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Indiana Ultimate All-Star Team Packet 2023-2024

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. We are looking forward to our best season yet with a "Two Gyms, One Family" mindset!!

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 2023-24 SEASON ****

Tiny Athletes:

11 Monthly installment payments of: \$216
+ additional fees (see schedule)

Prep Mini-Senior Athletes:

(Full season but only ever competes 1 day)
11 Monthly installment payments of: \$266
+ additional fees (see schedule)

Elite Mini-Senior Athletes:

(Excludes Worlds Teams)
11 Monthly installment payments of: \$345
+ any additional fees (see schedule)

Worlds Athletes:

11 Monthly installment payments of: \$365
+ additional fees (see schedule)

International/Open Age Athletes (High School Graduate):

For financial commitments & practice schedules, please email:
indianaultimatestrong@gmail.com

If your child is on more than one team:

Crossovers will pay an additional \$75/monthly installment.
There will be a flat rate fee of \$450 for crossover competition & coaches fees that can be paid in two separate installments.

11 Monthly installment payments include: 2 team practices/week, choreography, music, competition registration and coaches fees*.

(*Does NOT include competition registration or coaches fees for post-season competitions: US Finals, Worlds & Summit*)

Additional Fees Schedule

Due Date	Tiny & Prep Teams	Elite & Worlds Teams
June 1 st	\$45 Membership Fee	\$45 Membership Fee
July 1 st	\$TBD Super Camp	\$350 Super Camp
August 1 st	\$225 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)	\$225 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
September 1 st	\$225 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)	\$225 Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
October 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
November 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
December 1 st		
January 1 st		
February 1 st		
March 1 st		Summit / Worlds Practice Wear
April 1 st	US Finals Fees	Summit / Worlds Coaches Fees

***BILLING**

1. All Indiana Ultimate members must have a credit card on file. All members are automatically signed up for autopay via iClassPro to avoid unnecessary fees and penalties.
2. Team statements are emailed on the 25th of the prior month regardless of attendance. Cards will be processed at 12pm on the 1st of the month. Payments can be made via iClassPro on or before the 1st of the month. Payments can also be made in the office if necessary.
3. If your account has credit, it will be utilized for charges on your account prior to the processing of your card on file.
4. If your payment is not in by midnight on the 1st of each month, a \$15 late fee will be assessed. When your card is processed at 12pm on the 1st, if the card is declined, a \$25 credit card decline 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.
5. 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.**
6. 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 @ indianultimatebilling@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.

***BASE COST & PAY IN FULL OPTION**

- Our base cost is the total of all 11 installment payments. Regardless of when an athlete joins our program during the 2023/24 season, the base cost must be covered.
- Your base cost may be paid in full if you desire. If you choose to do so, you will receive an 8% discount off the base cost of your season (this cannot be combined with any other discounts). If you are interested in taking advantage of this discount you must email Jessica Charles at: indianultimatebilling@gmail.com PRIOR to 11:59pm on May 31st, 2023.

***SIBLINGS DISCOUNT**

- Siblings will receive a 25% discount off their main team's monthly installment of All-Star.
- You will be charged for your higher priced team first and then you will receive your 25% discount on the second child's team.

***UNIFORMS and required apparel are NOT included in the additional fees schedule**

- Uniform w/hair piece (billed separately) – Approximately \$350.00-\$650.00 + tax (generally used for 2 seasons)
- Rebel practice set – Sports bra, spandex (tank top/shorts for males) – Approximately \$90-\$150 + tax.
- Uniform cover-up – Roughly \$85.00 + tax (This does NOT apply to our returning members who already purchased the blue windbreaker/cover-up)

***SUPER CAMP (Required for 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 7-9
 1. First day (July 7) will be in Fort Wayne.
 2. Last two day (July 8 & 9) will be in Elkhart.
 3. Times: 10:00am-4:00pm (Friday & Saturday) & 10:00am-3:00pm (Sunday)
 4. There will be a lunch break each day.
 5. Cost: \$350 to be processed on July 1. **If paid prior to June 24, a \$25 discount will be applied.** You must email: Indianultimatebilling@gmail.com if you would like to take advantage of this discount no later than 11:59pm on 6/23.
 6. **Tiny, mini & prep athletes:** All information is TBD.

***ADDITIONAL CAMPS/CLINICS**

- All-Star camps and clinics will be scheduled as needed throughout the season.
- Additional costs may arise.

***CHOREOGRAPHY**

- Choreography is scheduled for July 20th - August 2nd. 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.

***ATTENDANCE**

1. For your child to enjoy success at Indiana Ultimate, it is critical to make attendance a priority.
2. Arrive to practice no more than 15min early 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! ***Please see absence form dates under “Vacations / Planned 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 they are actively vomiting or have a fever of 100.5 or above. (Be sure to follow protocol during fineable zones.) ***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. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL at ALL practices. **Starting September 1, 2023, through the end of the season 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.

***VACATIONS / PLANNED ABSENCE**

Vacations / planned absences are not permitted throughout the season unless the gym is closed, and the athlete has already cleared it with their coach. We understand the cheer season is long, and we understand family time is important, however our gym culture is rooted in the importance of athlete dedication. All planned absences must be submitted by the following dates in their respective portion of the season. Deadlines are as follows:

Summer Season (June 1st, 2023 – August 31st, 2023)

*Forms Due by June 14th, 2023

Fall Season (September 1st, 2023 – November 30th, 2023)

*Forms Due by August 1st, 2023

Competition Season (December 1st, 2023 – February 29th, 2024)

*Forms Due by October 1st, 2023

Champion Season (March 1st, 2024 – End of Season)

*Forms Due by January 1st, 2024

***EXTRACURRICLLAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Involvement in Fall sports do not create a big conflict with All-Star cheer, but Winter & Spring sports directly conflict with our gym culture of having an ALL-IN mindset. If you choose to participate in a Winter/Spring sport, your position and/or placement could be affected.

