



**2026 USA SPIRIT NATIONALS/COLLEGIATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
SPECTATOR EVENT DETAILS**

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SPIRIT NATIONALS

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

High School Game Day (Band Chant, Fight Song, and Situational Sideline) and Group Stunts divisions (see performance schedule)

Refer to performance orders for specific division and times. These divisions will not be broadcast on Varsity TV

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Prelims for select Cheerleading and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

Prelims for select Cheerleading and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 200 (upper level)

Prelims for select Cheerleading, Crowdleader™ Teams and Mascot divisions

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

Saturday, February 21, 2026

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Finals for select Cheerleading team divisions, Mascot and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.

8:00 AM – 1:30 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

Prelims for select Cheerleading and Crowdleader™ Teams divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

Junior High/Middle School/Elementary School Cheer, Rec Teams, and Junior Cheer Game Day divisions

8:00 AM – Noon – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Junior High/Middle School/Elementary School Song/Pom, and Junior Song Game Day divisions

8:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Prelims for Song/Pom, Jazz (Song/Pom) and Pep Flag divisions and competition for Song/Pom Game Day

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

Monday, February 23, 2026

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Finals for Song/Pom, Jazz (Song/Pom) and Pep Flag divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Prelims for College Dance Divisions and Dance Game Day Division.

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

Prelims for College Group Stunt, Partner Stunt, and Cheer Divisions.

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

College Cheer Game Day Divisions

Refer to performance orders for specific divisions and times.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

11:45 AM – 2:00 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C

Finals for College Dance Divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall 100 (lower level)

Finals for Partner Stunt, Group Stunt, and College Cheer divisions. Detailed breakdown of divisions available the Wednesday prior to the event.

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 – Anaheim Convention Center – North Hall Lobby and Hall C/D Box Office

- No cash admission purchases will take place on-site during the event. We are a cashless event with advanced ticket purchase required through ShowClix. Online admission sales are now open and available for purchase. Admission must be pre-purchased for spectators by going to the following website – [General Admission Tickets](#) . Please share this information with all spectators, so they are prepared for this cashless event.
- For pre-purchased admission wristbands upon arrival, proceed to Admissions which will be located downstairs in either the lobby of North Hall or the Hall C/D Box Office, 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 will not grant access to the event 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. Wristband exchange for purchased tickets is only available on site at the convention center.
- Only wristbands distributed by Varsity Admissions personnel are valid entry into the event. Any non-Varsity issued/worn wristband is subject to confiscation and the individual wearing the item may be removed from the event.
- 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 5 days of the event.
- Spectators will not be permitted in the backstage areas, “Scheduled Practice” or “Open Practice” areas at any time.
- Admission wristbands will be required in all competition venues.
- All seating is general admission and first-come, first-served.
- **For those wishing to exchange tickets for wristbands early, General Admission pick up windows for spectators in the Hall C/D Box Office will be open on Wednesday, February 18th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM for spectators to show proof of purchase and exchange for a general admission wristband.**
- **Monday, February 23rd - wristbands must be picked up in the Hall C/D box office.**
- General Admission for Spectators will open at 6:45 AM on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- Congregating in the common areas of the venue is not allowed.
- The USA reserves the right to refuse admission to any spectator.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SAFETY/SECURITY

- All bags are subject to search . 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/Varsity 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.
- 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.** A list of further prohibited items will be placed near admissions and the main spectator entrances to the performance venues.
- 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 remove from the competition venue.
- Cameras with extended lenses (telephoto, zoom extending beyond 70 mm, etc.) are not permitted.
- Excessive lighting equipment, flash photography, tripods, or drone equipment are not permitted.

FOOD

- Limited concession stands will be open inside the Convention Center on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be no food service/concession stands available on Thursday during the Cheer Stand Alone Game Day and Group Stunt divisions. 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.**
- The Anaheim Convention Center primarily operates as a **cashless facility** for food and beverage purchases, requiring credit cards, debit cards, or mobile payments (like Apple Pay) at its concession stands and for parking. It is highly recommended to have a digital payment method ready to avoid issues, as some, if not all, vendors are strictly cashless.

SOUVENIRS

- A complete line of exclusive USA Nationals souvenirs will be on sale Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Convention Center. No store sales will be available during the Game Day and Group Stunt divisions on Thursday. Major credit cards are accepted. There is no cash accepted at the Varsity souvenir shop.
- Please note that ATM machines are not available at the Anaheim Convention Center.

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 North Hall Lobby and Hall C/D Box Office.

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.
- **CARS:** Enter the Convention Center parking area from Katella.
 - The parking fee at the Convention Center is \$25.00 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. Overnight parking of vehicles is prohibited.
- Parking fees are subject to change.

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