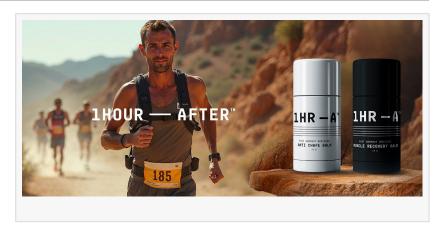


# 1Hour-After's Revolutionary Balms Transform Ultra-Endurance Landscape: A Year of Evolution in Athletic Performance

LA, CA, UNITED STATES, March 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- 1Hour-After's Anti-Chafe Balm and Muscle Recovery Balm have emerged as game-changing forces in ultra-endurance sports, with nearly a year of athlete feedback driving continuous innovation and expanded applications. Since their introduction, these breakthrough formulas have evolved beyond their



original scope, revolutionizing how athletes approach extended endurance challenges and redefining the possibilities in endurance athletics.

"What we've learned from our athletes over the past few months has been extraordinary," says Vince Alton, co-founder of 1Hour-After. "While we initially developed our balms for traditional ultra-running events, the endurance community has shown us countless new applications and possibilities. Their feedback has been invaluable in refining our formulas and understanding their full potential. We're seeing applications we never imagined during initial development."

**Evolution Through Athletic Innovation** 

Since launch, our balms have found success in previously unexplored territories:

- Professional cycling teams have adopted the Anti-Chafe Balm for multi-stage races, reporting a significant reduction in saddle sores.
- Military training programs have integrated both balms into standard gear for extended operations.
- Extreme weather expeditions rely on our balms for protection in both arctic and desert conditions.
- Multi-sport endurance events have seen higher completion rates among users of both products.
- High-altitude challenges benefit from our Muscle Recovery Balm's unique pressure-stable formula.

Key Improvements Based on Real-World Feedback

Through extensive feedback and real-world testing, the endurance community has helped drive several key optimizations:

#### Anti-Chafe Balm Enhancements:

- Extended waterproof performance now lasting through multiple water crossings and up to 8 hours of sweating.
- Faster absorption allowing for easy layering during long events without buildup.
- Temperature adaptability maintains performance from -20°F to 120°F.

## Muscle Recovery Balm Upgrades:

- Prolonged active ingredient release optimized for endurance events exceeding 100 miles.
- Faster absorption allowing deep muscle penetration for immediate relief.
- Enhanced overnight recovery improving muscle repair between multi-day race segments.

"The evolution of these products has been driven entirely by our amazing athletic community," reports Greg Mitchell, Brand Manager at 1Hour-After. "Their real-world testing and feedback have helped us fine-tune both formulas to meet the most demanding endurance challenges. Every adjustment we've made comes directly from athlete experiences and suggestions."

"Our Muscle Recovery Balm, in particular, has exceeded our expectations," adds Giulia Sellitto, Formulations Chemist. "Athletes report dramatic improvements in overnight recovery and reduced soreness. We've developed a proprietary blend that works at the cellular level to accelerate tissue recovery and reduce inflammation. The molecular structure allows for extended release of active ingredients even under extreme physical stress."

## **Expanding Impact Across Disciplines**

The past few months have revealed remarkable versatility across multiple sports:

- Ultra runners now use both balms as standard elements in their training routines.
- Growing adoption among triathletes, particularly in long-course events.
- Increasing popularity in OCR (Obstacle Course Racing) with notable success in 24-hour events.
- Significant uptake in the long-distance hiking community, especially among through-hikers.
- Emerging use in professional sports training camps across multiple disciplines.
- Adoption by adventure racing teams for multi-day competitions.
- Integration into wrestling competitions and training regimens, where athletes rely on the balms for muscle recovery and skin protection during intense matches.

#### **Documented Performance Metrics**

Real-world data has validated our balms' effectiveness through extensive testing and user feedback:

#### Anti-Chafe Balm:

- Users consistently report extended comfort in events over 50 miles.
- · Significant decrease in chafing-related DNFs in races over 100 miles.
- Notable reduction in post-race skin irritation and recovery complications.

## Muscle Recovery Balm:

- Noticeable reduction in recovery time after ultra-events.
- Improved late-stage race performance, especially after 60 miles.
- Enhanced muscle function during multi-day events, with better performance maintenance.
- Intense user satisfaction with enthusiastic recommendations to fellow athletes.
- Remarkable effectiveness for nighttime application between multi-stage race segments.

Ryan Palmer, a long-distance runner, shares: "Cold Tingling Sensation! As a long-distance runner, I have tried a lot of products similar to this (Icy Hot, Biofreeze, etc). The immediate pain-relieving tingly sensation helped calm my soreness almost immediately and was effective for a prolonged period. The balm application was good and didn't need to be massaged in too much, making it easy to use on the go. For the price, this is the best product I have used for immediate ache and pain relief."

### Commitment to Sustainability & Innovation

1Hour-After is equally dedicated to sustainability, achieving key milestones:

- Eco-friendly packaging reducing materials and using recyclable containers.
- Renewable energy investment transitioning production to sustainable sources.
- Local ingredient sourcing minimizing transportation emissions.

## Research and Development Milestones

Continuous improvement through scientific research has yielded the following:

- New understanding of long-term muscle recovery benefits.
- Enhanced formula stability in extreme conditions.
- Improved absorption rates for active ingredients.
- Development of natural preservation systems.
- Advanced testing protocols for future innovations.

"As we continue to gather insights from our community, we're constantly discovering new ways to <u>enhance both performance and sustainability</u>," notes Vince Alton. "Our athletes are not just pushing their own limits – they're helping us push the boundaries of what's possible in endurance care. Their commitment to excellence <u>drives our innovation</u>."

Looking Ahead: The Future of Endurance Recovery

Building on a year of success, 1Hour-After is committed to:

- Expanding research collaborations with elite training facilities.
- Develop new application techniques for various disciplines and conditions.
- Enhancing product formulas for increasingly extreme conditions.
- Developing educational resources for optimal athlete recovery.
- Build a stronger, more connected athletic community.
- Innovating sustainable packaging solutions.
- Support emerging endurance sports.

"The journey of these products reflects the spirit of ultra-endurance itself," concludes Alton. "Every milestone reached becomes a stepping stone to the next challenge. We're proud to continue evolving alongside our athletic community, supporting their achievements, and learning from their experiences. The future of endurance sports is being written by these incredible athletes, and we're honoured to play a role in their journey."

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