





# Arriving Ready to Compete

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Liz Johnson Canadian Sport Institute Pacific







## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

- We gratefully and respectfully acknowledge that our workplace exists on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Lïlwat7úl (Lil'wat), Esquimalt and Songhees Nations of the Coast Salish peoples.
- I am speaking to you today from Sidney BC which is located within the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ People





#### **CSI Pacific and Team BC Webinars**

- CSI Pacific and Team BC have partnered to provide support to Canada Games athletes and coaches
- Offer services and benefits to registered CG athletes and coaches
- Provide webinars to support you in your preparation for the games
- Through registration you can access our library of resources to support your education as an athlete and coach
- Tonight is our last of three webinars







#### Housekeeping

- We have a fully subscribed event
- Please make sure your microphone is muted
- You can keep you camera on if you choose
- We will have a Q and A session at the end of the presentations
- Please add your questions to the chat box







#### Liz Johnson

Liz is an applied sport physiologist and a member of the Canadian Sport Institute Team

She has worked with Swimming Canada, Wheelchair Rugby and Rowing Canada as part of the IST at many events including multiple Commonwealth, Pan Am, Paralympics Olympic Games and World Championships

Particular areas of interest include: swim physiology, training prescription and monitoring, environmental physiology (particularly heat and altitude), RED-S, travel strategies, sleep, and recovery.









# **Travel Strategies**

Plan to arrive ready to perform Liz Johnson, MSc.





















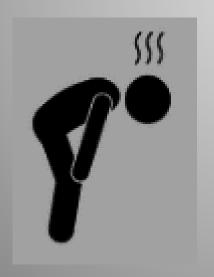






## **PURPOSE**

 Share practical strategies before during and after travel to minimize jet lag, travel fatigue and illness and allow you to perform at your best during the 2023 Canada Winter Games













#### **Travel to PEI**

- Overnight flight
- Approx. 5 hours
- 4 Time zones
- Advance clock



- No screening
- Charter
- Direct









#### WHAT IS JET LAG?

- Negative physiological feelings and symptoms associated with traveling across time zones
- Symptoms can include:
  - Discomfort of the digestive system
  - Daytime sleepiness or fatigue
  - Poor motivation and concentration
  - Impaired physical / mental performance









# TRAVEL STRATEGIES







Trip planning before you depart

2 Travel day strategies

Adjusting after arrival

# 1 PRE TRIP

- Start hydrated



Reduce volume and intensity



- Be healthy
- Plan ahead









Date	Wake	Seek Light	Meals B/L/D	Nap ~90 in	Bedtime
T-3	7 am (or usual time)	Wake to 10am	Earlier by 1 hr if possible	Long nap to bank sleep between 2- 4pm	11pm
T-2	6 am (one hour earlier)	Wake to 10am	Earlier by 1 hr if possible	1-3pm	10pm
T-1	5 am	Wake to 9am	Earlier by 1 hr if possible	12-1pm	9pm
Departure day	5am	Wake to 9am	Earlier by 1 hr if possible	12-1pm	Sleep as much as possible after boarding

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from Dr. Amy Bender travel strategies.

# 1° START RESTED





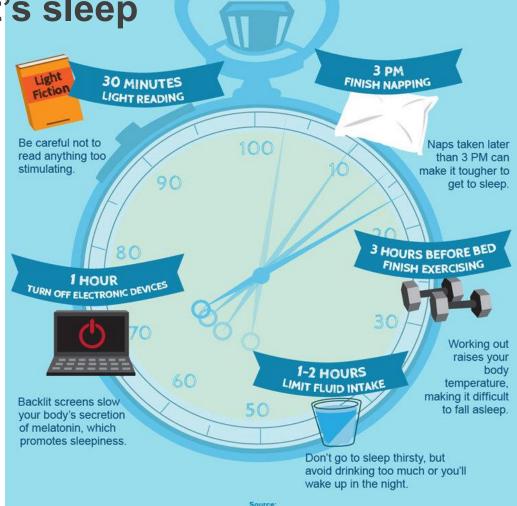


## GET READY FOR BED

If you want to get to sleep quickly, and wake up feeling refreshed, a routine before bed is key.

Getting a good night's sleep

- Consistency
- Routine
- Environment



Source:

businessinsider.com/here-is-the-best-way-to-get-ready-for-bed-2014-7 .health.com/health/condition-article/0,,20189095,00.html care2.com/greenliving/stop-doing-these-things-before-sleep.html hbr.org/2014/11/how-to-spend-the-last-10-minutes-of-your-day

# 1 PRE TRIP

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# 2 Travel day

# **BE PREPARED**









#### Flite Kit

- CSI Pacific provides
  - Sleep mask
  - Chapstick
  - Ear plugs
  - Wet wipes
  - tissues
- Other items to add
  - Surgical masks
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Gum
  - Saline nasal spray
  - Toothbrush/paste









# Balanced snack ideas



Crackers, cheese, sliced turkey, vegetables



Yogurt or milk with whole grain cereal and fruit



Trail mix made with nuts, seeds, dried fruit and/or chocolate



Protein bar (i.e. Rx bar) with a piece of fruit



Apple slices dipped in Greek yogurt, peanut butter, and cinnamon



Flavoured tuna pack with crackers and vegetables



Cottage cheese topped with fruit and/or nuts



Whole grain cereal with cow's milk or soy milk







## Other key items

- Hoodie and toque
- Pillow
- Prescription meds (1/2)
- Small first aid kit
  - Ibuprofen
  - Pepto Bismol
  - Gravol
- Water bottles
- Massage ball (lacrosse or peanut)
- Anything that you need upon arrival

Keep in mind that it needs to fit in the overhead bin!!!









