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GOLD RUSH

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Who We Are

Gold Rush is a high school boy's youth ultimate club team that travels around the country competing in different tournaments during the school year. The club was formed in 2018 to provide high-level opportunities for boys, and any youth who identify as male in high school, to experience ultimate in a new and positive way, and develop their skills, while fostering a strong sense of community. The coaches are mentors who coach the players with a growth mindset to become active and engaged individuals in the community.

Values

Respect — Growth — Leadership — Community — Equity

Objectives

We will work with players to help them achieve their personal goals within the team and within their respective high school programs. We will provide participants the opportunity to experience high-level competition and interact with local college programs. We will mentor players in becoming proactive citizens and allies in our community by actively addressing issues of inequity in society.



Program

Gold Rush coaches are mentors who are dedicated to providing a safe and fun environment for learning and playing ultimate by:

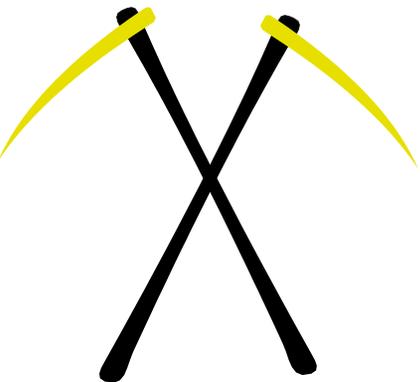
- Providing opportunities for feedback and actively listening to the players' interests and needs,
- Respect and honor the players as people, in addition to them as athletes.

Players that are selected to join the traveling roster will have to pay a registration fee that covers coaches, fields, and insurance for the entire season. Players also will be responsible for paying their own travel expenses and additional tournament fees.

Scholarship and financial assistance are available; players may also request to break down dues into monthly payments.

Fundraising

Players are also expected to participate in team fundraising activities. The team will organize and participate in team fundraising events - funds will be used to provide scholarship, subsidize team expenses, such as tournament fees and travel cost.



Roster

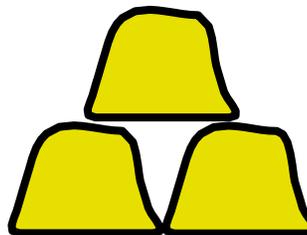
We will select up to **28 players**, but not all players will attend all tournaments. Tournament rosters will be based on attendance and dedication to the team values.

Players

Gold Rush is seeking for players who are:

- looking to improve their skills,
- looking for more opportunities to play ultimate,
- willing to contribute to the solutions to inequity in our sport,
- committed to travel with the team,
- players between the ages 15 and 19.

Tryouts



To participate in all Goldrush events including tryouts, all players will, *at a minimum*, need to follow current COVID guidelines as outlined by [USA Ultimate](#).

Tryouts will be held: **OCTOBER 9th and 16th**

For tryouts just bring your cleats, **a disc**, two jerseys with the same number (one dark and one light), and your own snacks and water bottle.

Attending both days of tryouts is encouraged as it is a part of the Gold Rush experience.

If you can only make one or none of the tryouts please reach out pro-actively to talk about your situation.



Practices

The team will practice one to two times per month on weekends from October to March. Practice locations are expected to rotate between the East Bay and further south (Newark and Fremont area).

Tournaments

Once the roster is selected, the team will vote on the tournaments they want to attend. While this year's potential tournaments have not yet been determined, we have previously attended:

Grape Escape (Sonoma)

Sean Ryan (Santa Cruz)

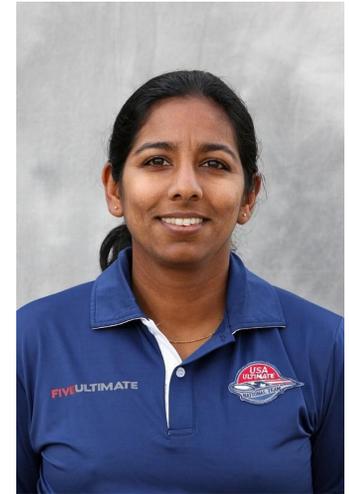
Santa Barbara Qualifiers (Santa Barbara)

Seven Hills (Seattle)

Between tournaments and practices, the team will have one-time scrimmages with local colleges men's teams, after which the team (and parents) can visit the campus to explore local college opportunities. These scrimmages will also provide additional playing and growth opportunities for players.

Coaches

Manisha 'Slap' Daryani is now in her third year as the coach of Gold Rush. She previously coached at the college level for seven years, as head coach of the UC Davis and UC Berkeley women's teams. In 2017 she was named Southwest Coach of the Year and in 2018, was named a selector for the U24 Mixed National roster. Slap, a UCSD alum, was also recently named one of the U20 Women's National Assistant Coaches for 2022.



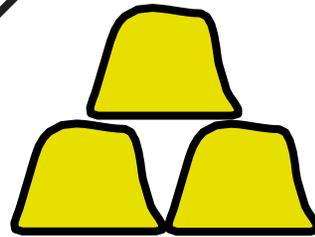
Elijah "Eli" Kerns is currently in his third year working with Gold Rush. In the inaugural Gold Rush season has served as an assistant coach and is re-joining the team as a co-coach this season. He previously served as head coach for the UC Davis men's team in addition to helping run local youth clinics throughout the Bay Area.

Eli is a product of the Bay Area himself, notching several state wins with Alameda Dark Meat before winning national championships with Polar Bears in the Club Mixed division, and Revolver in the Open division, respectively.

Testimonials

I had an amazing experience playing for Gold Rush. I enjoyed learning new techniques from the coaches. I never felt like the second youngest on the team. I got playing time in tournaments and old the older players really helped improved my game. My favorite part of Gold Rush is that we got to compete in college tournaments and travel to places like Seattle. I think players should try out because it is a travel team, and you learn to play with other boys from other high schools in the Bay Area and you get a different coaching perspective.

- Wyatt Dew -



Gold Rush was one of the best experiences that I have had playing ultimate. Even though the players came from different schools, we were able to come together as a team. I really enjoyed working with the coaches, both were amazing and helped me develop my ultimate skills. They worked us hard, but we had a lot of fun.

Boys should try out for the team because you get to meet, play, and bond with some of the best high school ultimate players in Northern California and you get the opportunity to test your skills against college teams.

- Ben Roberts -

Contact

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