



Dear Coaches, Team Members and Family:

It's almost time for the 2021 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship! We're excited to bring this championship experience to you and your team as safely as possible, while still capturing the Disney magic you've come to know and expect from UCA.

This email contains VERY IMPORTANT information for you to go over with your team members and family traveling to Orlando with you. We suggest giving a copy of this letter to every participant to share with their parents even if they have been to our Championship in the past.

**Disney's Magical Express:**

If your team or anyone traveling with your team needs transportation to and from the Orlando International Airport, you should have already made your reservation through Disney's Magical Express. An email was sent to you on April 7<sup>th</sup> giving you official notification that it was time to book your reservations. Again, if you plan to use the Disney's Magical Express – you MUST have a reservation. Reservations should have been submitted 14 days prior to your arrival date.

**Arrival into Orlando:**

If your team is flying into the Orlando International Airport, and you've made a reservation with DME, you'll need to collect all of your checked luggage and bring it with you to the DME Check-In area, Level One, on the B Side of the terminal. There, you'll be greeted by the Disney and Varsity Spirit Staff for your team's transportation from Orlando International Airport to your resort.

**Resort Check-In:**

When you arrive at the Walt Disney World Resort, you'll be dropped off at the front desk of your assigned hotel - **Disney's All Star Movies Resort**. This is where ONE PERSON, the **main contact on the room reservation** will check in and receive room keys for the group. Please make sure while you are waiting for your contact person to check in that you stay physically distanced from others and wear your mask at all times.

**Varsity Registration Tent - IMPORTANT:**

After checking in at the front desk, ONE PERSON, the contact person on your registration/invoice, should head to the next stop, registration with the Varsity Spirit Staff at the Varsity Registration Tent – located at the Mighty Ducks 3 Parking Lot at your **confirmed reservation time**. You should have already received an email notification with information on what you need to bring and how to reserve your check-in appointment time. The email was sent on April 9<sup>th</sup> to register for your appointment. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, please do not arrive to your check-in time more than 10 minutes early.

Here you will receive all tickets and name tags as well as other pertinent information concerning the championship.

Registration times are listed below, again you MUST have an appointment to enter the Varsity Registration Tent.

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| 9am – 9pm  | Tuesday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 9 am – 9pm | Wednesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| 9 am – 9pm | Thursday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| 9am – 9pm  | Friday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>    |

\*\* If you are delayed in your arrival and cannot make your check-in appointment time at registration, please contact the Championship Office. (See information below.)



**Hotel Address:**

The hotel you have been assigned to is:

Disney's All-Star Movies Resort  
1901 West Buena Vista Drive  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830  
(407) 939-7000

**Early Arrival:**

It is very important that you know ahead of time that rooms are not guaranteed to be ready until after 4:00 p.m. If you arrive earlier, the hotel will gladly store your luggage so that you can go out and enjoy the day shopping at Disney Springs, hanging out by the pool, or visiting a Theme Park, etc. Please keep in mind that as your enjoying your time, to remain in your pods of 5 or less.

**Team Forms:**

All release waivers for athletes and coaches and any event forms should have already been scanned / emailed to Tammy Collins – [tcollins@varsity.com](mailto:tcollins@varsity.com). However, if you still have the physical copies with you - we strongly recommend you bring them with you to registration.

- If for some reason you were unable to scan/email the files, please bring the physical copies with you to registration. Please note, we can only accept files via a PDF and cannot accept files from external links (Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) Again for an extra layer of precaution, we suggest you bring the physical copies of all of your event forms with you.

**Spectator Forms:**

In order to receive all pertinent information at the family/spectator check-in (including your physical ticket media cards), everyone must have a [Spectator Waiver](#) signed and turned in at registration in Orlando.

**UCA Championship Office:**

The Championship Office is located at Disney's All-Star Movies Resort, Room #3754 – Mighty Ducks Building #3 located directly behind the Varsity Registration Tent. Please see the hours below.

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| 8am – 10pm | Saturday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 8am – 10pm | Sunday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>    |
| 8am – 6pm  | Monday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>    |

**Order of Competition and Schedule of Events:**

You may view the most up to date event schedule and order on [uca.varsity.com](http://uca.varsity.com).

