How to Use the Calorie Calculator


The Calorie Calculator should be used as a guide. In reality, there are too many variables to be considered to have an accurate measurement of the calories burned and taken in and how the body will respond. The calculator should be adjusted as frequently as possible adjusting to how slow or fast the wrestler is gaining/losing weight and as the number of days to the competition date changes. The calculator is designed to provide a rough estimate of how hard the wrestlers should be working out and how much and what type of food the wrestlers should be eating.

## Two Easy Steps to Use the Calculator

1. Enter the appropriate values in cells \#1-\#4
2. Other cells will be calculated automatically!

## Explanation of Cells

A. This give an approximate estimate of how much calories are used per practice (of course, it assumes the wrestler is working their hardest for 2 hours; if the wrestler is not working hard or if it's a short practice, this value will affected).
B. How much the wrestler needs to lose/gain in pounds.
C. Approximately how many calories need to be lost/gained per day to lose $X$ pounds of fat to reach the target weight by the target day.
D. BMI index provides a rough guide to see whether the wrestler will be "underweight" "healthy weight" or "overweight" depending on the wrestler's height and weight.
E. Total calories wrestlers should be eating per day and the breakdown of the carbohydrates, fats, and protein (and the approximate grams of food they equate to) to make up for the calories on a workout day.
F. Total calories wrestlers should be eating per day and the breakdown of the carbohydrates, fats, and protein (and the approximate grams of food they equate to) to make up for the calories on a rest day (no practice).

Assumptions of the calculator:

1. The average adolescent male burns about 15-19 calories per pound a day without exercise. The calculator assumes that the wrestler burns 17 calories a day without a workout.
2. It takes 3500 calories to lose 1 pound of fat.
3. Wrestlers weighing less than 190 lb will lose about 4.29 calories per pound for a 2 hour workout; and wrestlers weighing above 190 lb will lose about 922.35 calories per workout.

Example (see calculator image above):

1. If a wrestler is 160 pounds, he will burn about 2720 calories a day without exercise ( $160 \times 17$ ).
2. On a workout day, the wrestler burns an extra 686.4 calories.
3. So he needs 3406.4 calories a day to maintain his weight.
4. If he wants to cut to 148 lb (lose 12 lb of body fat) in 20 days, he will need to burn 42,000 calories $(3,500 \times 12)$ in total; dividing this by 20 days, he needs to reduce the caloric intake by 2,100 calories a day. Therefore, on a workout day, he should intake 1306.4 calories.
