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Indiana Ultimate 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 or SportsYou 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 ****

Tiny Athletes:

11 Monthly installment payments of: \$230
+ additional fees (see schedule)

Prep Mini-Senior Athletes:

(Full season but only ever competes 1 day)
11 Monthly installment payments of: \$305
+ additional fees (see schedule)

Elite Mini-Junior Athletes:

(Practice 2x/week)
11 Monthly installment payments of: \$365
+ any additional fees (see schedule)

Elite Senior Athletes:

(Practice 3x/week)
11 Monthly installment payments of: \$400
+ additional fees (see schedule)

International/Open Age Athletes (High School Graduate):

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

If your child is on more than one team:

Crossovers will be pay the higher monthly installment and an additional \$75/monthly installment for their second team.

Crossover competition & coaches fees can be paid in two separate installments.

***Prep \$350 *Elite \$550**

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

Alternates will meet with All-Star Director to discuss expectations.
Competition fees will only be charged when an alternate is competing.

11 Monthly installment payments include: 2 or 3 team practices/week, choreography, music, competition registration and coaches' fees*.

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

Additional Fees Schedule

Due Date	Tiny & Prep Teams	Elite & Worlds Teams
June 7 th	\$45 Membership Fee	\$45 Membership Fee
June 21 st	\$TBD Super Camp *billing date may change	\$350 Super Camp
August 1 st	50% Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)	50% Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
September 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
October 1 st	50% Uniform	50% Uniform
November 1 st	50% Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)	50% Crossover Comp Fee (if applicable)
December 1 st		
January 1 st		
February 1 st		
March 1 st		Worlds / Summit Practice Wear
April 1 st	End of Season Event Competition and Coaches Fees	End of Season Event Competition and/or Coaches Fees

***BILLING**

- 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.
- 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.
- If your account has credit, it will be utilized for charges on your account prior to the processing of your card on file.
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.

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

- Our base cost is the total of all 11 installment payments for one team. 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. 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 June 5th, 2024. *We do not offer Pay in Full for an athletes crossover team*

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

- Uniform w/hair piece (billed separately) – Approximately \$500.00-\$750.00 + tax (generally used for 2 seasons)
- Rebel practice set – Sports bra, spandex (tank top/shorts for males) – Approximately \$150-\$200 + 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: June 28th-30th, 2024
 1. All days will take place at our Elkhart location.
 2. Times: 3:00pm-9:00pm (Friday) 10:00am-4:00pm (Saturday) & 10:00am-3:00pm (Sunday)
 3. There will be a lunch break each day.
 4. Cost: \$350 to be processed on June 21st, 2024. **If paid prior to June 20th 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 June 19th, 2024.
 5. **Tiny, mini & prep athletes:** All information is TBD.

***ADDITIONAL CAMPS/CLINICS**

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

***CHOREOGRAPHY**

- Choreography is scheduled for July 16th – July 24th. 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.

Code of Conduct & Program Rules

- If you have any questions or concerns that need immediate attention, please use the following chain of command:
1st Coaching Pair 2nd All-star Director 3rd 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 September 1, 2024, 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, 2024 – August 31st, 2024)

*Forms Due by June 14th, 2024

Fall Season (September 1st, 2024 – November 30th, 2024)

*Forms Due by August 1st, 2024

Competition Season (December 1st, 2024 – February 28th, 2025)

*Forms Due by October 1st, 2024

Champion Season (March 1st, 2025 – End of Season)

*Forms Due by January 1st, 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.

***WORLD'S ELIGIBLE TEAMS**

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

Athletes & Parents: Mandatory meeting at the start of the first practice. The athlete and at least one parent/guardian must attend.

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 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.

Yellow Zone

June 1st, 2024, through August 31st, 2024, 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 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 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. 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 Facebook pages closer to competition season.

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

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

Memorial Day:	May 24 - 27, 2024
Super Camp:	June 28 – 30, 2024
Independence Day:	July 3 – 7, 2024
Fall Break:	August 2 – 10, 2024
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 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 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.
 - 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 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 \$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.

Block Practices

Last season proved that block practices are beneficial in helping place all athletes properly. Block practices allow our coaching staff to see athletes work in stunt groups and as a team to build the best teams possible. You will receive your athletes block practice schedule(s) no later than May 20th, 2024. As our coaches work with the group blocks, they may ask your child to attend a different block.

***Block practices will take place on May 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th.**

Team Placements

- Athletes and parents will be invited to attend a "Show & Go" event, the **ULTIMATE REVEAL**, shortly following block practices. **Exact date is: JUNE 1ST 11AM-1PM**
- 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 24hours have passed.

PARENT MEETINGS

Our main communication tool for parents is our team SportsYou groups. Date/Times of parent meetings will be announced with team placements. **In person attendance is REQUIRED. We will be taking attendance.**