Below are templates accounting for the different times you may workout during the day. When carbs get lower, make sure to center carbs in meals around your workouts.

AM Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Workout		*Dextrose + BCAA's	
Meal 1			
Within 30 min after workout			
Meal 2			

Daily Macros: _____g carbs _____g protein, _____g fat

Meal 1		
Within 30 min after workout		
Meal 2		
Meal 3		
Meal 4		
Meal 5		
Meal 6		

*Note: If I do early morning workouts at 4 or 5 AM, I will have a scoop of protein on the way to the gym and then drink dextrose and BCAA's during my workout. If I workout at home, I just do the dextrose + BCAA's. Too much on an early morning stomach for me just doesn't work. But, I DO NOT want to lift or do cardio fasted. It depletes hard earned muscle.

Mid-Morning Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Meal 1			
1-2 hours before workout			
workout			
Meal 2			
Within 30 min after workout			
Meal 3			
Meal 4			
Meal 5			
Meal 6			

Lunch Hour Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Meal 1			
Meal 2			
1-2 hours before workout			
Workout			
Meal 3			
Within 30 min after workout			
Meal 4			
Meal 5			
Meal 6			

Lunch Hour Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Meal 1			
Meal 2			
Meal 3			
1-2 hours before workout			
Workout			
Meal 4			
Within 30 min after workout			
Meal 5			
Meal 6			

Before Dinner Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Meal 1			
Meal 2			
Meal 3			
Meal 4			
1-2 hours before workout			
Workout			
Meal 5			
Within 30 min after workout			
Meal 6			

Dinner Time Workout	Protein	Carbs	Fat
Meal 1			
Meal 2			
Meal 3			
Meal 4			
Meal 5			
1-2 hours before workout			
Workout			
Meal 6			
Within 30 min after workout			

MEAL #1 TIME:	Foods	GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT
1-2 hours before workout					
Intra-workout - drink during	Bcaa's				
workout	Dextrose				
On Off days/cardio only days do r	not drink BCAA's and Dextrose				
MEAL #2 TIME:		GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT
Post workout - within about 30					
min of workout					
MEAL #3 TIME:		GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT
MEAL #4 TIME:		GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT
MEAL #5 TIME:		GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT
MEAL #6 TIME:		GRAMS	PROTEIN	CARBS	FAT

Having a detailed meal plan is a nice guideline for specifics on meals for a quick reference. If I switch out foods, I make sure that all the exchanged foods fit all of the macros for that meal without going over.

Switch it up

Egg whites can sure get boring over time but I like to spice them up with sautéed peppers, onions, and hot sauce. Another fav cut phase breakfast food is laughing cow cheese. I love to spread this on my gluten free toast in the morning. A wedge is only 1.5 grams of fat and 1 carb. It's a tasty way to flavor up that toast without tons of added fat or sugar like butter or jelly.

Food list example:

<u>Protein</u>	<u>Fats</u>	<u>Carbs</u>
Chicken or turkey breast	Almonds or any nuts	Higher carb veggies
Lean ground turkey	Natural Peanut butter*	-Baked potato
Low fat pork	Almond butter	-Sweet potato
Turkey bacon	Olive oil	-See list below
Fish	Flax oil	Brown or wild rice
Tuna	Primrose oil	Whole wheat bread
Shrimp	Butter	Whole wheat pasta
Lean ground beef	Coconut oil	Whole wheat tortilla
Eggs, whole, whites and/or substitutes	Coconut butter	Oatmeal
Low-fat cottage cheese	MCT oil	Oat bran
Plain non-fat Greek yogurt	Egg yolks	Bran cereal
Whey Protein		Beans
	*make sure these do not contain	Fruit (any)
	hydrogenated oils	Low fat poptarts
		Low fat pancakes (made with water)
		Kids cereal
		Marshmallows
		Fat free candy
		Crackers
		Malto dextrin (during workout)
		Dextrose (during workout)
		Avoid high fructose corn syrup

^{*}remember to count all the macronutrients in each food consumed! Ex: avocados have fat, carbs and protein.

Counting Veggies

It is your choice if you count the net carbs in fibrous, low carb, high fiber veggies. Some prep coaches consider them "free" foods and others do not. High fiber veggies are listed below. I stay consistent to make it easier to adjust my program. I eat a lot of mixed greens salads closer to a show as a fibrous filler.

High Fiber, Low Carb Vegetables	Low Fiber or High Carb Vegetables
Sprouts	Tomatoes
Greens-lettuce, spinach, chard etc	Carrots
Hearty Greens- collards, mustard greens, kale etc	Beets
Radicchio	Peas
Endive	Winter squashes like acorn, butternut
Herbs	Water chestnuts
Bok Choy	Parsnips
Bamboo Shoots	All potatoes
Celery	Sweet potatoes
Radishes	Corn
Sea Veggies like Nori	Plantains
Mushrooms	
Cabbage (or sauerkraut- check labels!)	
licama	
Avocado (also high in fat)	
Asparagus	
Okra	
Cucumber (pickles with no added sugar-check labels!)	
Green and wax beans.	
Fennel	
Cauliflower	
Broccoli	
Zucchini	
Onions	
Leeks	
Snow Peas	
Brussel Sprouts	
Pumpkin	
Spaghetti Squash	
Rutabaga's	

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Low Fructose Fruits

lemon, limes, passion fruit, apricots, plums, cantaloupe, and raspberries. Avoid high fructose fruits like apples, watermelons and pears around your workout.

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