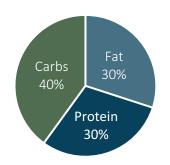
## MACRONUTRIENT GUIDELINES

## Macronutrient Ratios: Starting Point

Each individual's ideal fat, protein, and carbohydrate intake will vary based on activity level, goals, digestive health, age, etc., but as a basic starting point, aim for 30% of calories from protein, 30% from fat, and 40% from carbs. Then adjust as needed using the tips on the next page to ensure satiety, avoid cravings, support energy needs, and promote wellbeing.



#### **Healthy Sources of Fat**

#### Omega-3s (Polyunsaturated): Mackerel, salmon oil, cod liver oil, walnuts, chia seeds, herring, salmon (wild-caught), flax seeds, tuna, white fish, sardines, anchovies, natto & pasture-raised egg yolks

- Omega-6s (Polyunsaturated): Blackcurrant seed oil, evening primrose oil, sunflower oil, sesame oil, flaxseed oil, pistachio nuts, pumpkin seeds & sunflower seeds
- Omega-9s (Monounsaturated): Olives & olive oil, avocados & avocado oil, almonds & almond oil, hazelnuts & hazelnut oil, macadamia nuts & macadamia oil
- **Saturated:** Fats from pasture-raised animals, organic virgin coconut oil & organic palm oil

#### **Healthy Sources of Protein**

- Seafood: Wild caught fish and seafood, preferably smaller fish lower on the food chain to avoid bioaccumulation of heavy metals.
- **Meat:** Organic, 100% grass-fed, pasture-raised ruminant animals (e.g. beef, lamb, bison, buffalo, elk, goat, etc.).
- Poultry & Eggs: Organic, 100% pastureraised poultry and eggs (e.g. chicken, turkey, duck, etc.).
- **Dairy:** Organic, raw, full-fat, 100% grass-fed or pasture-raised milk products (e.g. cream, milk, cheese, cottage cheese, etc.).
- Nuts, Seeds & Legumes: Soaked and sprouted nuts, seeds, and legumes (e.g. pumpkin, sunflower, almond, walnut, macadamia, pistachios, etc.).

#### **Healthy Sources of Carbs**

- Vegetables: Eat a wide variety of local, organic, in-season vegetables, aiming to eat as many colors as possible, at least some raw, with an emphasis on leafy green vegetables
- Fruit: Always in their whole form (avoid fruit juices), preferably organic (especially when consuming the skin) and in-season\*
- Tubers & Squash: Active, pregnant, or breastfeeding individuals should include a variety of starchy vegetables, including sweet potato, yams, taro, plantains, pumpkin, parsnips, rutabaga, etc.\*
- Properly Prepared Grains & Legumes: Only if tolerated and only when properly prepared (i.e. soaked, spouted, or fermented)\*

\*Those with blood sugar issues, insulin resistance, etc. should limit consumption of fruit, starchy vegetables, grains & legumes.



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## Macronutrient Ratios: Fine-Tuning

1-3 hours after each meal, review the following and note your findings in the "Energy & Mood" column of your Food & Mood Journal.

Category	Right Macronutrient Ratio	Wrong Macronutrient Ratio
Appetite, Fullness, Satisfaction & Cravings	<ul> <li>You feel full and satisfied.</li> <li>You do not have sweet cravings.</li> <li>You do not desire more food.</li> <li>You do not get hungry soon after eating.</li> <li>Do not need to snack before next meal.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>You feel physically full, but are still hungry</li> <li>You don't feel satisfied</li> <li>You feel like something was missing from the meal</li> <li>You have a desire for sweets</li> <li>You feel hungry again soon after the meal</li> <li>You need to snack between meals</li> </ul>
Energy Levels	<ul> <li>Your energy is restored after eating.</li> <li>You have strong energy and a long-lasting sense of wellbeing after your meal.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>You experience an energy drop, fatigue, exhaustion, drowsiness, or lethargy.</li> <li>You experience listlessness or sleeplessness.</li> <li>You become hyper, jittery, shaky, or anxious after your meal.</li> <li>You feel hyper but exhausted underneath.</li> </ul>
Mental & Emotional Wellbeing	<ul> <li>Improved well-being.</li> <li>Feel refueled or restored.</li> <li>Uplift in emotions.</li> <li>Improved clarity of mind.</li> <li>Normalization of thought processes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mentally slow, sluggish, or spacey.</li> <li>Inability to think clearly and quickly.</li> <li>Overly rapid thoughts.</li> <li>Inability to focus.</li> <li>Hypo-apathy, depression, or sadness.</li> <li>Hyper-anxiety, obsessive behavior, fearfulness, anger, or irritability.</li> </ul>

