



Varsity Spirit COVID-19 Competition FAQs

Safety remains our top priority, and we have a dedicated, experienced team focused on researching and developing a Health & Safety plan for each event. Below is what you can expect at all Varsity Spirit in-person competitions this season.

The final details, competition format and schedules for each competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted, including making the competition virtual, if necessary. All guidelines are subject to change based on the CDC, federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed. We appreciate your understanding of the flexibility this will require.

Is Varsity Spirit planning to host live events this season?

It is our intention to hold our events and activities live and in-person for the 21-22 season, whenever possible. Based on the evolving environment and to best protect the health and safety of those participating and attending our events, we may need to modify the operation of an event based on CDC, federal, state local and/or venue guidelines.

If my program is unable to attend a live event, are there virtual competition options for us?

For areas that are not able to have in person events, we have a virtual option for you. The Varsity Spirit Virtual Competition Series will allow for teams to participate from home, while still getting the chance to earn bids to our End-of-Season Championships. All Star Elite, Prep, Novice, All Star Dance, Youth/Rec and International All Star Cheer teams that compete in Summit eligible divisions are welcome. [Click here](#) to learn more. More virtual options may be considered in the future.

If an event is canceled, or my local government no longer allows me to attend an in-person event, what are my options?

Should a live event be cancelled, customers will have three options:

1. Request a full refund
2. Transfer funds to another live event within the 2021-2022 season
3. Transfer funds to a virtual event within the 2021-2022 season
 - a. Any remaining balance following a transfer to a virtual event can be either refunded or transferred to another live or virtual event within the 2021-2022 season
 - b. Transfer Policy below applies

Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity Spirit will allow 100% event-to-event transfers (team and individual athletes) up until the Monday the week of the event. This includes transfers to Regional Summit events (for qualified teams) and to The U.S. Finals events (for qualified teams). Transfers may not be made to events held at the *Walt Disney World Resort*, including The Quest, UCA IASC, The Summit, The Dance Summit and The D2 Summit.



The Monday following the event, full teams who have paid and dropped are only eligible to transfer 75% of their funds to another Varsity event in the 2021-2022 season. No refunds or transfers for dropped athletes or teams the day of the event.

When will we be notified if an in-person event is cancelled?

We will rely on the official information from health authorities and local governments as it pertains to potentially hosting our live competitions. While things can change, all decisions for events will be made no less than two weeks prior for one day competitions and three weeks prior for two-day competitions.

What do the Options A, B, C or D mean?

Option A Events: In-Person with Physically Distanced Spectators

- Spectators will be allowed with physical distancing measures in place
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- In-person awards ceremony with limited spectators, athletes and/or coaches; OR Virtual Awards
- Adjustable seating will be spaced to adhere to physical distancing guidelines, and this may result in less seating in the competition hall
- In venues with permanent/non-adjustable seating, seating will be appropriately marked, and spectators should adhere to physical distancing guidelines

Option B Events: In-Person with Limited Spectators

- Spectator viewing limited to team performance time only
- Spectators will follow a moving queue and exit following their team's performance
- Physical distancing measures will be required. Directional signage will guide spectators and athletes throughout the venue
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Live awards ceremony with limited athletes and/or coaches, OR virtual awards ceremony

Option C Events: In-Person with No Spectators and Virtual Awards

- Spectators not allowed; only athletes and coaches permitted
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

Option D Events: Virtual Competition

- Virtual event hosted on Varsity TV
- Routines will be judged virtually by Varsity Spirit Certified Judges
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

What is the time frame used if an event changes from Option A to B, or B to C, etc.?

The event Option currently planned will be found in the myVarsity.com competition portal and on the event information page on the website. Based on updated CDC, federal, local, state or



venue specific guidance, the event Option may change up until the start of the event. If this happens, we will notify teams via email as quickly as possible, and our website will also be updated with the changes.

Will spectators need to purchase admission for Option A or B?

