



Dear Contributor,

The Sprague Racquetball team is asking for your financial support to send players to compete in the 2026 USA National Championships for High School Racquetball. This tournament is being held in St. Louis, Missouri from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sprague Racquetball, established in 1995, has been recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as one of the premier programs in the nation. Three coaches have earned national awards being named the U.S. Olympic Developmental Coach of the Year. Bill Edmiston, Don Kerzel, and Eric Nelson earned the award in 2002, 2016 and 2023 respectively.

Sprague High School Racquetball won first place overall in the National High School Championships in 1998, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013, 2019, and 2020 for a total of seven national titles. For a span of thirteen years Sprague finished among the top two teams in the nation. In addition, Sprague has earned seven State titles, the most recent coming in 2022. We wish to go back to St. Louis in 2026 to compete for another National Championship title.

The team is not funded by the school district so we must rely on fundraising and donations to meet expenses. The primary fundraising endeavor is an on-line auction being held the first week of December. After which our team of more than fifteen players will travel to the national tournament. Expenses for each student will exceed \$1500, including transportation, meals, tournament fees, and lodging.

Any donation is greatly appreciated; checks can be made payable to Sprague High School Racquetball Club. Auction items you wish to donate help tremendously. Corporate sponsorships are very welcome and will receive acknowledgement on our auction site, through social media, and on our team website. Our players work extremely hard and are very deserving of this opportunity.

Since we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization all donations are tax deductible and a receipt is available upon request (Tax ID 82-4845162). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Racquetball is a no-cut sport which provides a positive experience for all skill levels. Your help will provide these student-athletes with an opportunity to grow and to represent on a national stage.

Sincerely,

Ryan Edmiston  
Sprague High School Racquetball Head Coach