



2021 NCA VIRTUAL ALL-STAR NATIONALS

FAQ's

As details are finalized, information will continue to be added to this document.

EVENT DATE: March 6-7, 2021

Will divisions be split into DI & DII programs during the event?

Yes, all divisions will be split in accordance with the recommended guidelines from the USASF.

Where will I be able to keep up with all the details regarding this event once I am registered?

You will be invited via email to join the private, coaches-only event BAND. The event BAND will be extremely helpful to registered coaches, it's a perfect place where answers can be quickly found, and questions can be quickly answered.

How will a Virtual Competition work?

Teams will receive an email with a link to the applicable Varsity TV video uploader and filming template to use for filming routines. The template must be printed and held up to the camera by the coach before the routine begins. An athlete performing in the routine will then clearly state the Gym Name, Team Name and current date they are filming on to the camera before filming the routine. (Tiny and Mini teams may leave off Gym and Team Name if it is too much to manage). Teams will be able to record their video and submit it, following the uploader steps provided. At the close of submissions, routines will be available to watch for all subscribers on Varsity TV. Trained NCA judges will score routines in our Simple Score system and teams will receive standard scoresheets and feedback. Results & Bids will be announced for FREE the on Varsity TV.

All routines will be judged with sound and available for Varsity TV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound for Varsity TV subscribers. After 5 days, routines will be available free of charge without sound for the duration of the competition season.

Event Timeline:

- **2/8/2021** – All divisions are made final.
- **2/12/2021** – Routine filming begins. Coaches will receive email template in an email from NCA. USASF Rosters and Waivers due.
- **2/17/2021 - 2/18/2021** – Novice, Prep, CheerABILITIES and Exhibitions teams will upload routine videos to Varsity TV. Coaches will receive an email with upload link from NCA.
- **2/18/2021** – L1 and L2 teams will upload routine videos to Varsity TV. Coaches will receive an email with upload link from NCA.
- **2/19/2021** – L3, L4 and L5 teams will upload routine videos to Varsity TV. Coaches will receive an email with upload link from NCA.
- **2/22/2021** - L6 and L7 teams will upload routine videos to Varsity TV. Coaches will receive an email with upload link from NCA.
- **3/6/2021 - 3/7/2021** - Event will be visible on Varsity TV along with virtual awards ceremonies.

How much does it cost to participate in a Virtual Competition?

Each athlete competing in an Elite division will pay \$125 to compete at the NCA Virtual All-Star Nationals Championship. Crossovers fees are \$110. There is no coaches fee.



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What awards will be given?

ELITE:

- **1st Place Division Winners** – NCA Megaphone Trophy, Nationals Championship Jacket, Banner, and Gold Medallions
- **2nd Place Division Winners** – Placement Trophy and Silver Medallions
- **3rd Place Division Winners** – Placement Trophy and Bronze Medallions
- **4th Place – 5th Place** – Placement Trophy
- **Every Participant:** Souvenir Medallions

CHEERABILITIES:

- **Superior Rating Teams** – NCA Megaphone Trophy, Nationals Championship Jacket, and Banner
- **Excellent & Outstanding Rating Teams** – Placement Trophy and Banner

NOVICE

- **Superior Rating Teams** – Superior Trophy and Nationals Championship Hoodies
- **Excellent & Outstanding Rating Teams:** Excellent or Outstanding Trophy based on ratings

PREP

- **1st Place Division Winners** – NCA Megaphone Trophy and Nationals Championship Hoodies

Music Guidelines

All routines will be judged with sound and available for Varsity TV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound for Varsity TV subscribers. After 5 days, routines will be available free of charge without sound for the duration of the competition season.

Do I need a Varsity TV account to upload my routine?

Yes, you need a Varsity TV login to upload a routine, but you do not have to be an active PRO subscriber. To create a free Varsity TV account, [click here](#) and enter your email address and create a password & click the "Join Now" button. The next page will ask "Is this email correct?" click the "Confirm Email" button, and you're done! You DO NOT need to continue after Step 2 after you've confirmed your email. It is not necessary to enter payment information to upload your virtual performance. If you'd like to purchase a Varsity TV subscription, you can proceed to activate PRO access to that account by selecting a subscription plan and entering your payment information. If you have created an account at some point with the email address you'd like to use, but are having trouble remembering your login information, you can reset your password [here](#).