**Competition Venues & Tickets:**

This year we will be utilizing THREE venues, all at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex: The Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports (Arena East - Blue), the Visa Athletic Center and the HP Field House. Admission into ESPN Wide World of



Sports is included only for those on the NHSCC hotel travel package, anyone who pre-purchased Disney tickets for the NHSCC, or anyone who pre-ordered a single day ESPN-only ticket. Remember, NO tickets will be sold on-site.

**Awards:**

Awards will be virtual and free on Varsity TV and in the BAND app unless otherwise indicated on the order of competition (Select Divisions Only – *JV Coed, Large Varsity Coed, Small Varsity Coed, Medium Varsity Coed, Super Varsity DI, Super Varsity DII, Small Varsity DI, Small Varsity DII, Medium Varsity DI, Medium Varsity DII, Large Varsity DI and Large Varsity DII* – will have a hybrid virtual/in-person awards ceremony for the top three teams only). Awards can be picked up at the Ticket Box Office at the Arena, lower level on Saturday, April 24th from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm, Sunday from 1:00 pm until 11 pm and Monday from 9 am until noon. Coaches, please be prepared with the number of jackets per size needed. No exchanges will be made due to COVID-19. Only 2 people can come and pick up the awards.

**Private Buses:**

If your team is bringing a chartered bus or renting a bus during your trip, please have them pick your team up in the parking lot closest to your hotel rooms. Disney will not allow buses to pull into the front lobby areas and hold for any amount of time. At the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, private chartered buses will be directed to load and unload in the private bus parking lot.

**Performance Order and Scoring:**

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.

**Music:**

Music may be played on a CD, MP3 device, or an iPhone on Airplane Mode. If bringing a CD, we recommend you bring several copies in case the WDW sound systems have trouble reading your CD. If you are using an iPhone that does not plug into a traditional auxiliary cord you must provide your own adapter / dongle. Coaches will be escorted from the staging area to the music play area. We highly suggest that a coach plays the music and not a participant.

**Photography and Video Policy:**

The safety and security of our participants is very important to us. If you or any members of your team suspect that anyone is taking inappropriate photos or videos of our participants, please contact one of our Event Staff immediately. All press requests will be taken seriously, and a contract must be signed prior to clearance being given. For 2021 only, due to venue capacity restrictions, full press clearance will not be granted for any outside media groups. We hope that you understand the seriousness of this issue and give us your full support. For questions, please email Emily Zemlachenko, [ezemlachenko@varsity.com](mailto:ezemlachenko@varsity.com).

**UEP Photography**

Due to health and safety protocols, there will not be team photos or any on-site photo booths at this event. Have no fear - Universal Event Photography still has your team covered! UEP is offering [contactless pre-orders](#) for their very popular action photo digital files package. Get all of the action photos from your routine for one price and share them with your team! Your order will be delivered via email link after the event. Bring home the best action photos of your team's performance with the quality you can trust, only with UEP!

**Reminders:**



- Your health and safety is always our #1 priority. Before arriving to the championship, take a moment to review our [Championship Experience Updates](#) and be sure to talk to your team's Safety Champion if you have any questions.
- Each team must have a Safety Champion who is 18 years or older and who is not the coach. Each Safety Champion must complete the Safety Champion training that includes a video, live Q&A, quiz and signing an attestation form. If you have multiple teams, you must have a different Safety Champion for each (example, one for your JV and a different one for your Varsity). If you have any questions or need to complete that training, please email [safetychampion@varsity.com](mailto:safetychampion@varsity.com) asap.
- You must wear your blue championship name tag in order to ride the championship buses, your name tag and lanyard is your ticket to use this special transportation. To view the Championship Bus Schedule – [click HERE](#).
- You'll find detailed information on the championship plus tips on how to make the most of your championship experience at the Walt Disney World Resort on channel 77 in your room.
- Stay up to date with full coverage of the championship including routine videos, results, behind the scenes features and more on [Varsity TV](#).
- Be sure to join the [2021 UCA NHSCC BAND Group](#) for important updates and information during the competition weekend.

Please be on the lookout for a ESPN Wide World of Sports Venue Tour video that will guide you through the athlete, spectator and coach flow before the championship begins. We also will be sending information regarding practice time sign ups at the resorts soon.

Travel safely and good luck at the Championship!

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Berry  
Senior Vice President  
Special Events and Competitions