

## WELCOME TO RADNOR ULTIMATE 2023-2024!

We're excited to get to the fields and get this year started with the kick off of **RUF BOOT CAMP** next week from **Aug. 28th-31st, 8-11AM**, at Warren Filipone Park. Please complete registration by the first day of school. Required forms and online links can be found on the Radnor Ultimate website. There are team dues for both Fall and Spring seasons. These are determined by operational costs, number of anticipated athletes, and current account balances. **Fall payments will be due by Sept. 18.** We will determine the Fall dues amount by the end of next week.

<https://www.radnorultimate.com/join-ruf>.

For those new to RUF, the Fall season is a time to work on skill development, get conditioned, and start to gel as a team. There will be some competitive tournaments that we will attend in the next coming months which will be great warm-ups for the PHUEL high school match-ups in the Spring and ultimately a return to the State Championships. Over the winter months, we will be exploring some off-season conditioning opportunities as well. All of these details and schedules will be communicated both by email and in Team Snap. Please regularly check [RadnorUltimate.com](http://RadnorUltimate.com) for ongoing updates and schedules as well. Please note\*\*\* TEAMSnap is the primary means of communication between coaches and players, especially for updating schedules. All athletes should be sure they have the Team Snap app. **REGULAR PRACTICES BEGIN SEPT. 11** (and continue to Nov. 9) **AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3:30PM-5PM** at Dittmar Park. Because Fall practices are off campus, please arrange for your athlete's transportation. As a club sport, we do not have buses. Many students coordinate carpools.

RUF actively recruits throughout the year and encourages any interested athlete to participate and learn the sport. **SPREAD THE WORD AND BRING FRIENDS!** The team is highly competitive and consistently ranks in the Top 10 in Pennsylvania and beyond. Opportunities are available for top level play at all skill levels and RUF does not cut athletes. JV and Varsity letters are awarded at the end of the Spring season. Playing a high school sport is not only great for the camaraderie and physical fitness, but it also helps for college applications. Ultimate is continuing to grow nationally and internationally with many competitive teams at the college level <https://usultimate.org/college/>. Locally, many Radnor team members and alum play competitively during the winter and summer months with numerous programs offered through PADA (Philadelphia Area Disc Alliance), including the YCC Nationals which just wrapped a few weeks ago in Denver, CO. So, there is truly a "world of Ultimate" to explore for many years to come!

### FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING

Putting these two big and bold, because they are the backbone of the RUF program. RUF is fortunate to have coaches with a wealth of experience in Ultimate who have played at all levels of the sport. This keeps our team highly competitive with athletes who grow exponentially throughout the program to be prepared for those big opportunities at the collegiate, national, and world level. Funding to cover coaching stipends, tournament bids, uniforms, travel, and other team expenses comes solely from athlete dues payments and fundraising. This year we will be stepping up our fundraising efforts more aggressively. Participation is not mandatory, but every little bit helps. RUF will be engaging in a variety of fundraising activities, and it is our hope that every athlete and family will enjoy helping in these efforts to support the program and its future growth. All proceeds will contribute to the team account to cover the team costs. We are always open to new fundraising ideas, so please don't hesitate to share those.

Here are some highlights of upcoming fundraisers that are currently in the works.

- **Restaurant Night Outs** - A percentage of proceeds of food purchases from local food faves such as Chick-Fil-A, QDoba, Snap Pizza, and Honeygrow. Dates to be announced.
- **Charleston Wrap** - You may be thinking back to the days of wrapping paper fundraisers. Yes, they still do that. But, now there are more than 2500 items (including many personalized) that make great gifts

for the holiday season for friends and family or to just treat yourself. An average of 30-40% of all sales comes back to the team, making this one of the most profitable fundraising programs. A huge benefit is that sellers do not have to worry about collecting payments or distributing goods. It is all built into the program and items are shipped anywhere directly. This sale will kick off at the end of October to coincide with the traditional shopping season and to ensure delivery in time for the holidays. Much more to come as we get closer.

- **SHOPRAISE** - Similar to Amazon Smile, this platform allows you to help raise funds for RUF just by doing your regular shopping. This program will run year-round so please sign-up ASAP to get started. A percentage of your regular purchases will automatically go to RUF. **Here's how to get started today:** <https://shopraise.com/support/radnorultimate>. Helpful video to learn more <https://vimeo.com/740503015>. Share these links with friends and family too!
- **Team Sponsorships** - We will be purchasing at least 1 new tent for tournaments this year and will be adding new banners. If your company or a company you know would be interested in a team sponsorship, these banners will showcase sponsor logos at highly visible tournaments across the region (including City and State finals). Sponsors are also showcased on the team website and family communications. More info to come on sponsorship packages and additional promotional opportunities for our supporters.

Volunteering: There are many ways to volunteer for RUF. Throughout the year, we will need to coordinate team support for tournaments, our large home hosted tournament (RADNOR INVITATIONAL in spring), States travel planning, recruitment efforts, fundraising activities, etc. Please let us know if you'd be able to assist and at what level. We also have several RUF Board roles open including Communications, Team Reps, Year-End Banquet/ Senior Night, Socials, and Committee Chairs.

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out. We're looking forward to seeing everyone soon! GO RAPTORS

Thank you,  
Kristen Schrader & RUF Board