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Indiana Ultimate All-Star Team Packet 2020-2021

Welcome to Indiana Ultimate! We are excited you have chosen to become part of our family. Competitive cheer offers us the opportunity to improve a student's physical and mental well-being. Our goals are to not only help athletes become the best cheerleaders they can be, but to instill valuable life skills they can carry on into their adulthood. The desire each day is to teach our athletes the meaning of hard work, commitment, integrity, leadership, self-confidence, positive attitudes, and a love for the sport of cheerleading.

Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Indiana Ultimate, Inc. reserves the right to make ANY changes at ANY time. We will notify via email of changes.

**** ALL GYM FEES FOR THE PRIOR SEASON MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON ****

Half Season Athletes:

Non-refundable Deposit: \$300
Competition Fees: \$600
+ monthly payments of: \$135

Deposit includes: Choreography and music

Tuition Payment Schedule

Due Date	Monthly Tuition/Fee	Additional Fees
September 15th	\$135	\$45 Anniversary Fee
October 1 st	\$135	\$300 Deposit
November 1 st	\$135	\$300 + tax Uniform
December 1 st	\$135	\$300 Competition Fees
January 1 st	\$135	\$300 Competition Fees
February 1 st	\$135	
March 1 st	\$135	
April 1 st	\$135	Possible US Final Fees

Billing

1. All Indiana Ultimate members must have a credit card on file, and we strongly encourage all members to sign up for auto-pay via iClassPro in order to avoid unnecessary fees and penalties. When your card is processed at 12pm on the 1st, if the card is declined, a \$25 credit card decline fee will be assessed.
2. Team dues are billed on the 25th of the prior month regardless of attendance. Payments should be made via iClassPro on or before the 1st of the month. Payments can also be made in the office if necessary.
3. If you are not on autopay, and your payment is not in by midnight on the 1st of each month, a \$15 late fee will be assessed. Returned checks will result in a \$25.00 fee and loss of check writing privileges for the season. If the account remains delinquent, your athlete will be set out of practices until the balance is paid.
4. A penalty of \$500 (per team) will be added to the individual athlete's account, in the event, that the athlete quits after 11:59pm on October 31st, 2020. If your athlete chooses to leave the program it MUST be submitted via email prior to deadline to: indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com Every athlete is an asset to the program. Losing an athlete for whatever reason results in a routine change, which leads to extra practices to change choreography and creates more expense for IU. This fee is waived if a child is leaving due to a physical injury. A physician's note stating the athlete has been under care and can no longer participate is required.

NOTE:

There will be NO refunds (down payment, competition fees, clothing costs, gym/membership fees, etc.) to anyone who quits or is asked to leave the program. Anyone who leaves or is dismissed is responsible for all debts and legal fees.

Siblings:

- Siblings will receive a \$20 discount off the monthly tuition of All-Star.

Uniforms

- Uniform w/ bow – approximately \$300.00 (generally used for 2 seasons)

Attendance

1. For your child to enjoy success at Indiana Ultimate, it is critical to make attendance a priority.
2. Arrive to practice early in order to be READY to take the floor when practice starts, shoes on and taping done!!!
3. Notify your coach **IMMEDIATELY** if all expected tardiness or absences.
4. During the competition season (before a competition), we may schedule extra practices. Poor attendance at a regular practice is the #1 reason extra practices are needed.
5. No practice can be missed two weeks prior to any competition. This time is referred to as the RED ZONE. If an athletes misses practice during the Red Zone, it will be up to the discretion of the coach if the athlete is pulled from the competition, their position in the routine will be altered, or there will be no changes. The coach will determine this strictly by what is best for the team.
6. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL at ALL practices. Starting October 1,2020 only 4 absences will be allowed for half season teams. An absence is an absence; it doesn't matter the reason for missing. Extending illnesses or injuries with an MD note, will count as 1 absence. If you have an MD note to keep you out of practice, you MUST have a note from the same MD to return to practice.

Vacations

Vacations are not permitted during competition season unless the gym is closed, and the athlete has already cleared it with their coach.

