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Indiana Ultimate All-Star Team Packet 2022-23

Welcome to Indiana Ultimate! We are excited you have chosen to become part of our family. Competitive cheer offers us the opportunity to improve an athlete'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 reserves the right to make changes at ANY time. We will notify members via email if any changes are made.

**** ALL GYM FEES FOR THE PRIOR SEASON MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON ****

Prep Teams:

(Full season but only ever competes 1 day)
Monthly tuition payments of: \$175
+ additional fees (see schedule)

Elite Teams:

(Excludes Worlds Teams)
Monthly tuition payments of: \$290
+ any additional fees (see schedule)

Worlds Teams:

Monthly tuition payments of: \$305
+ additional fees (see schedule)

International/Open Age Athletes (High School Graduate):

For financial commitments & practice schedules, please email:

Elkhart: indianaultimatestrong@gmail.com

Fort Wayne: indianaultimatefortwayne@gmail.com

If your child is on more than one team:

Crossovers will pay an additional \$50/month in tuition.

There will be a flat rate fee of \$365 for crossover competition fees that can be paid in two separate installments.

If your child is an alternate on their 2nd team:

Alternates will pay an additional \$50/month in tuition.

Competition fees will only be charged when alternate is competing.

A Non-Refundable Deposit of \$350 for Prep teams and \$550 for Elite & Worlds teams can be made in 2 installments. See Additional Fees schedule.

11 Monthly tuition payments include: 2 team practices/week, competition fees, *coaches fee (*Does NOT include coach's fees for post-season competitions: US Finals, Worlds & Summit*)

Additional Fees Schedule

Due Date	Prep Teams	Elite & Worlds Teams
June 1 st	\$45 Anniversary Fee & \$175 Deposit	\$45 Anniversary Fee & \$275 Deposit
July 1 st	\$TBD Super Camp	\$350 Super Camp
August 1 st	\$175 Deposit	\$275 Deposit
September 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
October 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
November 1 st	\$202.50 Comp Fee	\$182.50 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
December 1 st	\$202.50 Comp Fee	\$182.50 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
January 1 st		
February 1 st		
March 1 st		Summit / Worlds Practice Wear
April 1 st	US Finals Fees	Summit / Worlds Fees

BILLING

1. All Indiana Ultimate members must have a credit card on file, and we strongly encourage all members to sign up for autopay 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. Tumbling coaches are available for classes and/or private lessons. Class prices are \$66 per month. We provide a 25% class discount for All-Star athletes. We allow one make-up class per month of tumbling classes. Privates are \$30/30 minutes. Privates may be split with one person. **If you are on an All-Star team and your account has a balance due, even if you have a payment arrangement, you will not be allowed to take classes or privates until your bill is current.**
5. A penalty of \$500 (per team) will be added to the individual athlete's account, in the event that the athlete quits **after the start of their 1st scheduled choreography date.** If an athlete chooses to leave the program it MUST be submitted via email prior to the deadline @ 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 an injury. A physician's note stating the athlete can no longer participate is required.

NOTE:

There will be NO refunds (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.

Paying in Full

- You can pay your entire in full (monthly fees and deposit only) if you desire, but there is NO discount if you choose to do this.

SIBLINGS:

- Siblings will receive a 15% discount off their main team's monthly tuition of All-Star.
- You will be charged for your higher priced team first and then you will receive your 15% discount on the second child's team.

ALTERNATES:

Athletes may be placed as an "Alternate" on a 2nd team (if they state on their tryout form they are willing to cross to a 2nd team) if coaches see potential in that athlete for a higher-level team. Alternates will be a reduced monthly fee to cross to the 2nd team and participate in team practices. If someone on the team is missing, the alternate will be expected to step in and fill their spot as their area of expertise allows. Competition fees will only be paid when the alternate actually competes on the floor with the team. Alternates are extremely valuable to a team when there are injuries or illness. Having a trained athlete waiting in the wings ready to take the floor can be a game-changer. Tremendous growth has often been seen in athletes who are given the opportunity to begin as an alternate. Many athletes use this role as a giant steppingstone to the next level. If your child is listed as an alternate on a roster, the coaching staff will reach out to you to set up a meeting to discuss the expectations.

