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Hello Coaches & Spirit Coordinators,

As we get closer to the UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship, we have some exciting news to share with you all. Because we want every athlete to experience nationals to the fullest, and we know how hard everyone has worked this year, we are excited to announce that for **2021 only** all teams at College Nationals will have the opportunity to compete **twice**; once in Semi-Finals and once in Finals. It is our hope that with two guaranteed performances, we will provide an additional opportunity for everyone to showcase their skills on the national level and celebrate each other (especially the seniors).

An updated block schedule is below reflecting the changes.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP BLOCK SCHEDULE**

Fifty percent of your team's score from Semi-Finals and fifty percent of your team's score from Finals will be combined to determine the final overall ranking in each division. The Semi-Finals order of competition was randomly drawn in our office. The Finals order will

be in the reverse order of competition from Semis.

Also new this year, we will be posting each ranking along with scores on Varsity TV. In the past, we have only posted the teams who advanced in rank order. We hope that this new change allows us to be more transparent with you, the athletes and the fans watching at the championship or at home. As coaches, you will have the opportunity to see the full division breakdown, however, it is our hope that you will keep that information to yourselves for the protection of the cheerleaders and dancers who may not have had their strongest performance.

### **AWARDS**

All awards will be available to watch on Varsity TV for free. Please see below for awards information for the following divisions which will be part in-person, part virtual for our ESPN television filming: *Cheer Division IA, All Girl Division IA, Division IA Jazz, Division IA Pom and Division IA Hip Hop.*

For the divisions listed above, there are two times on the awards schedule. Prior to awards, we will announce the top 3 teams from that division in alphabetical order. Those teams and coaches will need to report back to the HP Fieldhouse to the warm up doors 15 minutes prior to the scheduled awards time. Unfortunately, we cannot have spectators for awards. The top three teams will be socially distanced on the main floor and must wear their masks. When awards start, we will announce the results virtually for that division and then award the top 3 teams in person. The top 3 teams will receive their awards during the awards session.

Placements that were announced virtually will be able to pick up their awards at the south side of the Arena between the two sets of stairs, lower level after their awards on Wednesday April 28th from noon until 11 pm and then Thursday, April 29th from 9 am until noon. Only 2 people can come and pick up the awards.

**For all other divisions not listed above - including all Game Day divisions,** awards will be all virtual for free on Varsity TV. Teams will be able to pick up their awards at the south side of the Arena between the two sets of stairs, lower level after their awards on Wednesday April 28th from noon until 11 pm and then Thursday, April 29th from 9 am until noon. Only 2 people can come and pick up the awards.

Although we wish we could all gather for awards, our team is working to create a virtual awards show we think you're going to love!

## VENUE INFORMATION

We will be using the HP Field House and Arena East. For those of you who have been to the Championship before, the venues will be set up a little differently to accommodate the spectators and allow for proper distancing. We will be sending out venue maps prior to the Championship so you can familiarize yourself and your team with the new set up.

As a reminder, please join the [Coaches' BAND](#) if you haven't done so already. UCA & UDA are always here to help you on your journey to nationals. If you have any additional questions, please email [college@varsity.com](mailto:college@varsity.com).

