

- 1. If you refuel your body properly it will help prevent: Feeling tired. Poorer performance the next time you train or compete. Muscle soreness.
- 2. Straight after your event, rest and have a large drink. Suitable fluids for recovery include water, plain and milk or soup to provide fluid with electrolytes, carbohydrate and protein.
- 3. Within 30-60 minutes after the event, have a carbohydrate-rich snack which includes a little protein such as a sandwich, sushi rolls or dry biscuits with tuna. This will help you to refuel quickly.
- 4. If you find it difficult to eat after an event, a liquid meal such as a smoothie or soup may go down better.
- 5. If you have a long drive home after your training or event, pack a healthy recovery snack. The sooner you eat, the quicker you will help your body recover.
- 6. In the hours after your event, choose a variety of foods from the five core food groups after you exercise. This means choosing a little from each of the following food groups: fruit, vegetables, grains, dairy and meat/meat alternatives.
- 7. Have a pre-cooked casserole or easy pasta dish at home ready to eat, such as spaghetti bolognaise, chicken risotto, stir-fry noodles or roast vegetables. Compared with eating out, a home-cooked meal will save the family time, money and improve the nutritional value of the meal.
- 8. Get a good night's sleep to allow tired muscles to recover and repair!
- You may find that the day after you exercise that you are extra hungry. This is completely normal. Your body is trying to refuel and repair
- Make sure you keep drinking plenty of fluid well after the event. Don't go to bed dehydrated.



