Pesto Baked Turkey Meatballs

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Ingredients:

- \* 1.5 lb gr turkey (or meat alternative)
- \* 1 egg
- \* 1 tsp salt
- \* 1/2 tsp black powder
- \* 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- \* 1/2 cup pesto
- \* 2/3 cup mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400F

2. In a large mixing bowl combine gr turkey, egg, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and dried basil

3. Use your hands to combine this mixture thoroughly

4. Take 1./4 cup of the pesto and spread a thin layer along the bottom of a 10x10 square baking dish

- 5. Form 16 meatballs by taking 2 tbsp of the turkey meatball mix for each meatball
- 6. Arrange the 16 meatballs in the baking dish
- 7. Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of pesto over the meatballs ensuring each one is covered
- 8. Bake in the oven for 25 minutes

9. Then remove from the oven, add the mozzarella cheese and bake for an additional 5 minutes or until the cheese melts

10. Allow to cool slightly and serve with noodles or veggies!