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SPIRIT SPORTS – Duel on the Desert - VIRTUAL Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some things to know before you register. As details are finalized, information will continue to be added to this document.

Event Date: March 7, 2021

Who can participate in the Duel in the Desert Virtual National Championship?

- Teams who are currently registered will be able to participate in the Duel in the Desert National Championship.
- After current registered teams, it will be open to all divisions on a first come first serve basis until we hit our capacity.

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

Yes, we will automatically split all divisions into DI & DII per Duel in the Desert tradition.

Will Non-Building Division splits be offered?

Due to the End-of-Season Bids being awarded, Non-Building splits will not be offered for this event.

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 keyword to use for filming routines. Once this information is sent, teams will have a 5-day window 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. Varsity All Star Certified 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 following week 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.



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Event Timeline:

- **2/23/2021** – Registration Closes. This is a firm deadline and will not be extended.
- **2/24/2021** – The Registration Contact will receive the official event timeline, filming guidelines, and a link to the Coaches and Gym Owners ONLY BAND.
- **2/25/2021** – The Registration Contact will receive information about the Worlds eligible team Roster Verification process.
- **2/27/2021** - The Registration Contact will receive the KEY WORD to use in filming your video and may start the filming process in your facility.
- **3/01/2021** - The Registration Contact will receive a form to declare for End-of-Season Championship Bids.
- **3/03/2021** - The Registration Contact will receive a link & instructions to upload your video to Varsity TV and AccuSCORE information. Videos are due on 3/03 at 11:59pm CT.
- **3/07/2021** - Event will be visible on Varsity TV for on-demand viewing. Team Coach Contacts will receive an email the day of with your deductions and scoresheet.
- **3/09/2021** – Event results will be posted on Varsity TV and a special Spirit Sports Bid Reveal show will be available to watch for FREE.

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

Each athlete will pay \$99 to compete at the Duel in the Desert Virtual National Championship. There is no crossover fee.

What awards will be given?

More information about awards will be coming soon.

How will bids to The Cheerleading & Dance Worlds be awarded?

The Duel in the Desert Virtual National Championship will award Worlds bids per the Varsity All Star Worlds bid policy and scale [HERE](#). 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.



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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.

Registration Deadline

Registration will close when we reach our capacity or 11 days prior to the Duel in the Desert Virtual National Championship on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Rosters

Team rosters will be required for teams to participate in the Duel in the Desert Virtual National Championship. Teams will be able to upload their roster in their USASF portal under Spirit Sports.

Worlds Roster Verification

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

1. A clear, team photo of all participants so that all faces may be identified.
 - a. One participant in the photo must hold up the Keyword Template. This must be completed in dark marker so that all information can be easily read. The Keyword for this event will be shared via email and in the BAND - please follow all the directions provided when filling out the Keyword Template.
 - b. 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.
2. The team's USASF Roster for this event.

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.

How do people watch the event?

Varsity TV will host this event and one one-month subscription will be given to each registered program. All Varsity TV subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. Routine



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videos will be FREE to all viewers 5 days after the event. The Spirit Sports Championship Bid Reveal show and posted results will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV.

How do I claim my Varsity TV account?

As the host of this event, Varsity TV will be giving one FREE one-month subscription to each registered program. If you are claiming a brand new account, Varsity TV will send you an email with your login credentials by the uploader day. If you have created an account at some point with the provided email, your account will simply be reactivated by the uploader day.

Having trouble remembering your login information? You can reset your password [here](#).

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 keyword indicated during the filming period. The keyword will be share in the coaches only event BAND, so be sure to join.

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.

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. 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.



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[Click here](#) for more information about our scoring and judges.

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

No, routines must be filmed in your practice facility and 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 & keyword 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 keywords & templates.

Where can we watch the awards?

The Duel in the Desert Bid Reveal show and posted results will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV at 7:30pm CT on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

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

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

Logo Usage

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

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 or the following year.

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