

Dear Coaches, Family and Friends:

It's almost time for the 2022 Quest Championship. We're excited to bring this championship experience to you and your team as safely as possible, while still capturing the Disney magic you've come to know and expect.

This email contains VERY IMPORTANT information for you to go over with your team members and family traveling to Orlando with you. We suggest giving a copy of this letter to every participant to share with their parents even if they have been to our Championship in the past.

Check in with the Quest at Celebrity Hall:

Celebrity Hall is located between the Music and Sports Resort. Use the address below and once you enter the All Star Resort follow the signs to Celebrity Hall.

Disney's All Star Music Resort 1801 West Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 407-939-6000

Coaches Registration with the Quest:

Coaches only: Once you arrive in Orlando, ONE PERSON, the contact person on your registration/invoice, should head to registration with the Varsity Spirit Staff at the Varsity Registration Tent at your **confirmed registration time**. This is located in front of Celebrity Hall between Music and Sports Resort. You should have already received an email notification with information on what you need to bring and how to reserve your check-in appointment time. To ensure that everything runs smoothy, please do not arrive to your check-in time more than 15 minutes early.

You will need to bring signed copies of the release waivers for each athlete and coach to registration. Also, coaches need to provide proof of USA Cheer Membership and music verification information. You will receive your event lanyard and other Championship information. Just a reminder that masks are required inside the registration tent for those not fully vaccinated. Please have all coaches/personnel who need to show their USA Cheer Membership information to get their wristband come to the registration area with you so they can show their ID and USA Cheer Membership card. If you have any coaches who are not able to come during registration, they can get their wristbands at the Customer Service table outside of ESPN Wide World of Sports on competition day.

If any friends/family only bought Park Hopper tickets from Varsity, they <u>do not</u> need to check in with Varsity nor schedule a registration time. They should have already received their park ticket numbers via email once they paid in full. If anyone only purchased Celebration Party tickets or extra meal vouchers, they can pick those up at Celebrity Hall during registration hours. They do not need an appointment to pick them up.

Registration times are listed below, again you MUST have an appointment to enter Registration:

Wednesday, March 9th: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday, March 10th: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday, March 11th: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

** If you are delayed in your arrival and cannot make your check-in appointment time at registration, please come to Celebrity Hall during scheduled registration hours to reschedule your appointment.



Quest Championship Office Hours:

The Championship Office is located in Celebrity Hall and the hours are listed below. Wednesday, March 9th: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday, March 10th: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Friday, March 11th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Saturday, March 12th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Sunday, March 13th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm Monday, March 14th: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Order of Competition and Schedule of Events:

You may view the order of competition, event schedule and other important event updates HERE.

Competition Venues:

This year's competitions will take place at the Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Admission into ESPN Wide World of Sports is included only for those on the Quest hotel travel package AND anyone purchasing Disney tickets from Varsity Spirit.

Anyone else needing to purchase tickets into ESPN Wide World of Sports can <u>CLICK HERE</u> to purchase them for \$40 per day. Please pre-purchase these online prior to arriving in Orlando. Once you purchase your ticket online, you will receive an email from ESPN Wide World of Sports with your tickets. When you arrive at the Sports Complex, you will show your ticket barcode to enter.

Premium Parking is available for those who would like to purchase from ESPN Wide World of Sports. To purchase a premium parking spot at the complex prior to arriving at the event, <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Space is limited and will be available for purchase until 03/11/2022 at 4:00 EST. Please feel free to send this to any parents and families attending. Free parking will still be available as well.

Advancement Announcements and Awards:

We will be doing all announcements for advancing to finals in venues. We are planning on in person awards this year in the scheduled venue of the finals competition. Please see the order of competition and block schedule for specific times and locations. Athletes will need to wear masks during awards if not fully vaccinated.

Private/Chartered Buses:

At the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, private chartered buses will be directed to load and unload in the private bus parking lot.