***World's Eligible teams**

PLACEMENT ON A WORLD'S TEAM REQUIRES A MARKEDLY HIGHER LEVEL OF COMMITMENT.

Athletes: if you receive a callback for consideration as an athlete on our World's team, you will be required to attend a separate meeting to discuss the nature of this commitment and the expectations of a World's team member.

Fineable Absence Zones

If your athlete misses practice during the Yellow, Red or "All-In" April Zones:

1. You MUST email our Account Specialist (indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com) AND your coach to inform them the reason for the missed practice.
 - a. If your athlete is missing due to illness, the email must include a doctor's note, or the fines will be charged.
2. Violation Fines will be added and processed to the card on file within 24-48hrs of the absence.
3. If your athlete continues to miss practices during any of the fineable zones, the below is at the coach's discretion:
 - a. Your athlete's position in routine is altered.
 - b. Your athlete is pulled from a competition.
 - c. Your athlete is pulled from Indiana Ultimate.
 - d. No changes to your athlete's position.
4. All changes by the coach will be strictly based on what is best for the team.

Yellow Zone

June 1st, 2023, through August 31st, 2023, is referred to as the **YELLOW ZONE**. Athletes will be allowed to miss a total of 3 practices per team during the Yellow Zone prior to any fines being enforced. If an athlete misses more than the allowed practices during the Yellow Zone, they will be subject to the below fines.

****YELLOW ZONE FINES****

All Violations: \$20 each

Red Zone

No practices may be missed two weeks prior to any competition. This time is referred to as the **RED ZONE**. If an athlete misses practice during the Red Zone, they will be subject to the below fines.

****RED ZONE FINES****

1st Violation: \$50

2nd Violation: \$60

3rd Violation & Up: \$75 each

"All-In" April

End-of-season competitions are a way to celebrate and show off the hard work put in by our teams all season. With end of season competitions happening in April we are referring to this month as **"ALL-IN" APRIL**. If an athlete misses practice during 'All-in' April, they will be subject to the below fines.

****"ALL-IN" APRIL FINES****

All Violations: \$75 each

*ATTENDANCE & CODE OF CONDUCT DISCIPLINE

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

1st Violation: An email will be sent to the parent(s) of the athlete to define the problem.

2nd Violation: A meeting with the athlete and parent(s).

3rd Violation: The athlete, parent and coach will meet to determine the athlete's continued involvement with Indiana Ultimate

***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 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 (males included)
 2. Remove all jewelry.
 3. Wear cheer shoes.
 4. Follow team practice attire schedule as posted per coach each month.

***PRACTICE PROTOCOL**

1. Phones turned in to coach's basket.
2. All drinks must be in a closed leakproof cup.
 - a. We recommend WATER.
3. NO GUM!!!
4. Absolutely no negativity!!!

COMPETITION DRESS CODE

1. Athletes wearing a crop top uniform are required to wear the mandatory coverup unless heading to/from warm-ups, performances, or awards.
2. No boots with skirts or pajama pants allowed at any time.
3. Remove all jewelry.
4. Hair must be a naturally occurring color for all competitions.
5. Nails are NOT to be a bright color or an excessive length.
6. Remove and put away all non-uniform items such as sunglasses, cell phones, headphones, and iPads during warm-ups and award ceremonies.
7. Be in full competition uniform (no backpacks, phones, or warm-ups) during any award ceremonies.
8. 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.
9. **ARRIVE in full uniform or their uniform cover up with their skirt and/or any black bottoms.**

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

Memorial Day:	May 26 - May 29, 2023
Independence Day:	June 30 – July 3, 2023
Super Camp:	July 7 – 9, 2023
Labor Day:	September 1 - 4, 2023
Thanksgiving:	November 22 - 25, 2023
Christmas/New Years:	December 23, 2023 – January 6, 2024
Spring Break:	March 29, 2024 – April 6, 2024
Summit/Worlds:	April 29, 2024 – May 7, 2024

***REFERRAL BONUS!**

How does a \$100 account credit sound? This year we are bringing back our referral program! It's easy! All you must do is refer a friend or family member to Indiana Ultimate and have them join an All-Star team for the 2023/24 season. Once all below requirements are met you will receive your account credit on our next payout date that may be used towards any charges on your Indiana Ultimate account.

- Referral emailed Jessica Charles and stated that you referred them.
- Referral is new to our All-Star cheer program.
- Referral must stay enrolled in All-Star for 90 days.
- Referral must keep account financially current for 90 days.
- Referral must still be active at the time of account credit payout.

*Account Credit payout dates will be Oct 5th, Dec 5th and March 5th. *No cash value

Important Contact Information

Billing/Account questions:

Jessica Charles: indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com

Competition related questions:

Pam Slagle: indianaultimatestrong@gmail.com

Booster Club Question:

Booster Board Members: iupbc2022@gmail.com

Tumbling Class scheduling and/or questions:

Jessica Charles: indianaultimatebilling@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.
 - indianaultimatestrong@gmail.com

TRYOUT INFORMATION

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. An athlete's BIRTH YEAR determines their age eligibility for the 2023-24 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 (males included)
- No jewelry

*THE TOTAL COST OF TRYOUTS IS \$60

- New Early Registration Discount!
- Register by April 24th to save \$15!
- After that date, pay \$45 when completing the online registration process with the remaining balance of \$15 due at the time of the in-person tryout.

Team Placements

- Athletes and parents will be invited to attend a "Show & Go" event, the **ULTIMATE REVEAL**, shortly following block practices. Exact date to be announced.
- 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 any questions or concerns you may have after the first 24 hours have passed.

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.**