

2021 NCA & NDA COLLEGIATE CHEER AND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

As we plan and prepare for the upcoming NCA and NDA Collegiate Cheer & Dance Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida, we would like to share with you our current plan to keep all athletes, coaches, spectators and Varsity Spirit personnel safe and healthy during this event. Please remember that Varsity and NCA/NDA are constantly monitoring the protocol and processes recommended by the CDC, state and local government and health officials. We will make any necessary adjustments to these policies below accordingly and will notify you of any changes.

Daytona Beach Convention Center and Ocean Front Band Shell April 7-11, 2021

Daytona Beach, Florida

- Coaches:
 - \circ $\;$ Only one coach will be allowed to check-in at registration.
 - Designated times will be assigned for coaches to check-in prior to arrival at the event.
 - All teams will only be allowed inside the facility at the designated practice and performance times listed on the order of performance.
 - Longer intervals will be implemented between team practice and performance times and increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas.
 - AccuSCORE will be spaced out and touchless, and partitions may be used to separate staff and AccuSCORE representatives from coaches.
 - All athletes need to bring their own water bottle labeled with their name.
 - All teams will receive score sheets and rankings via email.
- Spectators:
 - Spectator viewing will be done by rotation.
 - Spectators will purchase online tickets through Eventbrite.
 - We recommend limiting spectators to two per athlete.
 - \circ $\,$ Clearly designated entry and exits will be marked for spectators.
 - **Band Shell** Seven separated groups of spectators will be inside the facility at one time. One for each performing team. Each group will rotate toward the front of the stage as the earlier teams perform. Once their team performance is complete, those spectators will leave facility, the groups will rotate, and the next group of spectators will be allowed in.
 - Ocean Center Separate spectator group rotations will be implemented similar to the Band Shell above. All public areas will be configured to include wider aisles and orderly queues, where needed. Some walkways will be designated "one way." Where possible, public access doors will be designated as either entrance or exit only, to limit cross pedestrian traffic and personal contact.





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The final details and schedule for this Championship will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted. All guidelines are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Varsity Spirit's baseline safety standards for 2021 include:

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced.
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces.
- Increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas.
- Face coverings will be required for everyone, except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. Adults and children two and older will be required to wear masks.
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators and Varsity Spirit staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others.
- Coaches will be asked to review the <u>Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules</u> with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators).
- Please visit the following websites for more specific COVID Guidelines.
 - o https://www.varsity.com/education/safety/
 - o <u>https://www.varsity.com/health-update/</u>
 - \circ $\;$ These websites are very comprehensive and should provide helpful information.

Varsity Spirit will adhere to restrictions on mass gatherings and capacity limitations based on local and venue guidelines. Because health, safety and distancing requirements vary across the country, the below may also vary by competition:

- Merchandise will be allowed onsite, and safety measures and precautions will apply. Customers will not be able to touch or try on clothing before purchasing.
- Food Vendors will be allowed onsite. For example, food may be limited to "grab and go" only and may only be eaten in designated areas.
- Managed traffic flow measures and signs will be implemented where required.

