

Safety remains our top priority, and we have a dedicated, experienced team focused on researching and developing a plan for each event. Below is what you can expect at all Varsity All Star in-person competitions until further notice.

Please note that the final details and schedules for any 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 the CDC, federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed. We appreciate your understanding of the flexibility this will require.

## Is Varsity All Star planning to host live events this season?

The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, families & staff remains our top priority. We plan to deliver live competitions that will adhere to all guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local authorities, as well as our event host partners when and where we can safely and responsibly do so.

## If my program is unable to attend a live event, are there virtual competition options for us?

For areas that are not able to have in person events, we have a virtual option for you. The Varsity All Star Virtual Competition Series presented by Varsity Footwear allows your program to start your season from home, while still getting the chance to earn bids to our End-of-Season Championships. All Star Elite, Prep, Novice, All Star Dance, Youth/Rec and International All Star Cheer teams that compete in Summit eligible divisions are welcome. <u>Click here</u> to learn more. More virtual options may be considered in the future.

## If an event is canceled, or my local government no longer allows me to attend an in-person event, what are my options?

Should a live event be cancelled, customers will have three options:

- 1. Request a full refund
- 2. Transfer funds to another live event within the 2020-2021 season
- 3. Transfer funds to a virtual event within the 2020-2021 season
  - a. Any remaining balance following a transfer to a virtual event can be either refunded or transferred to another live or virtual event within the 2020-2021 season
  - b. Transfer Policy below applies

Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity All Star will allow 100% event-to-event transfers (team and individual athletes) at any time, to most Varsity All Star events within the 20-21 season.



#### When will we be notified if an in-person event is cancelled?

We will rely on the official information from health authorities and local governments as it pertains to potentially hosting our live competitions. While things can change rapidly, all decisions for events will be made no less than two weeks prior for one day competitions and three weeks prior for two-day competitions. This plan will follow one of the options below.

#### What do the Options A, B, C or D mean?

Option A Events: In-Person with Physically Distanced Spectators

- Until further notice, we are not running Option A events
- Spectators will be allowed with physical distancing measures in place
- All teams will receive score sheets & rankings
- In-person awards ceremony with limited spectators, athletes and/or coaches
- Adjustable seating will be spaced to adhere to physical distancing guidelines, and this may result in less seating in the competition hall
- In venues with permanent/non-adjustable seating, seating will be appropriately marked, and spectators should adhere to physical distancing guidelines

Option B Events: In-Person with Limited Spectators

- Spectator viewing limited to team performance time only
- Spectators will follow a moving queue and exit following their team's performance
- Physical distancing measures will be required. Direction signage will guide spectators and athletes throughout the venue
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Live awards ceremony with limited athletes and/or coaches, OR virtual awards ceremony

Option C Events: In-Person with No Spectators and Virtual Awards

- Spectators not allowed; only athletes and coaches permitted
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

Option D Events: Virtual Competition

- Virtual event hosted on Varsity TV
- Routines will be judged virtually by Varsity All Star Certified Judges
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

## What is the time frame used, if an event changes from Option A to B, or B to C, etc.?

The event Option currently planned will be found in the myVarsty competition portal and event information page on the website. Based on updated CDC, local, state or venue specific guidance, the event Option may change up until the start of the event. If this happens, we will



notify teams via email as quickly as possible, and our website will also be updated with the changes.

#### Will spectators need to purchase admission for Option A or B?

Yes, spectator tickets will be available for purchase online (where applicable) prior to the event. The admission fees are listed on myVarsity competition portal under event information. Admission for certain events may also be available at the door, transactions may be limited to cashless.

## If spectators purchase admission prior to attending an event, will a refund be offered if the event is cancelled?

Absolutely. In the event that Varsity All Star must cancel an event, a refund will be issued to anyone that pre-purchased a ticket. Processing fees will not be refunded.

## What safety measures will be put in place at live events?

Varsity All Star's baseline safety standards for the 2020-2021 season include:

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces
- Longer intervals between team practice and performance times and increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas
- Face coverings will be required for everyone, except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. However, due to state, local or venue guidance athletes may be required to wear a face covering when practicing and performing at certain competitions.
- Spectators within the performance area may be prohibited or will be limited, and will vary by competition
- Awards ceremonies will be live with limited capacity (teams or coaches only) or completely virtual
- AccuSCORE will be spaced out and available at all Varsity All Star events. Partitions may be used to separate staff and AccuSCORE representatives from coaches
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators and Varsity Spirit staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others
- Coaches will be asked to review the <u>Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules</u> with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators)



Varsity All Star will adhere to restrictions on mass gatherings and capacity limitations based on local and venue guidelines. Because health, safety and distancing requirements vary across the country, the below may also vary by competition:

- Vendors may or may not be allowed on site to service an event, and safety measures and precautions may differ. For example, customers may not be able to touch or try on clothing before purchasing, and food may be limited to "grab and go" only and may only be eaten in designated areas.
- Spectator admission fees may be available only through advanced purchase or may be entirely cashless.
- Temperature checks for admission may be required based on local guidance.
- Managed traffic flow measures and signs will be implemented where required.

## Will physical distancing be practiced during an in-person event?

Physical distancing will be required based on state, local and venue guidance. Varsity All Star personnel may give verbal instructions to athletes throughout the day on physical distancing requirements (6 feet separation, no touching, air hugs, air fives, etc.). Spotting/safety procedures should not be minimized due to social distancing.

## Will coaches, athletes or spectators be required to wear masks?

Varsity will require anyone in attendance (coaches, athletes, parents, Varsity staff, etc.) 2 years old and older to wear a face covering at all times, except for athletes while on the practice and performance floor. There are some venues that will require athletes to wear a face covering when practicing and performing and coaches will be notified as soon as possible if this applies to an event you are registered for. Based on state or local guidance, the age for which masks are required may also vary. All attendees must provide their own face covering. Anyone without a face covering will not be allowed into the venue, and anyone that does not comply with the face covering requirement may be asked to leave the facility.

## Should athletes, coaches or spectators self-monitor prior to attending and in-person event?

The most updated information can be found here (Varsity Spirit COVID-19 Competition Rules).

## What if my state or local government requires masks to be worn at the time of the competition?

The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, employees, families and friends remains our top priority. We are diligently monitoring official information from health authorities and local



governments as it pertains to potentially hosting our live competitions. We will follow the guidance set forth by the state, local or venue regulations. Should your team need to or choose to wear masks, they will absolutely be allowed for any team during any performance.

# What if my state or local government does not allow stunting during the competition or in the weeks leading up to the competition?

If your team is not allowed to stunt, you can choose to compete in a Non-Building division. If your team plans to perform a routine with stunts, but then encounters an issue (like an infected athlete), you will be allowed to switch divisions to a Non-Building division at any time, without penalty. Be sure to check out more information about scoring Non-Building teams <u>here</u>.

## What cleaning protocol will be used for mats at live events?

Mats will be cleaned and sanitized with a cleaner on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of disinfectants for use against SARS- CoV-2. Mats will be cleaned by accepted methods at the beginning of each day, as is reasonably necessary or as otherwise directed by the CDC.

## Will spectators or teams have temperature checks performed?

Temperature checks may be required based on local or venue guidance and that information will be shared on a case by case basis. Additional information related to self-monitoring can be found here (Varsity Spirit COVID-19 Competition Rules).

## Will we be required to turn in waiver forms for live competitions?

Yes, all athletes will need to complete a waiver form one week prior to the start of the competition. Once a team is registered for an event, instructions will be sent to your team.