



Dear Gym Owners & Coaches,

We would like to share with you some information to help better prepare all the athletes, coaches, spectators, and Varsity All Star personnel for your upcoming event. We recommend that you share this information with your program, including parents, to ensure they understand our guidelines prior to the event.

We are optimistic about hosting live events and we need your partnership to ensure your athletes can continue to get to experience competitions this season. **We are asking for your full cooperation and adherence to the guidance below and require that you share this information with your athletes and spectators to avoid issues that could hinder a positive competition experience.**

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Please help keep each other safe and healthy by following the guidance provided.

### **The U.S. Finals - Ocean City**

Ocean City, MD

May 1-2, 2021

Option B

### **Coaches Check-In**

- Two coaches per team will be allowed at check-in and physical distancing protocols will be enforced. Registration will be open Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 8:30 PM. We encourage all coaches take advantage of this opportunity.
- Coaches will enter at the designate entrance to access Registration. Team Registration is located in Dockside Hall at the back of the convention center.
- All Coaches and Owners will need to present I.D. to receive your USASF Green Light wristband at registration/check-in.
- Coaches or gym owners will need to submit all completed program waivers during Registration/Check-In. Please have all pertinent event required documentation ready to help speed up the check-in process.
- If you choose to wait and register the day of the event, you will need to arrive at check-in at least 30 minutes prior to your team's entry time as noted on the schedule.

### **Coaches & Team Information**

- **All coaches and athletes must wear a mask at all times, except during practice rotations and while on the performance floor. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.**
- Athletes will not be required to wear a mask while practicing or performing but may do so if they wish. The use of masks will not affect your score.
- We recommend bringing clearly labeled resealable bags to hold masks during the practice and performance period.



- All athletes need to bring their own water bottle labeled with their name. Water bottles will not be able to be refilled inside the venue.
- Please instruct your program, prior to the event, where they will need to organize with their coaches as a group outside of convention center to enter for warm-up. In order to maintain the total capacity and event flow balance, teams will have to enter as a complete group.
- There will be a Varsity Spirit Staff member to assist you. They will be in-charge of entry into the venue and leading teams to warm-up. Teams will only be allowed entry during their time as noted on the schedule.
- We ask that athletes limit bringing in any extra belongings. (i.e. limit to just masks, water-bottles, and any medically necessary item.) Coaches will be asked to bring all their team's belongings with them through the Warmup Area.
- Due to capacity restrictions, there can ONLY be one team and 3 coaches per station in the warmup area.
- There will ONLY be one team at any given time in the On-Deck area on stage. We have designated a team overflow holding area when a backup happens.
- A bin for the team's extra belongs will be provided in this area and moved to Off-Staging Area for pick-up.
- Athletes/Teams are to exit the floor immediate after their performance and will be led the designated venue exit.
- There will be a Coaches Waiting Area located in Room 201-206 for coaches with multiple teams throughout the day. Physically distanced seating will be provided.
- Team rooms will not be available.

### **Spectator Ticketing**

- Spectator tickets will be done by team viewing and limited to 2 spectator per athlete based on team registration numbers.
- Tickets must be purchased online pre-event via Eventbrite. Event tickets will be \$10 per adult and children 12 and under are free. A purchase link will be provided to your program prior to the event. \*Additional fees for online ticket purchases may apply.
- You will not need an additional ticket for crossovers as you will have a wristband to allow re-entry for that day, however the number allowed entry for each team will still be limited to 2 per athlete on a team.

### **Spectator Viewing**

- Spectator entry will be controlled and will only be provided access at their designated time noted on the schedule.
- Spectators for each specific team are to arrive at their designed entry time at the main entrance of the convention center to queue for rotational viewing. Spectators will have to enter as a complete group and no further additions to that pod after entry will be permissible. Zones will be setup to queue each team's spectators in performance order. Physical distancing protocols will be observed.
- Only 2 Spectators per athlete will be allowed per Team based on each team's registered number of athletes.



- Masks are mandatory for everyone two and over. Security will be stationed at each building entrance to ensure all entrants wear masks. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- We are asking that spectators bring no extra belongings into the venue.
- Varsity TV will be streaming the event LIVE for all subscribers.

#### **Event Concessions & Vendor Merchandise**

- Concessions will not be available for purchase. No outside food or drink will be allowed (Exception: athlete water bottles).
- Congregating in the common area of the venue is not allowed.
- See Your Pix will be located outside of the venue to purchase event action photos.
- The Varsity Shop will be located outside of the venue for event merchandise.

#### **Health Information**

- Masks are mandatory for everyone two and over. Security will be stationed at each building entrance to ensure all entrants wear masks. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- Should someone have a condition that precludes them from wearing a mask, they will not be allowed into the venue.
- We are advising anyone over the age of 65; anyone (of any age) with an underlying health condition or a compromised immune system; or anyone who has any specific concerns about COVID-19 exposure to not attend.
- Any spectator with any symptoms (Fever of 100°F or higher, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) may not enter.

#### **Event Awards**

- VIRTUAL awards will occur throughout the day and will be posted to the BAND app and Varsity TV. Please check awards schedule for times.
- Awards may pick-up awards during/after their Award Session. Champion Teams (teams & coaches) will pick-up their awards in the PAC Theatre at their scheduled time for their Champion Experience. All other team coaches will pick-up awards in Dockside Hall at the back of the convention center (only 2 coaches per team will be allowed to pick-up Awards in Dockside Hall).
- Division Scores/Averages will be posted for coaches.

The final details and schedule for this individual competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted, including making the competition virtual, if necessary. 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 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.
- Adults and children two and older will be required to wear masks. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- 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 [Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules](#) with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators)

Helpful links for additional information:

- [Varsity Spirit's Health & Safety Page](#)
- [Varsity All Star COVID-19 Competition FAQ](#)

You can trust Varsity Spirit to lead the way in bringing back events safely. If you have additional questions regarding your specific event, we are here to help. We hope to see you soon and thank you for being part of our Varsity Spirit Family.

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