Advancement and Finals:

The Semi-Final Round:

The Semi-Final Round of The Quest will take place on Friday, March 11th at the Walt Disney World[®] Resort, FL. Teams advancing from the Semi-Final round will compete in the Final Round on Saturday, March 12th. The Quest reserves the right to split divisions based on size. All split divisions will be recombined in the Final Round. Below is the number of teams that will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals based on division size:

- All divisions with 10 or less teams in Semi-Finals will have no more than 5 teams advance to finals. *In the event of a tie for the 5th spot, all teams tied for the 5th spot will advance to Finals.
- All divisions with 11 19 teams in Semi-Finals will have 50% of the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with 20 30 teams in Semi-Finals will have no more than 10 teams advance to finals. *In the event of a tie for the 10th spot, all teams tied for the 10th spot will advance to Finals.
- Once registration is FINAL, division with 31 or more teams in Semi-Finals will be evaluated to consider advancing additional teams.



The Final Round:

The Final Round of The Quest will take place on Saturday, March 12th at the Walt Disney World[®] Resort, FL. Teams advancing from the Semi-Final rounds will face off to determine who will be named The Quest Recreational Champion. Ties will not be broken at The Quest– in the event that there is a tie for first place, The Quest will name Co-Champions.

USA Cheer Membership and access to the Warmup and Backstage area:

This is just a reminder that any coach, choreographer, administration, or personnel wishing to access the warmup area, backstage or coaches' box must have a USA Cheer Coach, Dance or Professional Membership. When coaches register on arrival day, they will have to show a photo ID and proof of membership for each person from your team who wants access to receive their wristband. Once your membership is complete, you can print your membership card, or save and display it on your mobile device at event. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more and to complete the steps required before you arrive in Orlando. There will be no exceptions to this requirement, so please be sure to complete it prior to arriving in Orlando.

Music:

All teams must provide their own device for use on the event provided sound system. <u>**NEW!</u>** There will no longer be a pre-check music area at the music table. Music should be on a digital music player/iPod/iPhone. CD's will no longer be allowed, and CD players will not be provided at competition. Music must be recorded at the correct tempo and loaded onto an MP3 device. Please make sure that all devices have a headphone jack to connect to sound system and are fully charged, volume turned up and placed in airplane mode. Please ensure that jacks are clean and free of any debris which may impact connectivity. You will need to acquire anadapter in advance if your player does not have a headphone jack. Coaches will be escorted from the staging area to the music area. We highly suggest that a coach plays the music and not a participant.</u>

Team Practice:

Teams can practice and warm up at their hotel on any approved surface. **Disney does not allow teams to bring their own mats to practice while on Disney property**. Open practice times have been sent out to coaches for teams to sign up. Just a reminder that All Star Sports is closed so you cannot go over to the Football field to practice.

Walt Disney World Tickets-VERY IMPORTANT:

Once you are paid in full, about 7-10 business days after, you will receive an email from Varsity Spirit with your theme park ticket numbers for each person on your invoice. You will then need to complete the steps below to enter ESPN Wide World of Sports or any Theme Park. If you have paid in full and have not received your ticket number email, please contact your Registration Specialist. If you do not complete the steps below, it could delay you and your team getting into ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. You will not receive hard tickets when you arrive in Orlando, everything will be mobile this year.

Ticket Linking and Park Reservations

If you have not done so already, download the MyDisney Experience app to link your theme park tickets and make a park reservation. As a reminder, we highly recommend that Guests make their theme park reservations as soon as they receive their ticket confirmations, as park availability can change and is limited. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the Disney How-To Guide for ticket linking! If you have any issues or trouble linking your Walt Disney World tickets, please contact the Disney Guest Help Desk at 407-939-4357.

ESPN Wide World of Sports Access

If you are not planning to visit a theme park during your visit, you still must link your tickets through your MyDisney Experience app to gain access to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. No Park reservation is required to enter the Sports Complex. Coaches, if you are meeting your team at ESPN Wide World of Sports, we ask that you meet them once inside the ESPN Wide World of Sports entrance in the grass area to the left once you enter the Complex.



Sunday Night Championship Celebration Party

We are so excited to have our Celebration Party this year at Magic Kingdom [®] Park! The park will be closed to the public. The following attractions will be open from 10:00 pm-1:30 pm

- Astro Orbiter
- Space Mountain
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- Tomorrowland Speedway
- Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin ®
- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
- Mad Tea Party

We will have a DJ set up on the Castle Stage! This DJ will play until 2:00 am. (The DJ plays thirty minutes longer than the attractions are open) Select Food and Beverage locations will be open as well. As a reminder, you must wear face coverings in any indoor location as well as in any queue lines if not fully vaccinated.