Uniforms and required apparel are NOT included in the tuition/payment schedule

- Uniform w/hair piece (billed separately) – Approximately \$300.00-\$600.00 + tax (generally used for 2 seasons)
- Teams scheduled for new uniforms this year: Junior / Senior & Prep
- Rebel practice set – Sports bra, spandex (tank top/shorts for males) – Approximately \$80-\$125 + tax
- Uniform cover-up – Roughly \$65.00 + tax (This does NOT apply to our returning members who already purchased the blue windbreaker/cover-up)

SUPER CAMP (Required for ALL ELITE & WORLDS TEAMS athletes)

- Super Camps in previous years have been a VITAL part of our program's overall success. It is what led us to another history-making season in which EVERY eligible team earned a bid to Summit and Worlds.
- Guest coaches from around the country will be staffing this major training for Indiana Ultimate. Programs represented are CheerForce, Cheer Extreme, ECE, Top Gun, Rockstar, Stars Vipers & Stingray.
- Dates: July 8-10
 1. First two days (July 8-9) will be in Fort Wayne.
 2. Last day (July 10) will be in Elkhart.
 3. Times: 10:00am-4:00pm
 4. There will be a 1-hour lunch break each day @ 12:00pm
 5. Cost: \$350 to be processed on July 1. **If paid prior to June 24, a \$25 discount will be applied.** You must email: Indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com if you would like to take advantage of the discount
 6. **Tiny/Mini Elite Athletes:** Will attend 1 full day at their home gym. Fort Wayne will be 2 half day and Elkhart 1 full day. Price is TBD.

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** of all expected tardiness or absences.
4. An Absence form **MUST** be completed **AS SOON AS YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ABSENCE!**
 - a. Forms can be found on our website, team pages and at your local IU front desk
5. Emergency Situations (24 hours or less notice) do not require an absence form, but the coaching staff must be notified ASAP.
6. If an athlete is ill, they are still expected to be at practice to sit and watch unless the following conditions are met
 - a. Athlete has a fever (greater than 100.00)
 - b. Athlete has vomiting/diarrhea (that would prevent them from sitting and watching practice)
 - c. Sitting at practice would be a detriment to the healing process (ex: loud music/bright lights)
 - d. Athlete has a current, positive COVID test, a pending COVID test, a member of their household/close contact to someone with a positive COVID test, or reason to believe they may have been in contact with someone who may be COVID positive.

Watching practice enables the athlete to be aware of choreography changes, and support their teammates despite not being able to practice themselves
7. During the competition season (before a competition), we may schedule extra practices. Poor attendance at regular practice is the #1 reason extra practices are needed.
8. **No practice can be missed two weeks prior to any competition.** This time is referred to as the **RED ZONE**. ***Please see fine charges for this on next page*** If an athlete 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.
9. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL at ALL practices. **Starting September 1, 2022, only 6 absences (per team) will be allowed for full season teams. An absence is an absence; it does not matter the reason for missing.** Extended 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.

****RED ZONE FINES****

- 1st Violation: \$50
- 2nd Violation: \$60
- 3rd Violation & Up: \$75 each

VACATIONS

Vacations are not permitted during competition season unless the gym is closed, and the athlete has already cleared it with their coach. Summer vacations must be discussed with coaches a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the missed practice. We understand the cheer season is long, and we understand family time is important, but once summer comes to an end, we need full commitment.

EXTRACURRICLLAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Involvement in Fall sports do not create a big conflict with All-Star cheer, but Winter & Spring sports are EXCEEDINGLY 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 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 know 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.

SPRING BREAK-World's Eligible teams

Worlds athletes will be expected to be at the last practice before the closure begins and the first practice after the break ends. There are absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. NO MORE THAN 2 practices can be missed for Spring Break

DISCIPLINE

IF any of the above rules are compromised, 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 expense 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 missing 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 be always in our required cover up unless heading to/from warm-ups, performances, or awards.
 2. Not wear boots with skirts or wear pajama pants allowed at any time.
 3. Remove all jewelry.
 4. Remove and put away all non-uniform items such as sunglasses, cell phones, headphones, and iPods during warm-ups and award ceremonies.
 5. Be in full competition uniform (no backpacks, warm-ups) during any award ceremonies.
 6. Hair and makeup done
 - a. Specific competition hair & makeup will be determined by coaches and announced via the Team Facebook pages closer to competition season.
 - 7. ARRIVE in full uniform or their uniform cover up with their skirt and/or any black bottoms.**

CHOREOGRAPHY

- Choreography is scheduled for July 23-August 4. We will begin in Ft Wayne & end in Elkhart. The number of days in each location will be determined once teams are selected. Attendance is REQUIRED. If there is a family vacation or a family emergency, and the athlete cannot attend, the athlete MUST work with their coach to find a suitable fill-in to learn their part. In order to get the best possible routine, a choreographer MUST have the correct number of athletes on the team present for choreography.

