



With the momentum and success of The Summit & The Dance Summit in May 2015 and with the USASF definition of Division II, Varsity All Star created The D2 Summit – exclusively for programs with 125 athletes and under.

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The D2 Summit Championship will now take place May 13th – 15th, 2021 at Walt Disney World Resort's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex.

Please know that together, with the Walt Disney World Resort, we've made many updates to the championship experience based on the guidance from health authorities, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and appropriate government agencies. Before you register, it is imperative that you read everything carefully and make sure you share this information with your athletes and parents. Please know that this is a fluid situation and subject to change. [Click here to read the Championship Experience Updates.](#)

For your convenience, major updates to this document have been underlined.

Are teams that earned a bid to the 2020 D2 Summit Championship eligible to compete at the 2021 D2 Summit Championship?

We understand the challenges that programs across the country have faced preparing for and competing at bid events this season. We are committed to offering as many opportunities as possible for athletes to reach our End-of-Season Championships while also maintaining the integrity of the event.

With this in mind, we have made the decision that ALL bid recipients to the 2020 D2 Summit Championship in the Junior and Senior divisions (Paid, At-Large and Wild Card) will be eligible to compete at the 2021 D2 Summit Championship with a WILD CARD bid. Teams must compete in the same parent division in which they qualified for, but we will allow flexibility in team sizes. For example, a L4 Senior Large team must still compete in L4 Senior, but may enter the small division with a Wild Card bid.

For bids earned to the 2020 D2 Summit Championships, teams that qualified in a Coed Division but no longer meet the roster requirements for Coed will be eligible to compete in the comparable All Girl Division.

Please see below for specific information about registration deadlines for teams using a bid earned for the 2020 D2 Summit Championship. For questions, please email d2summit@varsity.com.



My program is using a bid earned to the 2020 D2 Summit Championship. When is my registration deadline?

The deadline for teams using a bid earned to the 2020 Championship in February 25, 2021. After this deadline, teams with bids to the 2020 Summit Championship will not be allowed to register.

What divisions are offered at The D2 Summit?

Level 1 Junior	Small		Level 4 Senior Coed	Medium
Level 1 Junior	Medium		Level 4.2 Senior	Small
Level 1 Senior	Small		Level 4.2 Senior	Medium
Level 1 Senior	Medium		Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Small
Level 2 Junior	Small		Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Medium
Level 2 Junior	Medium		Level 5 Junior	Small
Level 2 Senior	Small		Level 5 Junior	Large
Level 2 Senior	Medium		Level 5 Junior Coed	Small
Level 3 Junior	Small		Level 5 Junior Coed	Large
Level 3 Junior	Medium		Level 5 Senior	Small
Level 3 Senior	Small		Level 5 Senior	Large
Level 3 Senior	Medium		Level 5 Senior Coed	Small
Level 3 Senior Coed	Small		Level 5 Senior Coed	Large
Level 3 Senior Coed	Medium		Level 5 Senior Open	N/A
Level 4 Junior	Small		Level 5 Senior Open Coed	N/A
Level 4 Junior	Medium		Level 6 Junior	Small
Level 4 Senior	Small		Level 6 Junior	Large
Level 4 Senior	Medium		Level 6 Junior Coed	Small
Level 4 Senior Coed	Small		Level 6 Junior Coed	Large

*Once registration is FINAL – divisions will be combined per the USASF Guidelines.

Who is eligible to attend The D2 Summit?

Any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The D2 Summit at a qualifying event. Gyms must be Division II eligible (125 athletes or less & meet all USASF Division II Guidelines) when they receive a D2 Summit Bid and must remain Division II eligible through their D2 Summit Performances. If a program exceeds 125 athletes or fails to meet the D2 requirements set forth by the USASF at ANY TIME throughout the season, they will no longer be considered D2 and will forfeit their D2 Summit Bids. These programs will remain ineligible for the D2 Summit for the remainder of the season. Please visit the USASF to find out more on how to qualify as a D2 program. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF & Varsity Spirit.



