

Children's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center

Recovery Fuel

Essentials

- Maximizing recovery is essential to maintaining performance at a high level.
- Muscle glycogen is the body's fuel during performance.
- During an intense training, your body uses up most of your glycogen stores.
- You need to reload your glycogen stores after every hard training or game. The body is best at doing that in the first 30 minutes after exertion.
- While most athletes are not hungry after a hard session, it is an essential time to re-fuel.
- Be creative in your post-training snack.



Immediately after training (30-60 minutes)

Refuel

60g carbohydrate

Rebuild

20g protein

Rehydrate

20oz fluid

Recovery is an all-day process

- It takes 24-48 hours to fully replace your energy stores.
- Continue eating well-balanced meals and snacks throughout the day for optimal recovery.

Recovery Food Ideas

- Energy bar
- Recovery drink
- Smoothie
- Trail mix
- Chocolate milk
- Almonds
- Nut butter

Inflammation-Reducing Foods

- · Herbs: tumeric, garlic, ginger
- Produce: tart cherries, spinach
- Omega-3 fatty acids: salmon, nuts, avocados

Recovery Snack Ideas

Choose a food from protein column and a food from carb column based on training session

| Protein: 15 – 20 g | Protein: 20 – 25 g | Carbohydrates: 15 – 30 g | Carbohydrates: 45 – 60 g |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 cups milk | 3 cups milk | 1 piece or cup fresh fruit | 2 - 3 pieces or cups fresh fruit |
| ¾ - 1 cup Greek yogurt | 1½ cup Greek yogurt | ¼ - ½ cup dried fruit | ¾ - 1 cup dried fruit |
| ¾ cup cottage cheese | 1½ cups cottage cheese | 1 cup fruit juice | 2 cups fruit juice |
| 2 string cheeses | 3 string cheeses | 1 cup chocolate milk | 2 cups chocolate milk |
| 1 cup firm tofu | 1¼ cups firm tofu | ½ cup oatmeal | 1 – 1 ½ cups oatmeal |
| 2 - 3 cooked eggs | 3 - 4 cooked eggs | 1 - 2 slices sandwich bread | 3 - 4 slices sandwich bread |
| 2 - 3 oz deli meat | 3 - 4 oz deli meat | ½ bagel | 1 bagel |
| 1½ cups Kefir | 2-2 ¼ cups Kefir | 1 english muffin | 2 english muffins |
| 1½ oz jerky | 2-2 ¼ oz jerky | 1 granola or cereal bar | 4 fig bar cookies |
| 2 – 3 oz fish | 3/4 - 1 cup nuts or seeds | 2 x 6" tortillas or wraps | 2 x 8" tortillas or wraps |
| ½ cup nuts or seeds | 1 cup edamame | ½ - ¾ cup rice or farro | 1 – 1½ cups rice or farro |
| ½ - ¾ cup edamame | 1 – 1½ cups beans or lentils | ½ - 1 cup quinoa, beans, lentils | 1½ - 2 cups quinoa, beans, lentils |
| 4 tbsp nut butter | 1 scoop whey protein | ¾ cup cooked pasta | 1½ cups cooked pasta |
| 1 cup beans | | 4 tbsp nut butter | |



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