# Host your own fundraising dinner

for the Injured Players Foundation

# Are you looking for a fun way to bring your rugby family together?

Thank you for considering to host your very own fundraising dinner. The money you raise will go towards supporting members of our rugby family.

Host a celebratory dinner, BBQ, Christmas party or awards night to bring together friends, family & the rugby community while making a difference!

This guide offers tips & ideas to help you organise your own fundraising event in support of the RFU Injured Players Foundation.







# Gather your team

Start planning early to avoid last-minute stress. Gather teammates, colleagues, friends & family to form a planning committee.

Make the most of everyone's strengths, like their creativity or their connections!

#### Find Your Venue

The best option is to use your clubhouse to host the event, this way you can keep expenditure low. However, if it's a special occassion you may want to look elsewhere.

Explore external options through friends, family or your contacts.

Just ensure the venue is accessible, fits your budget, & has room for dancing & celebrations!

#### Refreshments

For a celebratory dinner, offer a threecourse meal to entice guests to pay top money! Consider hiring a local catering company for this if hosting at your clubhouse.

If your venue is outsourced, inquire about package options, costs & request a sample menu.





#### Decide the format



This involves choosing how your event will run & what type of experience you want to create for your guests.

Consider whether it will be formal or casual, a sitdown dinner or buffet, or perhaps something more interactive like a BBQ or themed party.

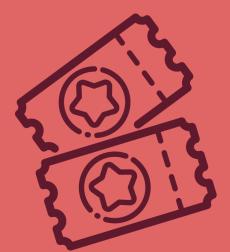
The format should be varied & offer moments for fundraising, pledge speeches & entertainment!

# On the night fundraising ideas

We suggest you use a raffle &/or an auction as the most basic ways to fundraise. However, there are others such as;

- Silent auction
- Heads or Tails
- Best Dressed
- Dance-off

To source your prizes, utilise your contacts & speak to local companies or businesses in your area, (pubs, restaurants, salons for example) and explain you are hosting a charity event. Many businesses will offer to support with a prize in return for some publicity to the local community.







## **Special Occassion**



Why not make your fundraising dinner extra special by tying it to a memorable event this season?

- Christmas Celebration Add some festive cheer to your cause!
- Awards Dinner Celebrate achievements while giving back.
- Centenary Year Honor the past, inspire the future.
- Summer BBQ Fire up the grill for a good cause!

Whatever the occasion, make it unforgettable and impactful.

#### How to include a theme

Hosting a fundraising dinner to celebrate a special occasion is the perfect way to unite the rugby community while supporting a great cause.

Take your event to the next level by embracing your theme:

- Fancy Dress Get creative and make it a night to remember!
- Casino Night: Host a glamorous! evening of classic casino games
- Race Night: Bring the excitement of the racetrack to your event!

Bring everyone together for an unforgettable evening of fun, connection, and fundraising.







### **Fundraising Resources**

If you have any questions or want to talk about your ideas, please reach out to the fundraising team via <a href="mailto:IPF@RFU.com">IPF@RFU.com</a> who will be happy to help!

Need more?

Don't worry, we've put together a planning checklist to help!