Teams **MUST** compete in the same division in which they qualified for but are allowed to add up to the **MAXIMUM** number of athletes in the division. For example, a team qualifying with 16 athletes may compete at The D2 Summit with 22 – see athlete replacement regulations. Program release waivers will still be required for athletes transferring programs. For bids earned in the 2020-2021 season, teams that qualified in a Coed Division but no longer meet the roster requirements for Coed will not be eligible to compete in the comparable All Girl Division. A new bid in an All Girl Division will be required to attend. For questions, please email D2summit@varsity.com.

Will D1 Divisions be offered at The D2 Summit?

No, The D2 Summit does not offer D1 Divisions.

Are D2 Programs eligible to compete at The Summit?

Yes. Each PROGRAM must declare which event the ENTIRE PROGRAM will be competing at. A PROGRAM cannot compete for a Summit Bid and a D2 Summit Bid at the same qualifying event. You **MUST** declare which event your PROGRAM will be accepting bids for pre-event. Once a team in a program receives a bid to the Summit, the ENTIRE PROGRAM is in-eligible to accept D2 Summit Bids for the remainder of the season. *This does not include teams in the International Divisions.

Where can teams qualify for a bid to The D2 Summit?

Teams can qualify for The D2 Summit at many Varsity All Star events across the country. Please visit your specific Event Producer's website for more information about which events will be awarding bids.

When will registration open?

Registration for The Summit, Dance Summit & D2 Summit Championships will open at the beginning of February. Once open, your program will be assigned a Registration Specialist to assist you in the reservation process. Payment deadlines will be based on the month your team earned their bid.

Are D2 Programs eligible to compete in the International Divisions at The Summit & also compete at The D2 Summit?

Yes. D2 Programs can compete in the International Divisions at The Summit. Athletes that compete in the International Divisions will only be allowed to compete with ONE team at The D2 Summit. Please see the crossover rules for additional clarification.

Divisions Splits at Bid-Giving Events

At each competition, a D2 Program can declare what type of bid they are accepting – Summit or D2 Summit Bids. If the qualifying competition division is split between Division I & Division II, the team



must compete in the qualifying division that correlates with their bid acceptance. For example, If a D2 program is accepting bids to The Summit, the team must compete in the standard division to accept the bid and CAN NOT compete in the D2 Division.

Moving ONE TEAM from a D2 Program into a D1 division at a qualifying event WILL affect your D1/D2 status of your PROGRAM for the remainder of the season. Check with your Event Producer before competing in a D1 division.

Once a team earns a bid for The D2 Summit or The Summit, they MUST stay within that specific track to upgrade their bid type. For example, a D2 team earning an At-Large Bid to The D2 Summit is not eligible to upgrade to a Paid Bid for The Summit.

What types of bids are given to The D2 Summit?

Wild Card Bids:

Teams must indicate that they will accept a Wild Card Bid on their Bid Acceptance form for each qualifying event. Wild Card Bids allow teams to enter the Wild Card round where teams will compete for their chance to advance to the Final Round. Wild Card Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

At-Large Bids:

At-Large Bids allow teams to forego the Wild Card Round and advance straight to the Semi-Final Round where teams will compete for their chance to advance to the Final Round. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

PAID Bids:

PAID Bids allow teams to forego the Wild Card Round and advance straight to the Semi-Finals Round where teams will compete for their chance to advance to the Final Round.

Each athlete earning a PAID Bid to The D2 Summit Championship will receive a 4 Night Quad Package price as a credit. No credits may be used for family members or for additional tickets. If a team chooses the Quad 3 Night Package, the athlete will receive Quad 3 Night Package credit. If a Paid Bid team chooses not to stay on property, then they will receive the Commuter Package for free. *If additional athletes are added to the roster after the PAID bid was earned, the gym is responsible for the full cost of the additional athletes.

Are you allowed to add or replace athletes on the Bid winning team?

We understand the challenges that COVID-19 has created for programs across the country and recognize that many teams have not been able to prepare as normal for this season's events. **With this in mind, there will be no roster replacement or substitution rules for the 2021 D2 Summit Championship.** Teams will be able to replace or add athletes to reach the maximum number of



participants in their division as long as they remain in the parent division in which they qualified for. Please see COVID roster change instructions below for more information.