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What kind of video do I need to submit?

Teams must submit a video recording of their routine taken in their practice facility, using the filming template during the filming period. Videos must be one take, with sound – edited footage will not be accepted. All 4 corners of the floor should be visible when possible and athletes must perform on a USASF approved surface. The program must own rights to this video and consent to it being posted on Varsity TV for use in the Virtual Competition. The floor should be velcroed like a standard NCA competition floor with the Velcro strips going from front to back. Other than marking center, no other Velcro should be used to create a grid, diagonals, or additional lands on the floor. Other than necessary spotters, no additional coaches or fans should be in view of the cameras. Please do not film near mirrors. It will make the judging process exponentially more difficult. Once routine videos are filmed, they will be uploaded to Varsity TV. There is no need to purchase additional equipment or internet services for your program – simply film on your phone or available camera! [Click here to view our filming best practices and guidelines.](#)

What should my team wear?

Teams may submit videos in their practice wear or uniforms. Your team uniform is encouraged. Please keep in mind that all USASF Athletic Performance Standards must be maintained.

How will teams be scored?

Once routine videos are filmed and uploaded to Varsity TV, a Varsity All Star certified judging panel will score the routines in our Simple Score system. Score sheets and division breakdowns will be emailed to coaches, just like at an in-person event.

Teams will receive a link to our AccuScore review process prior to the start of the event and will be able to follow the steps similar to a live event for challenges. Our AccuScore experts will review your sheets and follow up with your program on any changes or clarifications prior to the awards announcements.

Logo Usage

Programs, Teams, Athletes & Spectators will not be allowed to use the Varsity Spirit, Varsity All Star, NCA or End-of-Season Event logo(s) including; banners, rings, bows, t-shirts etc.

How will bids to The Cheerleading Worlds be awarded?

8 PAID bids will be given at the virtual championship. Additional bid information and declarations will be coming soon.

Bid Eligibility

Event Producers have the right to investigate any and all teams receiving a bid to Varsity Spirit & Varsity All Star End-of-Season Events. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy to ensure each team has the same opportunity. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of a USASF or Varsity Spirit policy will be disqualified from their End-of-Season Championship for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 season.

Rosters

Team rosters will be required for teams to participate in the NCA Virtual All-Star National Championship. Teams will be able to upload their roster in their USASF portal.



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Can I compete at a live event and record that same routine for a virtual event the following weekend?

Routines may not be used for multiple events, live or virtual.

Can I compete in more than one virtual event in a weekend and use the same routine & template for both?

While you may compete at more than one virtual event in a weekend, you will need to film separate routines with separate templates.

Worlds Roster Verification

Each Worlds Bid eligible team is required to provide the following information to ralexander@varsity.com via email by the upload date. This email must include TWO attachments:

- A clear, team photo of all participants so that all faces may be identified.
 - One participant in the photo must hold up the Filming Template. This must be completed in dark marker so that all information can be easily read. The Filming Template for this event will be shared via email and in the BAND - please follow all the directions provided when filling out the Filming Template.
 - Participants should be wearing the same uniform or practicewear as the video. Meta data of both the photo and video will be reviewed to make sure they were both taken on the same day.
- The team's USASF Roster for this event.

Can I compete for bids at multiple events on the same weekend?

Team competing in multiple events, both live and virtual will only be considered for bids at one event. For teams competing in a live and virtual event in the same weekend, you must declare which event you will accept bids at. For teams competing in multiple virtual events on the same weekend, they will be considered for the event that is awarding the highest level of bids (Paid, Partial-Paid, At-Large, etc.). If both events are awarding the same level of bids, your team will need to declare which event you will be accepting bids at. ***Teams competing at NCA All-Star Nationals will need to follow the declaration above for events occurring on 2/26-2/28. Teams will be eligible for bids at events occurring on 3/5-3/8 with no restrictions from NCA All-Star Nationals.**

Where can we watch the awards?

The NCA Virtual All-Star Nationals Bid Reveal show and posted results will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV during the event weekend on March 6-7, 2021.

As a Gym Owner or Coach ONLY, who do I contact if I have further questions?

For questions, please reach out to jcarrier@varsity.com.

Disqualification

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Rules and Regulations" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a competition for the following year.

****Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity All Star and NCA reserve the right to amend this document, bid event listings and bid distributions at any time.***