

## THE U.S. FINALS 2022 Frequently Asked Questions

The U.S. Finals is a spectacular way to celebrate the accomplishments of your program and end your season together! Uniquely, The U.S. Finals gives you the opportunity to end your season as a program with teams of all levels. With several locations across the country, your program can pick the event that works best for you!

### What are the dates and locations of The U.S. Finals?

Region	City	State	Date
West	Mesa	AZ	April 2-3, 2022
Midwest	Indianapolis	IN	April 2-3, 2022
West	Tacoma	WA	April 2-3, 2022
Midwest	Kansas City	MO	April 2-3, 2022
Northeast	Worcester	MA	April 9-10, 2022
Southeast	Pensacola	FL	April 9-10, 2022
Southwest	Baton Rouge	LA	April 9-10, 2022
Southeast	Atlanta	GA	April 23-24 2022
Midwest	Louisville	KY	April 23-24, 2022
Southwest	Dallas	TX	April 23-24, 2022
Northeast	Virginia Beach	VA	April 30-May 1, 2022

**Who can attend US finals?** The U.S. Finals will be open to All Star Elite (non-worlds), Prep, Novice, CheerAbilities, Youth/Rec and International Division Cheer (non-worlds) teams. All Star Dance (non-worlds) teams) and High School Dance divisions are offered at the following locations: Mesa, Indianapolis, Dallas, Atlanta and Virginia Beach.

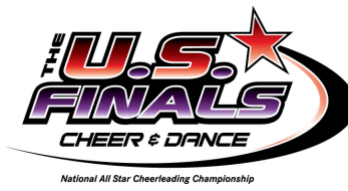
Exhibition teams may not attend. \*Exception: World division teams may exhibition.

**Will bids be offered?** The 2022 U.S. Finals will offer GOLDEN TICKETS at all Varsity All Star events.

**What is a Golden Ticket?** Athlete fees are waived when attending any of the U.S. Finals locations. Teams will only pay an administrative team fee to attend the event.

**Who is eligible for a Golden Ticket?** All Star Elite Cheer (non-worlds), Prep, Youth/Rec and International Division Cheer (non-worlds) teams, High School and All Star Dance teams.

**How many Golden Tickets are given out at Varsity events?** At all Varsity All Star events, one Golden Ticket will be guaranteed to the Elite Cheer Tiny/ Mini/ Youth divisions. In addition, One



Golden Ticket will also be distributed guaranteed to Prep/ Youth-Rec /Dance divisions. All other Golden Tickets will then be distributed based on the number of teams attending the events.

- Elite Cheer Teams not in the Tiny/ Mini/ Youth divisions will receive 1 Golden Ticket for every 30 teams in attendance. Tickets will be given out to the highest scoring qualifying teams at each event.
- Youth-Rec/ Prep/ Dance will receive 1 Golden Ticket for every additional 15 teams in attendance in the combined divisions. Tickets will be given out to the highest scoring qualifying teams at each event.
- Elite Tiny/Mini/ Youth will receive 1 Golden Ticket for every additional 15 teams in attendance in the combined divisions. Tickets will be given out to the highest scoring qualifying teams at each event.
- All other Elite Cheer Team divisions will receive 1 Golden Ticket for every additional 30 teams in attendance in the combined divisions. Tickets will be given out to the highest scoring qualifying teams at each event.

**New in 2022! U.S. Finals Level Champions Challenge:** Level champions from each U.S. Finals location will compete virtually after all regional U.S. Finals events for the ultimate U.S. Finals level champion title! These winners will receive a level champion gift and will be featured on Varsity TV.

### **Event Pricing**

The U.S. Finals offers open pricing of \$99/athlete to all teams who did not receive a Golden Ticket and wish to attend the event.

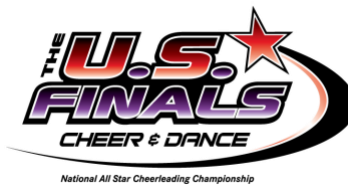
### **GOLDEN TICKET Pricing:**

Teams receiving a GOLDEN TICKET to The U.S. Finals will only be required to pay a Processing Fee of \$250 per team. This fee is non-refundable/non-transferable, Terms and Conditions apply.

*Please note that GOLDEN TICKETS are not referred to as a “Paid Bid” or “free registration”. A per team processing fee is required for all Golden Ticket registrants to secure a performance time at your event location.*

**What will I receive at qualifying events if I earn a Golden Ticket?** Golden Ticket winners will receive a GOLDEN TICKET banner and each athlete will receive Golden shoelaces.

**Does the U.S. Finals allow crossovers?** Yes, there are no crossover restrictions at The U.S. Finals. Please note, while we will do our best to accommodate crossovers in our schedules, more than 20 minutes between performances is not guaranteed. Crossovers pay the same rate per athlete per performance. Champion jackets will only be given out to 1<sup>st</sup> crossover (athletes are limited to receiving no more than two jackets).



**What is the timeline for registration?** A deposit is not required when registering.

- Registration Deposit due date: 4 weeks out from the event date.
- Registration Balance due date: 7 days prior to event
- Online Registration will close 4 weeks out from the event date.

**How will The U.S. Finals work?** The U.S. Finals will feature a one-day compete format. Teams attending will compete either Saturday or Sunday and receive placement and awards the same day. Block Schedules will be available [here](#) 8 weeks prior to the event. \*Please note that block schedules are tentative and subject to change.

**Will divisions be split into DI & DII Programs?** Yes, divisions will be split in accordance with the recommended guidelines from the USASF. Teams will be split first by size (small, medium, large) and then by program size if applicable (DI/DII). Click [here](#) to view the USASF Division Split guidelines.

**Will there be required housing at The U.S. Finals?** No, housing for these events will not be required but our housing partners, Team Travel Source can assist you in booking your accommodations. Please see the “Additional Information” section on the event page for your location to view convenient housing options.

**What awards can my team earn?** Each participant will receive a commemorative sparkle medal and each team will receive a trophy or plaque based on placement. All champions in each division will receive a team championship banner and the coveted 2022 U.S. Finals Jacket at our Champions Challenge winner circle.

**When is the last weekend to qualify for The U.S. Finals?**

- For the U.S. Finals events scheduled the weekend of April 2-3, 2022, the last opportunity to attend a qualifying event and receive a ticket is March 19-20, 2022
- For the U.S. Finals events scheduled the weekend of April 9-10, 2022, the last opportunity to attend a qualifying event and receive a ticket is March 26-27, 2022
- For the U.S. Finals events scheduled the weekend of April 30-May 1, the last opportunity to attend a qualifying event and receive a ticket is April 9, 2022

**Can my program compete out of my region?** Programs may choose to compete live at any of the U.S. Finals locations listed above. Please note dance divisions are only offered at select locations.

**Can I add additional participants/replace athletes after my team qualifies?** You can replace athletes on your roster and add additional athletes, as long as it does not change the division you qualified with. Each additional athlete will pay the per athlete registration fee.



**Can qualification be deferred?** No, qualification or Golden Tickets earned during the 2021 – 2022 season must be used for the 2022 U.S. Finals.

**As a Gym Owner/Coach, who should I contact with questions?**

Regional Contacts:

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**Tournament Facility**

The tournament officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to inclement weather, facility problems, television production requirements, or any other situation deemed by the tournament officials to be essential to the successful execution of the championship.

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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, 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 Championship the following year.