Experts agree that the body requires immediate fuel to recover and rehydrate during the first 30 minutes after a workout. Low-fat chocolate milk is nature's recovery drink for athletes, with a perfect mix of carbs and protein to rebuild muscles and restore fluid and electrolyte loss.

WHY CHOCOLATE? Chocolate milk contains more carbohydrates than regular milk.

YOUR WORKOUT **IS DONE.** YOUR BODY ISN'T.

PROTEIN + CARBS

are the right mix of energy sources to refuel exhausted muscles. FUEL WITH

B VITAMINS convert food into energy.

FLUIDS

Milk is 90% water, great for rehydrating and maintaining fluid balance.



Protein building blocks needed for muscle growth and repair.

ELECTROLYTES Sodium, potassium and magnesium replace what's lost in sweat.

LACTOSE

is a natural sugar that helps get amino acids into muscle cells.

CALCIUM +

strengthen bones and help reduce the risk for stress fractures

8 oz of LOW-FAT CHOCOLATE MILK contains as much

CALCIUM as 10 CUPS **RAW SPINACH**

POTASSIUM as ONE BANANA

VITAMIN A as 2 BOILED EGGS



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REFUEL

Recovering with fat-free chocolate milk after a hard workout helped recreational runners build more muscle, reduce muscle breakdown and run longer compared to when they recovered with a carbohydrate drink.

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RESHAPE

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STUDIES SHOW THAT CHOCOLATE MILK IS THE BEST POST-EXERCISE DRINK.

GAIN The edge

Swimmers who recovered with chocolate milk after an intense practice, on average shaved 2.1 seconds per 200-yard swim, and 0.5 seconds per 75-yard sprint later that same day, compared to when they recovered with a traditional carbohydrate sports drink or calorie-free beverage.

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