May* 2021

## Directly from a Kickboxer's Mouth...

"Kickboxing is a gruelling sport where my power, strength & stamina

are

constantly tested. With correct guidance from Shruti, I now know the importance of refuelling my body with accurate sport specific foods that help me train harder, recover faster & perform better every time. I cannot emphasize enough on the significance of appropriate nutrition, which acts as my internal defense against any fight or fighter."

<u>Savin Shetty – Kickboxer</u> Won Gold in Muay Thai Nationals (**2018**) Bronze in IFMA Muay Thai Asian (**2017**) Silver in Muay Thai Nationals (**2017**)









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