



2020 - 2021 SCHOOL & REC NHSCC DIVISIONS

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JUNIOR HIGH / JUNIOR VARSITY DIVISIONS

2020 - 2021 Season: All members of the cheerleading squad must be current members of the official school spirit squad.

- Junior Varsity Divisions WILL be allowed 7th grade participants if they attend a school that is under the administrative supervision of the same school board as the high school that they are representing. Teams will only be allowed to compete in the Junior Varsity Division if they are the official Junior Varsity team. If there is only one team from that school, that team will be required to compete in the Varsity divisions. If you have team members that cheer varsity sports, you must compete as a varsity team.
- Junior High Divisions WILL be allowed 9th grade participants if (1) they attend a school that is under the administrative supervision of the same school board as the junior high school that they are representing AND (2) a minority of the team are 9th graders.
- Junior High teams with a majority of 9th grade participants must compete as a Junior Varsity team.

Division	Grade	Female/Male	Squad Members	Notes
Small Junior High	9th grade and below	Female/Male	5 - 16 Members	
Large Junior High	9th grade and below	Female/Male	17 - 30 Members	
Small Junior Varsity	7th grade - 12th grade	Female	5 - 16 Members	Official JV team or a JH team with a majority of 9th grade team members.
Large Junior Varsity	7th grade - 12th grade	Female	17 - 30 Members	Official JV team or a JH team with a majority of 9th grade team members.
Junior Varsity Coed	7th grade - 12th grade	Female/1+ Males	5 - 30 Members	Official JV team or a JH team with a majority of 9th grade team members. 1 or more Males.

VARSITY DIVISIONS

To create a Championship that gives equal opportunity for schools of similar student composition, UCA will sub-divide the below listed divisions at the NHSCC based on school enrollments in the 9th - 12th grades as of October 1, 2020. Check out www.uca.varsity.com for more details.

2020 - 2021 Season: All members of the cheerleading squad must be current members of the official school spirit squad.

- 7th grade and below participants will NOT be allowed on a Varsity team; however 8th grade participants will be allowed to participate on a Varsity team if the school they attend is under the direct administrative supervision of the same school board as the Varsity team they are representing. If there is only one team from a school, that team will be required to compete in the Varsity divisions.

Division	Grade	Female/Male	Squad Members	Notes
Small Varsity Division I	8th - 12th grade	Female	5 - 15 Members	1300+ Students
Small Varsity Division II	8th - 12th grade	Female	5 - 15 Members	1 - 1299 Students
Medium Varsity Division I	8th - 12th grade	Female	16 - 19 Members	1300+ Students
Medium Varsity Division II	8th - 12th grade	Female	16 - 19 Members	1 - 1299 Students
Large Varsity Division I	8th - 12th grade	Female	20 - 23 Members	1600+ Students
Large Varsity Division II	8th - 12th grade	Female	20 - 23 Members	1 - 1599 Students
Super Varsity Division I	8th - 12th grade	Female	24 - 30 Members	1600+ Students
Super Varsity Division II	8th - 12th grade	Female	24 - 30 Members	1 - 1599 Students
Small Varsity Coed	8th - 12th grade	Female/1-4 Males	5 - 20 Members	Only 1 to 4 Males allowed
Medium Varsity Coed	8th - 12th grade	Female/4-7 Males	21 - 25 Members	Only 4 to 7 Males allowed
Large Varsity Coed	8th - 12th grade	Female/8+ Males	21 - 30 Members	8 or more Males allowed



NON BUILDING DIVISIONS

Non Building Divisions: No partner stunts, pyramids or tosses allowed.

Division	Grade	Female/Male	Squad Members
Junior Non Building	JH or JV team	Female/Male	5 - 30 Members
Small Varsity Non Building	8th - 12th grade	Female/Male	5 - 15 Members
Large Varsity Non Building	8th - 12th grade	Female/Male	16 - 30 Members

NON TUMBLING DIVISIONS

Non Tumbling Divisions will prohibit any and all tumbling with feet over head rotation i.e. rolls and walkovers not allowed. Legal inversions into or from stunts will not be considered tumbling and are allowed in this division. Exception: a back handspring entry into stunts / pyramids will not be allowed.

