Do It Yourself (DIY) Fundraising – Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun, social, and easy opportunity to get active for IBD cures! Pickleball’s simple rules make it easy for all ages and skill levels to get involved and make a difference. Players can join in the fun as singles or doubles, get competitive, or simply enjoy a friendly game while raising awareness and funds for IBD cures.

Getting started by creating your personalized DIY fundraising page here.

Setting Up Your Play

- Set a fundraising goal and decide what type of game you want to play
  - See Fundraising Ideas below
- Set a date and secure a location
  - Check out Places 2 Play for help
  - Be sure to consider how many courts you’ll need and time constraints
  - If your tournament is outside set a rain date ahead of time
  - National Pickleball Day is August 8, consider an event around this date
- Be sure you understand the rules of the game and share them with players
  - Click here for a printable USA Pickleball Rules Summary
- If you’re offering refreshments, ask local businesses to donate food and drinks
- Offer a few yard games and activities for kids in attendance
- Distribute IBD educational materials and Foundation resources
  - Request free resources here

Fundraising Ideas

Choose a gameplay option that you’re familiar with and that will appeal to your network.

- Pledge your play, post updates on your DIY fundraising page, and ask others to donate for each game
  - Example: Pledge to play 50 games in 50 days. Donors can pledge $1 or 50 cents per game which equals a $50 or $25 donation
- Ask opponents to donate to your goal
- Host a tournament
  - Select a required donation as part of your DIY event registration
  - Print tournament brackets and ladders here
  - Secure a couple of volunteers to help direct the tournament on game-day
  - Order medals or trophies online or consider making them
    - Remember you will need an award for each player
Promotion

- Make flyers ([template here](#)) and include a [QR code](#) to your DIY event page
- Distribute flyers during busy times at local pickleball courts
- Reach out to local leagues and ask them to share your event

Day of Event

- Ask volunteers to arrive early so you can review and assign roles
- Set up a check-in station
- Post brackets
  - Pro Tip: Bring a couple of blank brackets
- Set out refreshments, educational materials and a donation bucket

Post Event

- Thank players, volunteers, and supporters through email and personal notes
- Submit cash or check donations within 10 days of your event.
  - Include a completed [Offline Donation Form](#).

Congratulations on a successful Pickleball event!

For additional support reach out to our dedicated DIY team at DIY@crohnscolitisfoundation.org