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

Memorial Day:	May 27 - May 30, 2022
Independence Day:	July 1 - 4, 2022
Super Camp:	July 8 – 10, 2022
Labor Day:	September 2 - 5, 2022
Thanksgiving:	November 23 - 26, 2022
Christmas:	December 23, 2022 – January 7, 2023
Spring Break:	March 31 – April 8, 2023

Important Contact Information

Billing/Account questions:

Jessica Charles: indianultimatebilling@gmail.com

Competition related questions:

Pam Slagle: indianultimatestrong@gmail.com

Booster Club Question:

Both Locations: iupbc2022@gmail.com

Tumbling Class & Private lessons scheduling and/or questions:

- Ft Wayne: Savannah Shuler: indianultimatefortwayne@gmail.com
- Elkhart: Emily Troxel: indianultimatestrong@gmail.com

All-Star team questions: Please contact during business hours, and only on weekends if an emergency.

- 1) Please contact your child(s) coach first. They will let you know at the beginning of the season the best way to contact them.
- 2) If you feel you need to discuss a problem further after talking with the coach, please contact the All-Star Director in your location
 - Ft Wayne: Ryan Long @ ju.ryanlong@gmail.com
 - Elkhart: Emily Troxel @ ju.emilytroxel@gmail.com

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Tryouts will be held May 12th-13th in Fort Wayne and May 14th-15th in Elkhart.

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 2022-23 season.** SEE ATTACHED AGE GRID.

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 \$50

- **Returning Indiana Ultimate All-Star athletes from the 2021-2022 season will pay the \$35 online registration fee. The remaining \$15 will be waived.**
- **New athletes will pay a \$35 deposit when completing the online registration process. The remaining balance will be due at the time of the in-person tryout.**

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 possess 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.
- Team placements will be done differently this season. The IU staff has come up with a very fun "Reveal" type of way of announcing teams. Athletes and parents will be invited to attend a "Show & Go" event on Saturday May 21st, 2022. More details will be announced soon!
- You must wait a **minimum of 24 hours** to contact any staff member with questions regarding your team placement! We are always happy to address and questions or concerns you may have, after the first 24hours has passed.
- **Level 5/6 Callbacks:** Depending on the season, callbacks maybe required for Level 5/6 athletes. If callbacks are needed, athletes will receive a written invitation to attend the callback. Athletes will be made aware at the beginning of their tryouts if callback invites will be given.

PARENT MEETINGS

Our main communication tool for parents is our team Facebook pages. Date/Times of parent meetings will be announced with team placements. **Attendance is REQUIRED.** If unable to attend, parents need to contact Sav Shuler in Fort Wayne & Emily Troxel in Elkhart, to schedule a time to review the information for the season. **Athletes whose parents do not attend a meeting, will not be able to participate in practices until a meeting has been scheduled.**

2022-23 Season	DIVISIONS	TARGET AGES	USASF ATHLETE BIRTH YEAR ("x" indicates eligible for that division)																			
			INT Model	2002 or before	1/1/2003- 5/31/2003	6/01/03- 12/31/03	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ELITE CLUB	Senior Open(L4/L5/L6)	15+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x											
	Senior (L6)	14-19			x	x	x	x	x	x	x											
	Senior (L1-5)	13-19			x	x	x	x	x	x	x											
	Junior (L5-6)	10-16						x	x	x	x	x	x	x								
	Junior (L4)	9-16						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							
	Junior (L1-3)	8-16						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
	Youth (L5)	10-12										x	x	x	x							
	Youth (L4)	9-12										x	x	x	x	x						
	Youth (L1-3)	7-12										x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
	Mini (L1-2)	7-9														x	x	x	x			
Tiny (L1)	6-7																x	x	x			
PREP	Senior Prep (L1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2)	11-19			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x								
	Junior Prep (L1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2)	8-16						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
	Youth Prep (L1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2)	7-12										x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
	Mini Prep (L1.1, 2.1, 2.2)	7-9													x	x	x	x				
	Tiny Prep (L1.1)	6-7															x	x	x			
NOVICE	Senior Novice(L1-3 w/restrictions)	11-19			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									
	Junior Novice (L1-3 w/restrictions)	8-16						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
	Youth Novice(L1-3 w/restrictions)	7-12										x	x	x	x	x	x					
	Mini Novice (L1-2 w/restrictions)	7-9													x	x	x	x				
	Tiny Novice(L1 w/restrictions)	4-7															x	x	x	x	x	
CheerAbilities	CheerAbilities Elite (L2 w/restrictions)	6+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	CheerAbilities Novice (L1 w/restrictions)	6+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	CheerAbilities Exhibition (L2 w/restrictions)	6+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
ELITE INTERNATIONAL	International Open (L7)	17+	x	x	x	x	x															
	International Open/NT/Global (L6)	15+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x												
	International Open (L4)	15+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x												
	International U18 (L1-4, 6NT)	14-18					x	x	x	x	x											
International U16 (L1-4)	12-16							x	x	x	x	x										