



Dear Coaches:

It's almost time for the 2022 D2 Summit. 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 from Varsity All Star. This email contains VERY IMPORTANT information for you to read over for your trip to Orlando.

HOTEL TRAVEL PACKAGE

Transportation/Check-In:

For those of you on the hotel travel package, transportation to and from the airport is not included in the Hotel Travel Package. If you are interested in booking transportation through Mears Connect, rates are \$14 per person each way or \$28 round trip. This is a \$2 per person each way discount or \$4 Round trip from regular Mears Connect pricing. If you would like to book transportation through Mears Connect, please click [HERE](#). If you have already booked through Mears and wish to take advantage of this discount, you must cancel your reservation and rebook using the link above. You can cancel your reservation by emailing ConnectGroup@mears.com. You can book transportation through whoever you wish but wanted to offer Mears Connect as an option.

For those on the hotel travel package, when you arrive at the Walt Disney World Resort, you should be dropped off at the front desk of your assigned hotel. You should have received your hotel assignment via email on April 15th. This is where ONE PERSON, the **main contact on the room reservation**, will check in and receive room keys for the group. Disney no longer gives out MagicBands as room keys so instead you will receive regular card room keys. Once you receive your keys, you can take your luggage to your rooms and get settled in.

Early Arrival/Luggage:

It is very important that you know ahead of time that rooms are not guaranteed to be ready until after 4:00 pm. If you arrive earlier, the hotel will gladly store your luggage so that you can go out and enjoy the day shopping at Disney Springs, hanging out by the pool, or visiting a Theme Park, etc. There are bathrooms and showers located on property near the pool areas for your convenience.

Be sure to label each bag with your team name and hotel for easy identification. It is also highly recommended that you pack your competition uniform and any other necessary items in your carry-on bags in case your checked luggage gets delayed.

COMMUTER AND HOTEL TRAVEL PACKAGE

Registration with Varsity All Star:

Next, ONE PERSON, the contact person on your registration/invoice, should head to registration with the Varsity Spirit Staff at the Varsity Registration Area listed below at your **confirmed registration time**.

All Star Sports and Music: In front of Celebrity Hall between Music and Sports Resort

Coronado Springs: North Registration area in the Coronado Convention Center.

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 smoothly, please do not arrive to your check-in time more than 15 minutes early. Just a reminder that once you are paid in full, you should receive your Theme Park ticket numbers via email. You do not have to check in with us before you go to the theme parks since you already have your ticket numbers. For more information, please see the information later in this letter about Theme Park tickets.

Coaches information about what to bring can be found in the Coaches webinar.



Coaches that have Commuter Athletes:

Coaches will pick up all the lanyards and any pre ordered celebration party or water park tickets for athletes that registered individually as commuters. Athletes that registered separately from the team and are on the Varsity Hotel Travel Package will receive their lanyards at spectator registration.

Friends and Family that are on the hotel travel package that registered separately from the team, will need to sign up for a registration time to receive their event lanyards, Celebration Party wristbands and other event information. The contact person for the invoice will need to make the reservation. If they are still in need of a registration time, they can come to the registr and we can schedule a time for them.

If any friends/family only bought Park Hopper tickets from Varsity, they do not 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 water park tickets, they can pick those up at the registration area at their assigned hotel 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, May 4th: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 5th: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday, May 6th: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

** If you are delayed in your arrival and cannot make your check-in appointment time at registration, please go to the Championship office at your hotel during scheduled registration hours to reschedule your appointment.

Championship Office Hours:

The Championship Office hours are listed below. The Championship Office can be found at Celebrity Hall at the All Star Resort or the North Registration Desk in the Coronado Springs Convention Center.

Wednesday, May 4th: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 5th: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday, May 6th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 7th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 8th: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Monday, May 9th: 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 on the links below:

[The D2 Summit](#)

Competition Venues:

This year's competitions will take place at the AdventHealth Arena, the State Farm Field House (formerly HP) and the Visa Center at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Admission into ESPN Wide World of Sports is included only for those on the D2 Summit hotel travel package AND anyone purchasing Disney tickets from Varsity Spirit.

Anyone else needing to purchase tickets into ESPN Wide World of Sports can [CLICK HERE](#) 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, [CLICK HERE](#). Space is limited and will be available for purchase until 05/6/2022 at 4:00 EST. Please feel free to send this to any parents and families attending. Free parking will still be available as well.

Awards:

We are planning on in person awards this year. 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:

If your team is bringing a chartered bus or renting a bus during your trip, please have them pick your team up in the parking lot closest to your hotel rooms. Disney will not allow buses to pull into the front lobby areas and hold for any amount of time.

At the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, private chartered buses will be directed to load and unload in the private bus parking lot. For departure days from the resort, before 11am going to the airport or their home location, buses need to use the lots near the Guest rooms. After 11am going to the airport or their home location, buses will be permitted to pick up Guests at the Main Lobby once all of their Guests are ready to depart. Buses will not be permitted to hold/idle.

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.**

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. [CLICK HERE](#) 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 ®
- Tomorrowland Speedway
- Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin ®
- Seven Dwarfs Mine Train
- Mad Tea Party
- Big Thunder Mountain
- Splash Mountain
- Haunted Mansion

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. The cost of the Celebration Party is included in the Summit/Dance Summit Hotel travel package and wristbands will be given out at registration. 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.

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. We hope that you understand the seriousness of this issue and give us your full support. For questions, please email Emily Zemplachenko, ezemplachenko@varsity.com.

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 [contactless pre-orders](#) for their very popular action photo digital files package. Get all the action photos from your routine for one price and share them with 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 and hotels – please do not blare your team radios. Some teams and resort guests do not have to get up as early as others. This also includes walking through ESPN Wide World of Sports and Coronado Springs Convention Center. 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.

- Drones cannot be brought into ESPN Wide World of Sports.
- Remember that while you are at the hotel 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 the hotels or any competition venues, 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.
- There are quiet hours from 10:00 pm – 10:00 am at the resort. Please keep this in mind when you are coming/going from the venues. There are other guests not with the Championship staying at the resort and we want to be respectful of their vacations.
- Reminder: Please ensure that your bags and personal items are always attended to. You may have seen in recent news reports that there has been a general rise in security issues at events across the U.S. related to unattended bags. Unattended bags increase the risk of theft and/or the use of unauthorized technology tracking devices (e.g., AirTags). The best way to protect yourself and your personal belongings is to ensure your bags are always attended to. Please report any unattended items, or suspicious activity related to those items, to a member of our Event Staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your belongings and athletes safe.

Additional Event Reminders:

- Your health and safety is always our #1 priority. Before arriving to the championship, take a moment to review our [Championship Experience Updates](#) and be sure to talk to your team's Safety Champion if you have any questions.
- Those on the hotel travel package must wear their championship lanyard to ride the championship buses. You must have your actual lanyard to board the buses, not just a picture of it. To view the Championship Bus Schedule -click [HERE](#).
- You'll find detailed information on the championship plus tips on how to make the most of your championship experience at the Walt Disney World Resort on Channel 77 in your room and at Coronado Springs Resort.
- Stay up to date with full coverage of the championship including routine videos, results, behind the scenes features and more on Varsity TV. [Click HERE for The D2 Summit.](#)
- COACHES ONLY: Be sure to join the [2022 D2 Summit Coaches BAND Group](#) for important updates and information during the competition weekend.
- FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Be sure to join the [2022 D2 Summit Friends and Family BAND Group](#) 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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