

Josh Nelson



Memorial Racquetball Tournament

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

We are excited to be holding our 6th Annual **Josh Nelson Memorial Racquetball Tournament** May 15-19, 2024 at the Courthouse Athletic Club, South! This tournament is being held in memory of **Josh Nelson**, a beloved Sprague Racquetball teammate who we lost to suicide in 2017 at the age of 16. The tournament is a community event and is open to the public. For information or registration visit www.SpragueRball.com/tournament.

Meals: We will have approximately 150 people attending and are looking for food donations to cover any of our meals. We need dinner Thursday, and both lunch and dinner Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In addition, we are also looking for breakfast items for Saturday and Sunday including bagels, donuts, breakfast burritos, granola bars.

Cash Donations: If you would like to make a cash donation, checks can be made payable to Sprague Racquetball. We also have several sponsorship plans to help recognize your generosity (see separate flyer). **THANK YOU** to our previous donors for their monetary, in-kind, and time donations!

Raffle Items: If you have items or services you are able to donate for our JNMT Raffle, please contact Heather Crockett or Mary Mundal (emails below).

The Nelson family has set up a scholarship fund to help Sprague players afford the cost of playing racquetball when it exceeds the abilities of a family to pay. Additionally, over the past five years we have had the pleasure of awarding fourteen college scholarships to very deserving seniors who exemplify the qualities of Josh: leadership, teamwork, effort, dedication, and commitment to the community. This scholarship is just another way that Josh, who earned high school State and National titles, will be remembered!

Sprague Racquetball was established in 1995 with just five players, grew to over 40 student athletes in 2020, and now, after Covid, is growing again. The United States Olympic Committee has recognized Sprague High School Racquetball as one of the premier programs in the nation, awarding multiple coaches over the years the U.S. Olympic Developmental Coach of the Year award. Sprague has continued to maintain a national presence placing with a top-two finish in the Nation for 13 years straight prior to Covid. Returning to competitive form in 2024 Sprague took 1st Place in State in all three categories, Boys, Girls and Overall Team.

We are a non-profit organization: All donations are tax deductible and a receipt is available upon request (Tax ID 82-4845162). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

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