Division	Grade	Female/Male	Squad Members	Notes
Junior High Non Tumbling	9th grade and below	Female/Male	5 - 30 Members	
Junior Varsity Non Tumbling	7th grade - 12th grade	Female/Male	5 - 30 Members	
Small Varsity Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female	5 - 15 Members	
Medium Varsity Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female	16 - 19 Members	
Large Varsity Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female	20 - 23 Members	
Super Varsity Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female	24 - 30 Members	
Small Varsity Coed Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female/1-2 Males	5 - 16 Members	1 to 2 Males allowed
Large Varsity Coed Non Tumbling	8th grade - 12th grade	Female/1-2 Males	17 - 30 Members	1 to 2 Males allowed

TRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL AFFILIATED DIVISIONS

Traditional Recreational Affiliated Recreational Division Policies:

- The Affiliated Recreational Divisions exist for teams with the main purpose of cheering for and supporting a recreational team (i.e. youth football, pee wee sports, community sports teams, etc.)
- All Affiliated Recreational teams must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as; YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, County Parks and Recreation Program, American Youth Cheer, Pop Warner Association, or other community run program not associated with All Star. Each team must cheer for a sport during the 2020 – 2021 cheer season.
- All Affiliated Recreational programs will need to provide the Recreation Cheer Verification Form and Roster that proves legitimacy of the organization for each event competing.
- Teams with a school affiliation may compete in the recreational division, only if at least half of the participants are in 6th grade and below and meet the age requirements or younger.
- Affiliated Recreational divisions will follow same routine format and rules and regulations (including additional restrictions for Elementary teams, Middle and Junior High School teams) along with all other teams competing at any UCA event and the NHSCC.
- The age of the competitor as of Aug. 31, 2020 will be the age used for the competition purposes throughout the 2020-2021 season for all Rec Divisions.
- For information regarding additional Affiliated Recreational team competition opportunities go to <https://www.varsity.com/youth-rec/>

Division	Female/Male	Female/Male
Traditional Rec Affiliated 10 & Younger	Female/Male	5 - 36 Members
Traditional Rec Affiliated 12 & Younger	Female/Male	5 - 36 Members
Traditional Rec Affiliated 14 & Younger	Female/Male	5 - 36 Members



TRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL NON AFFILIATED DIVISIONS

Traditional Recreational Non Affiliated Division Policies:

- Non Affiliated Divisions exist for teams who will follow the same 2 and 1/2 minute routine format with cheer/ sideline and music and all other rules and regulations (including additional restrictions for Elementary teams, Middle and Junior High School teams) along with all other teams competing at any UCA event and the NHSCC.
- All Non Affiliated Recreational teams must be independent of town/city organization/clubs. Team does not necessarily cheer for a supported, sports program. Team is not affiliated with an All Star Program.
- All Non Affiliated Recreational programs will need to provide the Recreation Cheer Verification Form and Roster for each event competing.
- The age of the competitor as of Aug. 31, 2020 will be the age used for the competition purposes throughout the 2020-2021 season for all Non Affiliated Divisions.
- For information regarding additional Traditional Recreational Non Affiliated team competition opportunities go to <https://www.varsity.com/youth-rec/>

Division	Female/Male	Female/Male
Traditional Rec Non Affiliated 12 & Younger	Female/Male	5 - 36 Members
Traditional Rec Non Affiliated 14 & Younger	Female/Male	5 - 36 Members

NHSCC QUALIFYING

1. 75% of the team must attend a Varsity Spirit camp and participate in the Squad Credentialing program in order to be eligible to compete and receive a bid at a 2020 Fall qualifying tournament for the 2021 NHSCC.
2. UCA reserves the right to split or combine divisions based on the final number of teams competing.
3. Teams competing at the NHSCC must compete in the same division as they qualified.
4. For 2020-2021 one coach per cheer team will be required to complete the certification course and must accompany the team at the NHSCC. Proof of certification is required upon registering for the National Championship. The course is accessible online or in person, and certification is valid for four years. The online course takes between 3 and 6 hours. Coaches can take the USA Cheer/AACCA safety course on USACheer.org/safety or on the [NFHS site](#).

See full competition rules and scoring information at uca.varsity.com

NEW: A team's cohort is the group that will travel through warm up and down to the competition area and must be listed on the roster of performers/athletes. Included in this cohort is the team's athletes, coaches, alternates, band members, mascots, etc. The team's cohort may not exceed 50 people. Family and friends are not included in the cohort size and are counted as spectators.

