



## **VIRTUAL COMPETITION SERIES – WINTER**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Introducing NEW virtual competition options for 2021 – say hello to the Winter Virtual Competition Series! Teams can continue their season virtually this winter at 5 more virtual events brought to you by Varsity All Star. The process for the Winter Virtual Competition Series will be similar to the Fall Virtual Competition Series and teams will record their routines in their gyms and upload their videos to Varsity TV. A Varsity certified judging panel will score the routines in our Simple Score system and results will be shared on Varsity TV!

Here are some things to know before you register.

#### **Who can participate in the Winter Virtual Competition Series?**

- All Star Elite, Prep, and Novice cheer teams are welcome to compete in the Winter Virtual Competition Series.
- International All Star Cheer teams that compete in Summit eligible divisions are also welcome. You can view those divisions here.

#### **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?**

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

#### **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 5-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. Results & Bids will be announced 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.



### **Event Timeline:**

Your event specific timeline can be found under the “Additional Information” section of your Virtual Competition Series for your event.

- 11 Days Prior to Event Start Date – Registration closes. This is a firm deadline and will not be extended.
- 10 Days Prior to Event Start Date – The Registration Contact will receive the official event timeline, filming guidelines, and a link to the Coaches and Gym Owners ONLY BAND.
- 7 Days Prior to Event Start Date - The Registration Contact will receive the KEY WORD to use in filming your video and may start the filming process in your facility.
- 5 Days Prior to Event Start Date - The Registration Contact will receive a form to declare for End-of-Season Championship Bids.
- 3 Days Prior to Event Start Date - The Registration Contact will receive a link & instructions to upload your video to Varsity TV and AccuSCORE information. Videos are due on this day at 11:59pm CT.
- Event Start Date - Event will be visible on Varsity TV for on-demand viewing. Team Coach Contacts will receive an email the day of with your deductions and scoresheet.
- The Monday After Your Event – Event results will be posted on Varsity TV at 7:00pm CT, followed by the Summit bid reveal at 7:30pm CT. Results and Bid Reveals will be FREE to enjoy.

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

Each athlete will pay \$39 per performance in the Winter Virtual Competition Series.

### **What awards will be given?**

The top 3 teams in each division each event will receive a team placement banner. At the conclusion of the series, Overall Champions will be named for all star elite levels as follows: Prep, L1, L2, L3, L4, L4.2, L5, L6 & L7. Overall Champions will receive a team Overall Champion banner and championship athlete stickers.

### **How will End-of-Season Event Bids be awarded during the Winter Virtual Competition Series?**

[Click here](#) to view the Winter Virtual Competition Series Bid Declaration.



## **Who is eligible to earn Partial-Paid bids to the Regional Summit?**

Teams that compete in 3 or more of the Winter Virtual Competition Series events in bid eligible divisions can earn PARTIAL-PAID Bids to the Regional Summit Championships. Click here to view the Virtual Competition Series Bid Declaration. Partial-Paid Bids to the Regional Summit will be announced on April 5, 2021 as part of the Summit Bid Reveal show.

### **Bid Eligibility**

Event Producers have the right to investigate any and all teams receiving a bid to 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.

### **Winter Virtual Competition Series Event Dates & Deadlines**

Registration deadlines are firm and cannot be changed or extended for any reason.

- **Winter I – Saturday, January 30, 2021**
  - Deadline: Winter I – Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- **Winter II – Saturday, February 6, 2021**
  - Deadline: Winter II – Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- **Winter III – Saturday, March 6, 2021**
  - Deadline: Winter III – Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- **Winter IV – Saturday, March 20, 2021**
  - Deadline: Winter IV – Tuesday, March 9, 2021
- **Winter V – Saturday, April 3, 2021**
  - Deadline: Winter V – Tuesday, March 23, 2021

### **Rosters**

Team rosters will be required for teams to participate in each Virtual Competition. All teams will be able to upload their roster in their USASF portal under Varsity All Star.



## **Music Guidelines**

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 do people watch the event?**

Varsity TV will host this event and one one-month subscription will be given to each registered program. All Varsity TV subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. Routine videos will be FREE to all viewers 5 days after the event.

## **How do I claim my Varsity TV account?**

As the host of this event, Varsity TV will be giving one FREE one-month subscription to each registered program. If you are claiming a brand new account, Varsity TV will send you an email with your login credentials by the uploader day. If you have created an account at some point with the provided email, your account will simply be reactivated by the uploader day.

Having trouble remembering your login information? You can reset your password [here](#).

## **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. The keyword will be share in the coaches only event BAND, so be sure to join.

Videos must be one take, with sound – 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!

[Click here](#) to view our filming best practices and guidelines.

## **What should my team wear?**

Teams may submit videos in their practicewear or uniforms. Please keep in mind that all USASF Athletic Performance Standards 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.

[Click here](#) for more information about our scoring and judges.

### **Can I compete at a live event and record that same routine for a virtual event the following weekend?**

No, routines must be filmed in your practice facility and may not be used for multiple events, live or virtual.

### **Can I compete in more than one virtual event in a weekend and use the same routine & keyword template for both?**

While you may compete at more than one virtual event in a weekend, you will need to film separate routines with separate keywords & templates.

### **Where can we view the results?**

All results and scores will be posted on Varsity TV at 7:00pm CT the Monday following your virtual event under the "Results" tab in your event hub.

The Summit Bid Reveal show will be posted at 7:30pm CT for FREE to all viewers on Varsity and will reveal who is taking home bids to The Summit Championships from the Virtual Competition Series.

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

For questions, please reach out to [virtualevents@varsity.com](mailto:virtualevents@varsity.com).

### **Logo Usage**

Programs, Teams, Athletes & Spectators will not be allowed to use the Varsity Spirit, Varsity All Star, Winter Virtual Competition Series 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.