

## **Nutrition Self-Assessment Tool**

In order to achieve your optimum level of *health, fitness*, and *performance*, healthy behaviors need to become part of your life. See which habits and behaviors you have incorporated into your life to help you reach your healthy nutrition and weight goals. Circle "Yes" to those statements you feel are true for you.

1. I know how many calories I should be eating on a daily basis YES NO
2. I set short-term goals for myself and review them on a weekly basis YES NO
3. I plan my meals and snacks ahead of time YES NO
4. I incorporate some kind of exercise/activity into my schedule each day <b>YES NO</b>
5. I do strength training two or three times per week YES NO
6. I drink eight glasses of water a day YES NO
7. I eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day YES NO
8. I eat at regular times each day YES NO
9. I sit down to eat my meals (and not in front of the TV!) YES NO
10. I chew slowly and completely YES NO
11. I pause between bites by laying down my silverware YES NO
12. I spend a minimum of twenty minutes at each meal YES NO
13. I relax after meals or go for a brisk walk YES NO
14. I keep low-fat, low-calorie snack foods on hand YES NO
15. I do not nibble while cooking or cleaning up YES NO
16. I minimize my intake of high-fat foods like rich desserts, sauces, and gravies YES NO
17. I shop from a prepared list and buy only those items on the list <b>YES NO</b>

- 18. I never shop when I'm hungry or overly stressed **YES NO**
- 19. I read food labels carefully YES NO
- 20. I am able to dine out while remaining on my meal plan YES NO
- 21. I walk more often and for longer distances YES NO
- 22. I take the stairs instead of the elevator YES NO
- 23. I feel in control of my diet and my body **YES NO**
- 24. I weigh myself no more than once a week **YES NO**
- 25. I do de-stressing exercises to head off my urges to overeat YES NO
- 26. I reward myself for meeting my short-term goals **YES NO**
- 27. I use positive self-talk to keep myself motivated **YES NO**
- 28. I stick to reasonable-size portions **YES NO**
- 29. I find alternatives to outdoor exercising when the weather is bad YES NO
- 30. I know why I want to lose weight YES NO
- 31. I am confident in my abilities and am doing my best to realize my goals **YES NO**

Total marked "YES" = A

 $\mathbf{A} \times 3.2 = \text{Your score}$ 

Ex: If you answered "Yes" to 20 statements -  $20 \times 3.2 = 64$ 

## **Score Rating System:**

Excellent = 80 - 100 Good = 60 - 80 Fair = 50 - 60 Poor = Less Than 50

How well did you score? If you scored poorly, no problem. Simply look at the statements you answered "No", and over time work on correcting those habits. Not all at once!! Slow and steady wins the race. Periodically re-assess to help keep yourself on track.