Some better fluid choices include:

- Milk
- 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice
- Water

Sports drinks are recommended only to increase your physical performance if you are physically active for more than 60 to 90 minutes. Anything less and water should be the drink of choice because it’s better for hydration. Make sure to drink enough fluids before, during and after physical activity.

- Don’t wait until you feel thirsty because you already may be dehydrated at this point.

- Drink fluids before, during and after physical activity. Drink 2 cups of fluids to replace every pound of body weight lost during physical activity.

- Keep a bottle of water with you and take water breaks every 10 to 15 minutes.

- If a sports drink is necessary, try making your own. It costs much less, doesn’t have as many additives and tastes just as good!

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