#### General travel safety



Consider double masking for the flight - surgical + 3 layer cloth. Change when moist (every 2-4 hours)



Avoid touching your face, eyes or mask – if you have a habit of doing this consider wearing glasses and sanitize frequently and always prior to eating



Wipe down your seat, table, video monitor and frequently touched surfaces

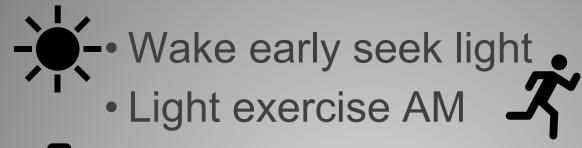


Open the overhead vent to create airflow directed towards your feet – push any particles down into ventilation intake



Try to avoid moving around the cabin more than necessary (toilet only) – do seated exercises if you need to move your legs

# 2 Travel day





- Ensure bags are packed
  - Avoid caffeine after noon
  - Plan to eat at home
  - Fill your water bottles
  - Sip on fluids to stay hydrated
  - Stretch /relax / self massage
  - Bedtime routine while waiting

# 2 Travel day → YVR → YYG

- 12am board flight reset watch (4am) (· i)

- Wipe down your seat area
- Get comfortable
  - Pillow, clothes, eye mask, earplugs
- Sleep as much as possible or relax
- Use mindfulness or breathing
- Sip on fluids when awake 1 cup/hr
- Move around the cabin or do stretches
- Eat breakfast before landing







# Breathe in slowly — fill your lungs

Relax — don't breathe in Seconds

Hold your breath

**Empty your lungs** 

# 2 Arrival in YYG



9am - land travel to accomodations



Continue sipping on fluids to stay hydrated (am coffee is ok)



Seek light in the morning



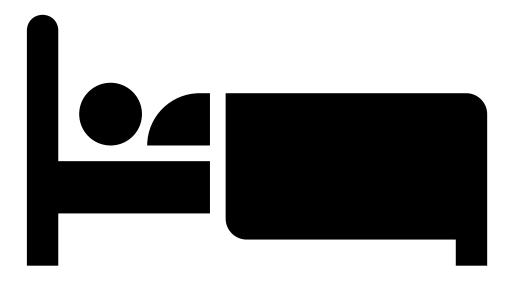
Get light exercise / stretch / self massage







# Are naps OK?



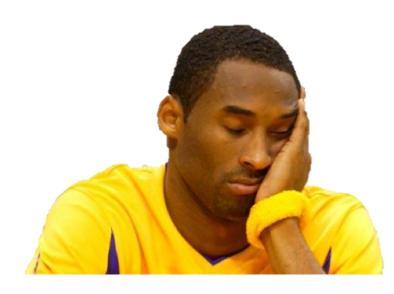






#### NAPS? YES (with some rules)!

- A 30-minute nap can:
  - Reduce sleepiness
  - Improve alertness
  - Increase concentration
  - Enhance motor performance
  - Boost mood



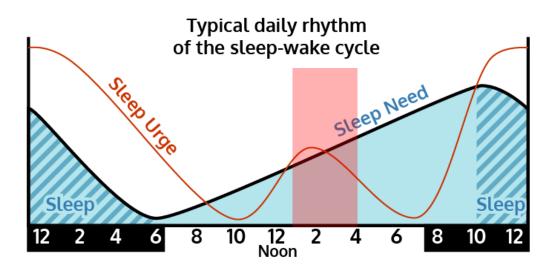






#### **GUIDELINES FOR NAPPING**

- 1. Best between 1-4 PM
- 2. Limit the nap to 30 minutes
- 3. 90 minutes for recovering sleep loss
- 4. Wake at least 90 min prior to event





https://www.bacp.co.uk/media/6932/emma-and-ruth.pdf







## Tips for a good first night sleep



Limit caffeine after 12pm



Avoid light in the afternoon



Aim for your usual bedtime



Have a snack in case you are hungry



Try breathing and relaxation exercises



Consider keeping notifications turned off







## Nutrition strategies for jet - lag



Align mealtime with new local time



Eat smaller meals
More often



Choose high GI and tryptophan rich foods for sleep





## Village life tips

- Have fun and stay focused
- Stay healthy
- Hand washing before you go to dining hall, before you eat your meals…
- Be on time (5 minutes early) for your bus ©
- Eye mask and ear plugs are handy tools for rooming with other people







## Key takeaways

- Be prepared
- Start the trip rested
- Live on Atlantic time starting when you board the flight (sleep if night/ wake if day and eat meals)
- Relaxation ~ Sleep
- Stay healthy

# Good Luck!!!!