Yes, spectator tickets will be available for purchase online (where applicable) prior to the event. The admission fees are listed on the myVarsity.com competition portal under event information. Admission for certain events may also be available at the door, transactions may be limited to cashless.

If spectators purchase admission prior to attending an event, will a refund be offered if the event is cancelled?

Yes. Should Varsity Spirit cancel an event, a refund will be issued to anyone that pre-purchased a ticket. Processing fees will not be refunded.

What safety measures will be put in place at live events?

View Varsity Spirit's baseline safety standards for 2021-2022 [here](#).

Will physical distancing be practiced during an in-person event?

Physical distancing will be required based on CDC, federal, state, local and/or venue guidance. Varsity Spirit personnel may give verbal instructions to athletes and spectators throughout the day on physical distancing requirements (6 feet separation, no touching, air hugs, air fives, etc.). Spotting/safety procedures should not be minimized due to social distancing.

Will coaches, athletes or spectators be required to wear masks?

- Masks are not required for attendees or spectators who have been vaccinated, except where required by state, local or venue guidelines and when speaking with Varsity personnel. We strongly recommend that those who are not vaccinated continue to wear masks. Those who are not vaccinated should wear masks, if required by state, local or venue guidelines. If masks are required, the following mask exceptions apply:
 - Masks are not required while actively eating.
 - Athletes are not required to wear masks when stunting, tumbling or engaging in vigorous physical activity, unless otherwise required by state, local or venue guidance. Should state, local or venue guidance require masks be worn by athletes during stunting, tumbling or other vigorous physical activity masks should not impede vision or movement.

In what situations will coaches be required to wear masks when speaking with Varsity Spirit personnel?

Some examples of situations where masks will be required when speaking with Varsity Spirit personnel will include, but not be limited to: Registration, Warm-up check-in, First Aid, and Scoring review/Accuscore.



Should athletes, coaches or spectators self-monitor prior to attending and in-person event?

Athletes and coaches must monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 listed by the CDC for 7 days prior to and each day of competition. Anyone, including spectators, that feels sick or living with a house member who is currently sick, feels sick, or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 listed by the CDC, including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, has been diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, or has been around someone who has been diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, currently or within the last 10 days, must [follow the CDC guidelines for Quarantine](#).

What if my state or local government requires masks to be worn at the time of the competition?

We will follow the guidance set forth by the CDC, federal, state, local or venue regulations. Should your team need to or choose to wear masks, that is permissible.

What if my state or local government does not allow stunting during the competition or in the weeks leading up to the competition?

If your team is not allowed to stunt, you can choose to compete in a Non-Building division. If your team plans to perform a routine with stunts, but then encounters an issue (such as an injured athlete), you will be allowed to switch divisions to a Non-Building division at any time, without penalty. Be sure to check out more information about scoring Non-Building teams [here](#).

What cleaning protocol will be used for mats at live events?

Mats will be cleaned and sanitized with a cleaner on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of disinfectants for use against SARS- CoV-2. Mats will be cleaned by accepted methods at the beginning of each day, and as is reasonably necessary or as otherwise directed by the CDC.

Will spectators or teams have temperature checks performed?

Athletes and coaches will monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 as listed by the CDC, including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, and check their own temperature each morning, both 7 days prior to attending competition and every morning before attending competition. If the person displays any COVID-19 symptoms or a temperature of over 100° Fahrenheit, during the 7 days before competition or any morning of competition, they must remain home and report their symptoms and temperature to the appropriate competition contact. Temperature checks may be required based on local or venue guidance and that information will be shared on a case-by-case basis.

Will we be required to turn in waiver forms for live competitions?

Varsity All-Star athletes will not have to complete waivers at events this season as part of their membership with USASF, other than events held at Walt Disney World Resorts. School and Recreation teams will need to complete a waiver form one week prior to the start of the competition. Once a team is registered for an event, instructions will be sent to your team.