



Dear Gym Owners & Coaches,

We would like to share with you some information to help better prepare all the athletes, coaches, and spectators for your upcoming event. We recommend that you share this information with your program, (including parents/guardians), to ensure they understand our guidelines prior to the event.

We are optimistic about hosting live events and we need your partnership to ensure your athletes can continue to get to experience competitions this season. **We are asking for your full cooperation and adherence to the guidance below and urge you to share this information with your athletes and spectators to avoid issues that could hinder a positive competition experience.**

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Please help keep each other safe and healthy by following the guidance provided.

COA – Louisville - Challenge

Louisville, KY

October 30, 2021

Option A

Coaches Check-In

- Two coaches per team will be allowed at check-in with physical distancing protocols in place.
- All Coaches and Owners will need to present I.D. to receive your USASF Green Light wristband at registration/check-in. Coaches/Profession members must be listed on your USASF rosters to check-in.
- Please have all pertinent event required documentation ready to help speed up the check-in process.

Coaches & Team Information

- All coaches and athletes must wear a mask to enter the building and during the transitions between the practice rotation and performance floor. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- Athletes are not required to wear masks while performing but may do so if desired. The use of masks will not affect your score.
- All athletes need to bring their own water bottle labeled with their name. Water bottles may not be able to be refilled inside the venue.
- We recommend bringing clearly labeled resealable bags to hold masks during the practice and performance period.
- Team rooms and Coach's Hospitality rooms will not be available.

Spectator Ticketing

- Spectator will be allowed into the venue to view all performances.
- Tickets must be purchased pre-event online via the COA Website.
- Tickets will be \$10 per adult per day. Child, Senior & Military tickets are \$5 per person per day and children 5 and under are free. *Additional fees for online ticket purchases may apply.

Spectator Viewing

- Masks are required regardless of vaccination status. Masks must completely cover the nose and mouth. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.



- As much as possible, please engage in physical distancing at all times. We encourage your spectators to remain in cohorts and avoid close interactions with those outside of your group.
- A general schedule listing the divisions and times for each performance is posted on the event page.

Event Concessions & Vendor Merchandise

- Concessions and merchandise will not be available at the competition venue.

Health Information

- Masks are mandatory for everyone two and over. Security will be stationed at each building entrance to ensure all entrants wear masks. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- Should someone have a condition that precludes them from wearing a mask, they will not be allowed into the venue.
- We are advising anyone over the age of 65; anyone (of any age) with an underlying health condition or a compromised immune system; or anyone who has any specific concerns about COVID-19 exposure to not attend.
- Any spectator with any symptoms (Fever of 100°F or higher, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) may not enter.

Event Awards

- All awards ceremonies will happen live on-site for spectators and athletes to view throughout the day according to the awards schedule.
- Awards will not be mailed post event.

Post-Event

Safety is our priority for your competition experience. We are deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our athletes, coaches and spectators. As part of our commitment to safety, our goal is to assist with providing information of possible exposure to those that may have attended an event where someone tested positive. Close contact will be determined utilizing the CDC definition: a close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Following the event, please use this link to report any COVID-19 positive cases that occur within 5 days of the event. [COVID-19 Reporting](#)

Additional details regarding this event, including the preliminary schedule, will be sent 10 days prior to the competition. The final details and schedule for this individual competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted, including making the competition virtual, if necessary. All guidelines are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Varsity Spirit's baseline safety standards for include:

- Varsity Spirit employees and personnel are required to wear face coverings at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Masks must completely cover the nose and mouth. Face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to masks.
 - Spectators, athletes and coaches may be required to wear face coverings based on CDC, federal, state, local or venue guidance.



- Coaches will be required to wear masks in certain areas and when speaking with Varsity personnel (at registration check-in, warm-up area check-in, first aid, Accuscore, etc.)
- Physical distancing protocols will be in place throughout the venue. We encourage your teams to remain in cohorts and avoid close interactions with those outside of your group.
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces.
- Additional protocols, such as those below, may be required based on CDC, federal, state, local, or venue guidance:
 - Temperature checks for admission
 - Proof of vaccination status and/or negative COVID test result
 - Managed traffic flow measures and signs
 - Capacity limitations
 - Masks required for all attendees
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators, and staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others.
- Advisors/Coaches will be asked to review the Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators)

Helpful links for additional information:

- [Varsity Spirit's Health & Safety Page](#)
- [Signs & Symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- [Varsity Spirit's COVID-19 Competition Rules](#)

You can trust Varsity Spirit to lead the way in bringing back events safely. If you have additional questions regarding your specific event, we are here to help. We hope to see you soon and thank you for being part of our Varsity Spirit Family.

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