*If additional athletes are added to the roster after the PAID bid was earned, the gym is responsible for the full cost of the additional athletes.

All athletes participating on a team at The 2021 Summit must be a registered member of that team's program during the 2020-2021 competition season. Any athlete that has exhibited or competed on the floor with a team in any level from a program (Primary Program) during The Summit competition season (January 1, 2021 – May 1, 2021) will have to have a [Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver](#) signed by the owner of the Primary Program before that athlete is eligible to compete with another program at The 2021 Summit.

Completion of the Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver is a required process between the Primary and Secondary Program owners. In the event a formal protest is made and the official Program Release Waiver has not been signed, or if the Secondary Program is not able to provide one as physical proof to a Varsity Official, the Secondary Program will not be eligible or will be disqualified depending on the time of the formal protest. All [Varsity Spirit Program Release Waivers](#) must be turned in with your official USASF event roster at The Summit.

If I have to alter my team due to COVID related issues, what are my options?

Due to the ever-changing COVID-landscape, we are permitting the following changes to teams for the 2021 D2 Summit Championship ONLY:

- Teams will be allowed to decrease in size (Medium to Small; Large to Small)
- Teams will be allowed to alter their coed v. all-girl division (For example – "I have a boy who is making my team coed & I have to compete without this athlete" You will be permitted to go the Level & Age All-Girl equivalent)

In order to change your division, the following BOTH must happen prior to the deadline:

- Registration must be updated with accurate numbers & approved in the MyVarsity Portal
- An e-mail stating the division changes must be sent to Fbeyer@varsity.com.

The deadline to submit any division changes due to the above will be Tuesday, April 20th, 2021. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this.



Can multiple teams from the same program location receive a bid in the same D2 Summit division?

If a program has a team that is awarded a bid in a division, a legitimate second team can still compete for an additional bid. To be considered “legitimate”, this team may not share ANY athletes with the team already in possession of a D2 Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

Can Bids be deferred?

No, Bids earned during the 2019 - 2020 or 2020 – 2021 season must be used for the 2021 Summit Championship.

Will Bids be passed down for The D2 Summit?

No, D2 Summit Bids will not be passed down. For example, if a team receives an At-Large Bid at an event early in the season and upgrades to a PAID Bid later in the season, the original At-Large Bid will not be given to another team. This bid will be eliminated.

Upgrading Bids

Once your team accepts a bid for The Summit or The D2 Summit, you MUST stay with that specific track to earn a higher bid for the remainder of the season. After the registration deadline, teams that accepted their 2020 Wild Card bids will have to follow the upgrade rules below.

- Wild Card Bids will only be upgraded to a PAID Bid.
- At-Large Bids will only be upgraded to a PAID Bid.
- PAID bids must be used and cannot be upgraded.

Bid Eligibility:

Event Producers have the right to investigate any and all teams receiving a bid to The D2 Summit. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy to ensure each team has the same opportunity. Any bid eligible team found in violation of a USASF or Varsity Spirit policy will be disqualified from The D2 Summit for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 season.

Rounds at The D2 Summit

The Wild Card Round:

The Wild Card Round of The Summit will take place at the *Walt Disney World®* Resort, FL. The top 5 scoring teams in each division will automatically advance to the Final Round. There will not be any teams advancing from the Wild Card Round to the Semi-Final Round. The Summit reserves the right to split divisions based on size. All split divisions will be recombined in the Final Round.



The Semi-Final Round:

The Semi-Final Round of The Summit will take at the *Walt Disney World®* Resort, FL. Teams advancing from the Semi-Final round will compete in the Final Round against the advancing Wild Card & other Semi-Final teams. The Summit reserves the right to split divisions based on size. All split divisions will be recombined in the Final Round. Below is the number of teams that will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals based on division size:

- All divisions with 10 or less teams in Semi-Finals will have no more than 5 teams advance to finals. *In the event of a tie for the 5th spot, both teams will advance to Finals.
- All divisions with 11 – 19 teams in Semi-Finals will have no more than 50% of the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with 20 – 30 teams in Semi-Finals will have no more than 10 teams advance to finals. *In the event of a tie for the 10th spot, both teams will advance to Finals.
- Once registration is FINAL, division with 31 or more teams in Semi-Finals will be evaluated to consider advancing additional teams.

