



A VARSITY SPIRIT BRAND

## **2023 USA SPIRIT NATIONALS** **SPECTATOR EVENT INFORMATION**

### **2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SPIRIT NATIONALS**

#### **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (East -- Red Stage)**

*Prelims for select Cheerleading team divisions (see performance schedule)*

Refer to performance schedules for specific divisions and times.

**8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (West -- Blue Stage)**

*Prelims for select Cheerleading team divisions (see performance schedule)*

Refer to performance schedules for specific divisions and times.

**6:30 PM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C**

*Group Stunts (Prelims and Finals) division (see performance schedule)*

Refer to performance schedules for specific division and times.

#### **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (East – Red Stage)**

*Prelims for Song/Pom, Jazz (Song/Pom), Pep Flag and Mascot divisions. Competition for Game Day (Song/Pom).*

Refer to performance schedules for specific divisions and times.

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (West – Blue Stage)**

*Finals for Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Cheerleading, Non-Tumbling Cheerleading and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.*

**5:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (West -- Blue Stage)**

*Competition for Game Day (Cheer)*

#### **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall D (East -- Red Stage)**

*Finals for Song/Pom, Jazz (Song/Pom), Pep Flag and Mascot divisions*

**Times listed above are tentative and subject to change. The divisions taken to Finals are subject to change pending the final number of performances in Prelims.**

## SPECTATOR TICKETING

- **No cash admission purchases will take place on-site during the event.** We are a cashless event with advanced ticket purchase required through Eventbrite. Online admission sales are **now open and available for purchase.** Admission **must be** pre-purchased for spectators by going to the Eventbrite website. The link can be found at [usa.varsity.com](http://usa.varsity.com) under the dropdown menu – “School” then “Competitions” then “High School Spirit Nationals.” Please share this information with all spectators, so they are prepared for this cashless event.
- For pre-purchased admission wristbands upon arrival, proceed to general admission which will be located downstairs in the Hall E lobby, and show proof of purchase. You will receive a wristband which will allow you to enter the event. **Please send only one person from your party to exchange scanned tickets for wristbands.** Pre-purchased admission cannot be used without receiving a wristband first. We highly recommend pre-purchasing your admission prior to arriving to the event, as purchase on-site by cash is not available and electronic purchase the day of may delay your entry.
- For spectators, wristbands must be worn securely on the wrist and visible to door monitors and competition personnel throughout the event.
- Wristbands are unique to each day of competition. If you purchase a one-day ticket, that ticket is valid for that specific day only and matches the wristband color used for that day. A weekend-pass ticket will get you a wristband that is used for the entire weekend – Friday/Saturday/Sunday.
- **Spectators will not be permitted in the “official/scheduled” or “open” Warm-Up/Practice areas at any time.**
- Admission wristbands will be required in all competition venues.
- All seating is general admission and first-come, first-served.
- General Admission pick up windows for spectators in the Hall E lobby will be open on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM** for spectators to show proof of purchase and exchange for a general admission wristband.
- General Admission windows for spectators will open at 6:45 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Congregating in the common areas of the venue is not allowed.
- The USA reserves the right to refuse admission to any spectator.

## AWARDS

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For Group Stunt divisions which advance to finals, 20% of the total performances in a division will advance to compete again on Friday, immediately following Prelims. For “Non-Tumbling (Novice)”, “Novice” and “Intermediate” divisions 30% of the total performances in a division will advance to Finals. For all “Advanced” and “Non-Tumbling (Advanced)” teams, Mascot, Jazz (Song/Pom), Pep Flag and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions, 40% of a division will advance to finals. All divisions will advance to Finals and teams must compete in both Prelims and Finals to be eligible for final awards. This information is subject to change at the discretion of competition officials.

Awards ceremonies for Spirit Nationals divisions will be presented “live” in either Hall C or Hall D on a rotating basis and will take place approximately 30 minutes following the end of each division. See the awards tentatively scheduled times with the final performance schedule a few days before the competition begins. Game Day division awards will take place Saturday night on the stage on which divisions performed.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SECURITY

Due to heightened security concerns, all bags are subject to search upon entry into any Anaheim Convention Center venue. **Bags must not be left unattended at any time.** Teams must be in possession of all personal items at all times during the competition (except while performing). The United Spirit Association will not be responsible for any items that are left unattended by a representative of your organization at any time (including during your performance). Unattended bags are subject to immediate removal by security. Service animals only are permitted in the Anaheim Convention Center.

Team signs may be brought to the competition, but may not be taped on any painted surfaces. Air horns, or other excessive noise-makers are not permitted in the convention center.

Throwing of any type of item onto the performance floor and/or the use of laser-type devices in any venue is grounds for immediate removal from the competition and individuals will be subject to prosecution.

Personal video cameras will be permitted, but we ask that you please film only your own team. Any individual who does not adhere to this request may be asked to leave the venue. Camera tripods will not be permitted at any time during the competition. Unauthorized videotaping of any team is subject to immediate removal from the competition venue.

The use of telephoto lenses on cameras and/or the use of tripods is prohibited.

### FOOD

Limited concession stands will be open inside the Convention Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Several food trucks will be available outside of the venue and there are many eating establishments within walking distance of the convention center. **Outside food and drink are not permitted in the Convention Center.**

### SOUVENIRS

A complete line of exclusive USA Nationals souvenirs will be on sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Convention Center. Major credit cards are accepted.

Please note that ATM machines are not available at the Anaheim Convention Center.

### VIDEO

Individuals are permitted to video the routine from their own team. Video-taping of multiple teams in a division is not permitted.

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### PHOTOGRAPHY

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### MEDICAL CARE

A FIRST AID station is located in the Convention Center and will be staffed throughout the weekend with a registered nurse. First aid staff will also be on duty during the competition at all venues.

Should you need medical assistance, please contact a USA or Anaheim Convention Center staff member.

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Located at General Admission in the Hall E lobby.

#### **PARKING – ALL CASHLESS – ONLY CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED**

There is no cash accepted for parking. Credit cards, debit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay are accepted. Please allow an additional 30 to 40 minutes for traffic and parking. Parking will be impacted over the weekend and cars may be directed to off-site lots.

#### **Anaheim Convention Center**

CARS: Enter the Convention Center parking area from Katella.

The parking fee at the Convention Center is \$20.00 and is good for one entry ONLY. This fee is subject to change. It is not valid for in/out parking. The parking receipt must be visible on the vehicle dashboard. The parking ticket is not transferable.

BUSES: Buses will enter from the back of the Convention Center, off of West Street. Parking personnel will direct you to the drop off area and appropriate exit or parking area. Parking fees for buses is \$30.00 and is good for one entry ONLY. Overnight parking of vehicles is prohibited.

**Parking fees are subject to change.**

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Hall D (left side of diagram)

Hall C (right side of diagram)

West – Blue Stage (upper stage in Hall D on diagram)

East – Red Stage (lower stage in Hall D on diagram)

Hall E – Registration – Lower level, down the stairs (left side of diagram)