Extracurricular School Activities

Involvement in Fall sports does not create a big conflict with All-Star cheer, but Winter & Spring sports are VERY difficult to work around, especially when school coaches are unwilling to work with us. We love school sports; our owner coached school cheer for 25 years, and knows it can take work to do both, but that is ONLY if both coaches are willing to give/take. If you desire to be on an All-Star team, we strongly encourage you to not participate in a Winter/Spring school sport unless you in IN ADVANCE that your school coach is willing to work with you (this includes attending our practices, as well as competitions). You simply cannot be late (or leave early) to your IU practice to attend school practices/games throughout the entire winter/spring season.

Discipline

IF any of the above rules are comprised, the following actions will occur:

- 1st Violation: A meeting with the athlete to define the problem
- 2nd Violation: A meeting with the athlete and parent(s)
- 3rd Violation: The athlete may be removed from the team and/or program

Travel Information

1. Each athlete is responsible for his/her own way to and from each All-Star event.
2. The price of admission, travel, gas hotels, and other expenses are the responsibility of the individual.
3. Many event companies are using "StaySmart" hotel arrangements. They will provide a list of hotels that are offering discounted rates for athletes/families attending a competition in their city. If we are NOT compliant, we will NOT be able to attend that competition.
4. Indiana Ultimate is not responsible for any accidents while traveling to and from events.
5. Members are required to attend all competitions and performances.
***** If miss a competition is absolutely unavoidable, coaches must be informed a minimum of 1 month prior to the competition to be missed. The athlete's competition fee will cover the cost of the substitute. No refunds will be issued for not attending.**

Practice Dress Code

Athletes MUST

1. Keep hair out of their face
2. Remove all jewelry
3. Wear cheer shoes
4. Follow team practice attire schedule as posted per coach each month

Competition Dress Code

Athletes MUST

1. In a crop top, MUST always be in our required cover up unless heading to/from warm-ups, performances or awards.
2. Not wear boots with skirts or wear pajama pants at any time
3. Remove all jewelry
4. Remove and put away all non-uniform items such as sunglasses, cell phones, headphones and I-pods during warm-ups and award ceremonies
5. Be in full competition uniform (no backpacks, warmups) during any award ceremonies
6. **ARRIVE in full uniform or their cover up with their skirt and/or any black bottoms**

Scheduled Closings:

****THERE WILL BE NO PRORATION, OF ANY DUES, FOR MONTHS THAT INCLUDE SCHEDULED CLOSINGS****

Memorial Day:	May 23-25, 2020
Independence Day:	July 4-5, 2020
Labor Day:	September 4-7, 2020
Fall Break Elkhart:	TBD
Fall Break Fort Wayne:	TBD
Thanksgiving:	November 25-28, 2020
Christmas:	December 24, 2020 - January 2, 2021
Spring Break Elkhart:	TBD
Spring Break Fort Wayne:	TBD

TRYOUT INFORMATION

We will be following CDC social distancing guidelines in order to run our tryouts as safely as possible.

Age Divisions

The United States All-Star Federation (USASF) is the governing body of All-Star cheer. Teams are broken down by age, level and size. All-Star divisions are determined by age. NEW THIS SEASON: An athlete's BIRTH YEAR determines their age eligibility for the 2020-21 season.

What to Wear:

(It is not necessary to purchase anything new to tryout)

- Shorts/spandex (no basketball shorts)
- T-shirt/tank/sports bra
- Tennis shoes
- Hair pulled back out of your face
- No jewelry

THE TOTAL COST OF TRYOUTS IS \$25

- Returning Indiana Ultimate All-Star athletes from the 2019-2020 season will pay the \$15 online registration fee. The remaining \$10 will be waived.
- New athletes will pay a \$15 deposit when completing the online registration process. The remaining balance will be due at the time of the in-person tryout.

YOU MUST BRING TO TRYOUTS:

A copy of your *birth certificate (only needed if this is your 1st year at IU or in All-Star)

**This is a USASF requirement for membership and is mandatory for all athletes.*

Team Placements

- All athletes will demonstrate their skill in jumps, tumbling & choreography. Team placement will be based on age and overall abilities across all skill sets. In some cases, an athlete may not have the minimum tumbling skills to make a certain level, but posses other skills that would be beneficial to a specific team. Team rosters will be comprised of members whose talents provide the best chances for overall team success.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Our main communication tool for parents is our team Facebook pages.