

# THE AMERICA'S BEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IS GOING VIRTUAL!

Here are some things to know before you register. As details are finalized, information will continue to be added to this document.

## Who can participate in the America's Best Virtual National Championship?

• Teams who are currently registered will be able to participate in the America's Best Virtual National Championship. After current registered teams, it will be open to all divisions on a first come first serve basis.

### Will divisions be split into DI & DII programs during the event?

Yes, all divisions will be split in accordance with the recommended guidelines from the USASF.

### Will Non-Building Division splits be offered?

Due to the End-of-Season Bids being awarded, Non-Building splits will not be offered for this event.

### How will a Virtual Competition work?

Teams will receive an email with a link to the applicable Varsity TV video uploader and keyword to use for filming routines. Once this information is sent, teams will have a 6-day window to record their video and submit it, following the uploader steps provided. At the close of submissions, routines will be available to watch for all subscribers on Varsity TV. Varsity All Star Certified Judges will score routines in our Simple Score system and teams will receive standard scoresheets and feedback. Awards will take place for FREE the following week on Varsity TV.

All routines will be judged with sound and available for Varsity TV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound for Varsity TV subscribers. After 5 days, routines will be available free of charge without sound for the duration of the competition season.

#### How much does it cost to participate in a Virtual Competition?

Each athlete will pay \$99 to compete at the America's Best Virtual National Championship.

#### What awards will be given?

Champions in each division will receive an America's Best Championship jacket. Placement banners will be awarded to teams in each division. Participant medals will be given to each athlete.

#### How will bids to The Cheerleading Worlds be awarded?

A minimum of 2 PAID bids will be given at the virtual championship. Additional bid information and declarations will be coming soon.



# **Bid Eligibility**

Event Producers have the right to investigate any and all teams receiving a bid to Varsity Spirit & Varsity All Star End-of-Season Events. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy to ensure each team has the same opportunity. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of a USASF or Varsity Spirit policy will be disqualified from their End-of-Season Championship for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 season.

# **Registration Deadline**

Registration will close 2 weeks prior to the America's Best Virtual National Championship on Friday, December 4th, 2020.

# Rosters

Team rosters will be required for teams to participate in the America's Best Virtual National Championship. Teams will be able to upload their roster in their USASF portal under America's Best.

# **Music Guidelines**

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## How do people watch the event?

Varsity TV will host this event and one one-month subscription will be given to a coach of each registered team. All Varsity TV subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. The awards will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV.

## What kind of video do I need to submit?

Teams must submit a video recording of their routine taken in their practice facility, using the keyword indicated during the filming period. Videos must be one take – edited footage will not be accepted. All 4 corners of the floor should be visible when possible and athletes must perform on a USASF approved surface. The program must own rights to this video and consent to it being posted on Varsity TV for use in the Virtual Competition.

Once routine videos are filmed, they will be uploaded to Varsity TV. There is no need to purchase additional equipment or internet services for your program – simply film on your phone or available camera!



### What should my team wear?

Teams may submit videos in their practice wear or uniforms. Please keep in mind that all <u>USASF Athletic</u> <u>Performance Standards</u> must be maintained.

### How will teams be scored?

Once routine videos are filmed and uploaded to Varsity TV, a Varsity All Star certified judging panel will score the routines in our Simple Score system. Score sheets and division breakdowns will be emailed to coaches, just like at an in-person event.

Teams will receive a link to our AccuScore review process prior to the start of the event and will be able to follow the steps similar to a live event for challenges. Our AccuScore experts will review your sheets and follow up with your program on any changes or clarifications prior to the awards announcements.

<u>Click here</u> for more information about our scoring and judges.

## Where can we watch the awards?

Awards for the America's Best Virtual National Championship will be hosted on Varsity TV and will be FREE to all viewers the week following the event. More details will be available soon.

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

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

## Logo Usage

Programs, Teams, Athletes & Spectators will not be allowed to use the Varsity Spirit, Varsity All Star, America's Best or End-of-Season Event logo(s) 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 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.