The Final Round:

The Final Round of The Summit will take place at the *Walt Disney World®* Resort, FL. Teams from the Wild Card and Semi-Final rounds will face off to determine who will be named The Summit Champion. Ties will not be broken at The Summit – in the event that there is a tie for first place, The Summit will name Co-Champions.

Days of Competition:

- **Thursday, May 13, 2021:** Wild Card round of competition
- **Friday, May 14, 2021:** Preliminary round of competition
- **Saturday, May 15, 2021:** Final round of competition

Are Crossovers allowed at The D2 Summit?

Yes, please see the crossover policy below.

Crossover Policy:

Athletes will not be allowed to compete on more than 2 CHEER teams across The Summit Championships. All Athletes Levels 1- 6 can only cross up or down TWO levels at The D2 Summit (Ex: Level 2 athletes may only crossover to a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 team). All Level 4.2 athletes may only crossover to levels 2, 3, 4 or 5. Athletes that competed at The Cheerleading Worlds can cross to a D2 Summit team in levels 6, 5, 4, & 4.2 Level 6 D2 Summit team athletes can only cross to levels 4, 5 & 6. A Cheerleading Worlds athlete may compete at The Dance Summit and



a Dance Worlds athlete may compete at The D2 Summit. *Reminder: Crossovers are not guaranteed at the D2 Summit during the Final Rounds.

The MAXIMUM number of individuals allowed to crossover from the 2021 Cheerleading Worlds to The Summit will be 8 athletes per team.

Participants may only represent one gym at The D2 Summit. Athletes competing with a program at The Cheerleading Worlds may represent a different gym at The D2 Summit. These athletes will still be considered “Worlds” athletes for the crossover policy.

For the most up-to date age grids and level requirements from the USASF, [click here](#).

Crossover Fee

Participants must pay an additional \$100 registration fee for each additional team performance. However, if there is an athlete that is on a PAID Bid team & crossing over to another PAID Bid team, there will be no crossover fee applied. If an athlete is on a PAID Bid team as well as an AT-LARGE Bid team, that athlete will be required to pay the crossover fee.

Are Crossovers allowed between The Summit & The D2 Summit?

No athlete can compete at both The Summit & The D2 Summit in the same competitive season in the USASF divisions. Athletes are allowed to compete in the International divisions at The Summit & then compete on ONE TEAM ONLY at The D2 Summit. Athletes may only represent one program throughout The Summit Championships.

How will reveals & awards be announced?

At Varsity Spirit, the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, employees, families and friends is our top priority. We are diligently monitoring the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and closely watching official information from health authorities, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as it relates to our larger community and our events, camps and competitions.

In order to maintain venue capacity standards, all reveals and awards will be held virtually. More information about awards ceremonies, ring sizing, etc.. will be released closer to the event.

What do individuals and teams receive for competing at The D2 Summit?

All participants will receive a commemorative medallion for competing at The D2 Summit. Teams who qualify for Finals on Sunday in each division will be awarded a team banner with division and placement. Teams that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their respective division will also receive a team banner and each participant will receive individual mini banners recognizing their accomplishment. All divisional champions will receive exclusive D2 Summit Championship Rings! Only participants &



2 coaches listed on the official USASF D2 Summit Roster will be included in ring sizing. Crossover athletes will only be awarded one ring. Additional rings may be ordered on-site & must be paid for by the team or individual before delivery.

As a Gym Owner or Coach ONLY, who do I contact if I have further question?

For questions, please reach out to D2summit@varsity.com.

Tournament Facility

The competition is scheduled to be held at Disney's *Wide World of Sports*® Complex. The tournament officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to inclement weather, facility problems, television production requirements, or any other situation deemed by the tournament officials to be essential to the successful execution of the championship.

Logo Usage

Programs, Teams, Athletes & Spectators will not be allowed to use The Summit logo(s) or the Varsity All Star logo including; banners, rings, bows, t-shirts etc.

Disqualification

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Rules and Regulations" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a competition or the Championship the following year.

**Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity All Star reserves the right to amend this document, bid event listings and bid distributions at any time.*