



2021 NCA & NDA COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP *Virtual Divisions FAQ's*

The health and safety of your athletes, families & staff is our top priority and our Virtual Championship allows your team flexibility to maintain all applicable COVID-19 guidelines. Teams will film in their own facility and our virtual event format does not require that all participating teams be present in their gyms at the same time or on the same day to help maintain social distancing and sanitation standards. Our filming schedule allows your program the flexibility to film during your regularly scheduled practice time, no need to make changes.

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! An NCA & NDA 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. The event will then be available to watch during the event date on Varsity TV!

Which teams can participate?

All collegiate cheer and dance teams officially sanctioned and approved by their respective institution. All participants must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the 2020-21 NCA & NDA College Rule Book and submit a completed and signed Eligibility Form prior to the competition.

What divisions are being offered?

The VIRTUAL divisions for the NCA Collegiate Championship can be found [HERE](#).

The VIRTUAL divisions for the NDA Collegiate Championship can be found [HERE](#).

What is the last day to register for the NCA & NDA Virtual Collegiate Championship?

The last day to register for our Virtual Championship is March 12th, 2021.

How will the Virtual Competition work?

Prelims: On March 17th, 2021, registered teams will receive an email with their required NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template. Teams may begin filming at this time. Another email will be sent the morning of March 24th with a link to the applicable Varsity TV video uploader. Teams will have until midnight that night to upload their videos on March 24th by following the uploader steps provided in the email. On April 9th, Prelim routines will be available to watch on Varsity TV.

Finals: April 1st, 2021, participating teams will receive an email with their required NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template. Teams may begin filming at this time. Another email will be sent the morning of April 7th with a link to the applicable Varsity TV video uploader. Teams will have until midnight that night to upload their videos on April 7th by following the uploader steps provided in the email. Teams may use choose to upload their same Prelims routine video for Finals if they want. Final routines and awards will be available on Varsity TV following the in-person national event on Saturday, April 10th.

NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template

The NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template must be displayed on camera before the routine begins. The NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template will be specific to the event. Any videos that do not contain the appropriate template may be disqualified.

Once the filming window is open, the registered coach will receive NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template as a PDF via email that must be printed and filled out legibly in a dark pen or marker. The template will also be available in the event BAND during the recording window.

- A team member or coach must hold up the filled-out Template in front of the camera for 5- 10 seconds before the routine begins.
- The information on this Template will ensure that the judges are judging the proper team.
- Your template may not be edited into your video in any way.

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

The cost for NCA & NDA Virtual Collegiate Championship is \$100 per participant.

What awards will be given?

Division winners will be titled “Virtual Collegiate Champions” and will receive a Virtual Championship trophy and banner that will be shipped after the event. Virtual Champion teams will also have the opportunity to purchase Championship jackets. Trophies will be awarded to 2nd – 5th place teams.

Rosters

Team Eligibility Forms and online waivers will be required for teams to participate in each Virtual Championship. The deadline for payment, signed virtual waivers and completed and signed Eligibility Forms is March 15th, 2021. These MUST be received prior to teams being sent upload instructions for prelims.

Music Guidelines

Teams will be asked to disclose if they own the synchronization rights to their music when uploading their videos to Varsity TV. If teams have synchronization rights, the video will be uploaded with music. If teams do not have the synchronization rights, the video will be muted. For more information about the Terms & Conditions of uploading a video, [click here](#).

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 subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. The awards will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV and on the NCA & NDA Facebook pages.

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 NCA & NDA Collegiate Virtual Template 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 NCA/NDA approved surface. **Cheer teams may NOT perform on a spring floor.** The school/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!

Be sure to check out our Filming Guide document for recording tips!

Is there a BAND group for Coach communication?

Yes! Once registered, coaches will receive an invite to join for virtual division updates and communications.

What should my team wear?

Teams should adhere to all the uniform and costume guidelines as outlined in the 2021 NCA & NDA College Rule Book.

How will teams be scored?

Once routine videos are filmed and uploaded to Varsity TV, an NCA & NDA 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.

NCA ONLY: 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.

Can we film and perform on a Spring Floor?

NCA Collegiate Cheer teams may NOT compete on a spring floor.

Will teams competing Virtually compete against those competing In-Person?

No, Virtual divisions will be standalone divisions.

Where can we watch awards?

Awards for each Virtual Competition will be hosted on Varsity TV to all subscribed viewers. Awards will be available to watch for FREE on NCA & NDA Facebook and the Virtual Championship BAND will carry the event on Saturday, April 10th, 2021.

Who do I contact if I have further questions (COACHES ONLY)?

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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, and will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a Varsity competition the following year.

**Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity Spirit reserves the right to amend this document.*