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**Indiana Ultimate Half Season All-Star Team Packet 2024-2025**

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 an "All In" 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 2024-25 SEASON \*\***

\*Down payment and competition fees are included in the monthly installments\*

**Monthly Fees Schedule**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Fees</b>
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment & \$45 Membership Fee
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment & 50% uniform +tax
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment & 50% uniform +tax
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$305 Monthly Installment & Possible End of Season competition & coaches fees

## **\*BILLING**

1. All Indiana Ultimate members must have a credit card on file. All members will be 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Payments can be made via iClassPro on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 \$71 per month. We provide a discounted rate for All-Star athletes of \$55 per month. We allow one make-up class per month of tumbling classes. Privates are \$40/30min, \$55/45min and \$70/60min. Private lessons 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 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled choreography date.** If an athlete chooses to leave the program it **MUST** be submitted via email prior to the deadline @ [indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

- Our base cost is the total of all 8 monthly installment payments. Regardless of when an athlete joins our program during the 2024/25 season, the base cost must be covered.
- Your base cost may be paid in full if you desire. However, there is no discount for doing so. If you would like to pay in full, please contact Jessica Charles at: [indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com](mailto:indianaultimatebilling@gmail.com) no later than 11:59pm on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **\*SIBLINGS DISCOUNT**

- Siblings will receive a 15% 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 15% discount on the second child's team.

## **\*UNIFORMS**

- Uniform – Approx. \$350-\$550 +tax

## Code of Conduct & Program Rules

- If you have any questions or concerns that need immediate attention, please use the following chain of command:  
1<sup>st</sup> Coaching Pair 2<sup>nd</sup> All-star Director 3<sup>rd</sup> Owner
- Personal items such as cell phones, school bags, or gym bags must be taken into the gym and stored in the cubbies off the practice floor area. NO items are to be left in the athlete staging area or cubbies. Cell phones must be silenced and stored away during practice. Indiana Ultimate is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items brought into the gym.
- You are NEVER allowed to use the Indiana Ultimate name or logo for any personal or commercial use.
- You must arrive at all practices, competitions, or any scheduled events on time. Punctuality is a MUST.
- All team routine decisions are left to the discretion of the coach.
- Athletes need to be able to perform ALL aspects of competitive cheerleading physically and mentally.
- Please keep in mind the gym is not a babysitting service. Dropping your kids off unsupervised is not allowed. Athletes may not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled practice.
- Good sportsmanship and polite manners are mandatory at all practices and competitions from athletes AND parents. NO GOSSIP about any other teams, a child on any team or coaches/staff will be tolerated. It is necessary to address a problem through the chain of command listed above.
- Practices may be changed, added, or cancelled at any time during the season.
- Competitions may be changed, added, or cancelled at any time during the season.
- The coaches reserve the right to close practices at ANY time for ANY reason.
- It is the parents' responsibility to know what is going on with your team. Check your emails, SportsYou pages and website regularly.
- Withholding a child from practice or competition is not an acceptable form of punishment and may result in dismissal.
- Athletes should be able to handle schoolwork and all-star practices. Learning time management is a vital life skill and something that we try to instill in our athletes. Homework is NOT an acceptable excuse for missing practice.
- Parents, relatives, friends, and cheerleaders are never allowed to speak with competition officials for any reason. EVER!
- Parents and athletes are required to ALWAYS represent Indiana Ultimate, Inc in a positive manner. This is especially so at practices and competitions.
- Parents are never allowed to represent Indiana Ultimate under any circumstances concerning accommodations, competitions, or any other situations. PERIOD!
- Parents and athletes posting negative comments on social media will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the team or program as a whole.
- Placing athletes on team(s) is solely on the discretion of the coaches.
- Indiana Ultimate Inc. may move, replace, add, suspend, or even dismiss an athlete for a period of time or indefinitely from a team or the entire program based on the criteria, including but not limited to: Attendance, Ability to Pay, Skills, Parent Conflict and/or Attitude/Conduct.
- Coaches will determine the roles and/or positions an athlete will have on their team(s)
- There will be no arguing or questioning of the coaching staff's decisions at practices or competitions. EVER
- Indiana Ultimate maintains the right to refuse or stop services at any time.

## **\*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 coaching pair **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 October 1st, 2024, through the end of the season only 4 absences (per team) will be allowed for half 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:

**Fall Season** (September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

\*Forms Due by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Competition Season** (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

\*Forms Due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Champion Season** (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – End of Season)

\*Forms Due by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## **\*EXTRACURRICLLAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Involvement in Fall sports does 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.

## Fineable Absence Zones

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

1. You MUST email our Account Specialist ( [indianultimatebilling@gmail.com](mailto:indianultimatebilling@gmail.com) ) AND your coaching pair 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 coaching pairs 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 coaching pair will be strictly based on what is best for the team.

### 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\*\***

1<sup>st</sup> Violation: \$50

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: \$60

3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: A meeting with the athlete and parent(s).

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation: The athlete, parent and coaching pair 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 into 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. Uniform is to be worn properly.
4. Remove all jewelry.
5. Hair must be a naturally occurring color for all competitions.
6. Nails are NOT to be a bright color or an excessive length.
7. Remove and put away all non-uniform items such as sunglasses, cell phones, headphones, and iPads during warm-ups and award ceremonies.
8. Be in full competition uniform (no backpacks, phones, or warm-ups) during any award ceremonies.
9. Hair and makeup done.
  - a. Specific competition hair & makeup will be determined by coaches and announced via the Team SportsYou groups closer to competition season.

**10. ARRIVE in full uniform or their uniform cover up with their skirt and/or any black bottoms.**

## **SCHEDULED CLOSINGS**

Labor Day:	August 30 – September 2, 2024
Thanksgiving:	November 27 - 30, 2024
Christmas/New Years:	December 22, 2024 – January 4, 2025
Spring Break:	April 4 – 12, 2025
Summit/Worlds:	April 25, 2025 – May 6, 2025

### **\*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 2024/25 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 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. \*No cash value

## **Important Contact Information**

### **Billing/Account questions:**

Jessica Charles: [indianultimatebilling@gmail.com](mailto:indianultimatebilling@gmail.com)

### **Competition related questions:**

Pam Slagle: [indianultimatestrong@gmail.com](mailto:indianultimatestrong@gmail.com)

### **Booster Club Question:**

Booster Board Members: [iupbc2022@gmail.com](mailto:iupbc2022@gmail.com)

### **Tumbling Class scheduling and/or questions:**

Jessica Charles: [indianultimatebilling@gmail.com](mailto:indianultimatebilling@gmail.com)

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

- 1) Please contact your child(s) coaching pair 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 coaching pair, please contact the All-Star Director.
  - [indianultimatestrong@gmail.com](mailto:indianultimatestrong@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 2024-25 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 \$40**

## **\*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.

## **PARENT MEETINGS & TEAM COMMUNICATION**

Our main communication tool for parents is our team SportsYou pages. Date/Times of parent meetings will be announced with team placements. **Attendance is REQUIRED.**