Dress is casual. You do not need a Park Reservation to attend this Party and it does not take a day off your Theme Park ticket.

For those teams or family members who didn't purchase the hotel travel package, admission into the Celebration Party is \$55.00. Extra tickets (wristbands) are limited and will be for sale by credit card only, no cash and only during the registration times listed earlier in this letter. Wristbands will NOT be sold the night of the party at the park.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THOSE PURCHASING EXTRA TICKETS. Walt Disney World buses DO NOT shuttle to Disney Magic Kingdom[®] Park this evening due to the park being closed to the public. Those purchasing extra wristbands must provide their OWN TRANSPORTATION.

PLEASE NOTE: Each group of minors attending the Celebration Party must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (21 years or older) in order to be allowed into the Party. No liquids of any kind will be allowed in the park. Liquid medication should be reported to the front gate Disney Cast Members.

Coaches Webinar

Instead of having coaches meetings on site at the resorts, we will email your team contact person a video webinar. The email with this video will be sent later this week. This will allow you to prepare for your trip and talk about competition specific topics. Please share this will all your coaches. Once you arrive in Orlando, we will have a separate coaches' registration and our Quest representatives available for any questions you may have.

Photography and Video Policy:

The safety and security of our participants is very important to us. If you or any members of your team suspect that anyone is taking inappropriate photos or videos of our participants, please contact one of our Event Staff immediately. All press requests will be taken seriously, and a contract must be signed prior to clearance being given. For 2022, due to venue restrictions, full press clearance will not be granted for any outside media groups. Team photographers can request clearance to photograph their team only by contacting Emily below no later than Wednesday, March 9th. We hope that you understand the seriousness of this issue and give us your full support. For questions, please email Emily Zemlachenko, <u>ezemlachenko@varsity.com</u>.

UEP Photography

Due to health and safety protocols, there will not be any on-site photo booths at this event. Have no fear - Universal Event Photography still has your team covered! UEP is offering <u>contactless pre-orders</u> for their very popular action photo digital files package. Get all the action photos from your routine for one price and share themwith your team! Your order will be delivered via email link after the event. Bring home the best action photos of your team's performance with the quality you can trust, only with UEP!



Reminders for teams and coaches while at the Championship

- When walking in groups through the venues please do not blare your radios/rock blockers. This also includes
 walking through ESPN Wide World of Sports. Please be considerate of those around you. Please be sure that
 the music that is being played is edited and for family listening. There will be other guests on property not
 with our group so want to be considerate of their family vacations.
- When crossing the walkways in parking lots, please do not walk down the middle of the street blocking traffic. Use the sidewalks available for your safety.
- Remember that while you are at the venue and at any theme park, you are representing your team.
 - Please no stunting in the park on unapproved surfaces.
 - While you are waiting on lines for rides, please be sure you are representing your team and being respectful of other guests visiting the park.
- At ESPN Wide World of Sports, if you are waiting for other team members, please move to the side of the walkways so that other people can get where they are needing to go.

Additional Event Reminders:

- Your health and safety is always our #1 priority. Before arriving to the championship, take a moment to review our <u>Championship Experience Updates</u> and be sure to talk to your team's Safety Champion if you have any questions.
- Each team must have a Safety Champion who is 18 years or older and who is not the coach. Each Safety Champion must complete the Safety Champion training. If you have multiple teams, you must have a different Safety Champion for each team. Safety Champion training information will be sent out on later on this week. We do ask that all coaches and Safety Champions help us ensure that all unvaccinated spectators are wearing their masks while in the venues so we can continue to allow spectators in the venues. If you need to change your Safety Champion, please email <u>safetychampion@varsity.com</u> with your team name, the new Safety Champions name and email.
- Stay up to date with full coverage of the championship including routine videos, results, behind the scenes features and more on <u>Varsity TV</u>.
- FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Be sure to join the <u>2022 Quest Friends and Family BAND</u> Group for important updates and information during the competition weekend.
- COACHES ONLY: Be sure to join the <u>2022 Quest Coaches BAND Group</u> for important updates and information during the competition weekend.

Good luck and travel safely. If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Specialist at 1-800-238-0286.

Sincerely,

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