

INFORMATION

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The D2 Summit Championship

May 5th – May 7th, 2023

ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex at The Walt Disney World Resort

With the momentum and success of The Summit & The Dance Summit in May 2015 and with the USASF definition of Division II, Varsity All Star created The D2 Summit – exclusively for programs with 125 athletes and under. This season, Varsity All Star is committed once again to producing an innovative, prestigious, competitive & unforgettable end of the year all levels experience.

Here are some things to know before you qualify. Important changes to this document for the 2023 season will be denoted with a purple star. ★

D2 SUMMIT ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS

Level 1 Junior	Small		Level 4 Senior Open	N/A*
Level 1 Junior	Medium		Level 4 Senior Open Coed	N/A*
Level 1 Senior	Small		Level 4.2 Senior	Small
Level 1 Senior	Medium		Level 4.2 Senior	Medium
Level 2 Junior	Small		Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Small
Level 2 Junior	Medium		Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Medium
Level 2 Senior	Small		Level 5 Junior	Small
Level 2 Senior	Medium		Level 5 Junior	Large
Level 3 Junior	Small		Level 5 Junior Coed	Small
Level 3 Junior	Medium		Level 5 Junior Coed	Large
Level 3 Senior	Small		Level 5 Senior	Small
Level 3 Senior	Medium		Level 5 Senior	Large
Level 3 Senior Coed	Small		Level 5 Senior Coed	Small
Level 3 Senior Coed	Medium		Level 5 Senior Coed	Large
Level 4 Junior	Small		Level 5 Senior Open	N/A*
Level 4 Junior	Medium		Level 5 Senior Open Coed	N/A*
Level 4 Senior	Small		Level 6 Junior	Small
Level 4 Senior	Medium		Level 6 Junior	Large
Level 4 Senior Coed	Small		Level 6 Junior Coed	Small
Level 4 Senior Coed	Medium		Level 6 Junior Coed	Medium
			CheerABILITIES – Elite	N/A

*Small/Large splits aren't offered in these divisions.

Please note, once registration is FINAL, divisions may be split or combined per the USASF Guidelines. For the most up-to date age grids, level requirements and split guidelines from the USASF visit www.USASF.net.



★ NEW! CheerABILITIES teams have an opportunity to compete at The Summit and D2 Summit. All teams in this division will advance directly to Finals on Sunday at their respective championship. To earn a bid to the Summit Championships in a CheerABILITIES division, teams must compete in the CheerABILITIES - Elite division at least once at a Varsity event during the 22-23 season. (Teams that compete in a Novice division or perform in an Exhibition division will not be eligible to compete at The Summit and D2 Summit).

D2 SUMMIT CROSSOVER POLICY

Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The D2 Summit. Athletes Level 6 and below may crossover up or down two levels at The D2 Summit.

- Clarification: L4.2 may only crossover to L2, L3, and/or L4.

Reminder: Time considerations for crossover conflicts during the Final Rounds of competition at The D2 Summit are not guaranteed.

Competing at The Cheerleading Worlds and The D2 Summit

The MAXIMUM number of athletes allowed to crossover from the 2023 Cheerleading Worlds to The D2 Summit will be 8 athletes per team. Athletes who compete at The Cheerleading Worlds may only crossover to a D2 Summit division in levels 4, 5, and/or 6.

- Exception - Athletes who compete at The Cheerleading Worlds in a Non-Tumbling division may only crossover to a Summit division in level 4.2.

Competing At The Summit & The D2 Summit

Athletes competing in the International Divisions at The Summit are allowed to compete at The D2 Summit. Athletes may only represent one program throughout The Summit Championships. ★ An athlete competing in the International Divisions at The Summit as well as at The D2 Summit are NOT considered traditional crossovers as these are 2 different events.

Crossover Fee

Participants must pay an additional \$100 registration fee for the additional team performance. However, if there is an athlete that is on a Paid Bid team & crossing over to another Paid Bid team, there will be no crossover fee applied. If an athlete is on a Paid Bid team as well as a Partial-Paid or At-Large Bid team, that athlete will be required to pay the crossover fee.



Team Eligibility

Teams MUST compete in the same division in which they qualified for but are allowed to add up to the MAXIMUM number of athletes in the division. For example, a team qualifying with 16 athletes may compete at The D2 Summit with up to 22 athletes.

★ For the 2022-2023 season, teams that qualify in a coed division but no longer meet the roster requirements for coed **will NOT** be eligible to compete in the comparable all girl division, and vice versa. Should this situation arise, teams will be required to compete for a new bid.

D2 Program Eligibility at The Summit

Gyms must be D2 eligible (125 athletes or less & meet all USASF Guidelines) when they receive a D2 Summit Bid. If a program exceeds 125 athletes or fails to meet USASF D2 guidelines ANY TIME throughout the season, they will no longer be considered D2 and will forfeit their D2 Summit Bids. These programs will remain ineligible for the D2 Summit for the remainder of the season. The D2 Summit will use the USASF's definition of D2 when determining eligibility but will also count any athletes who compete at non-USASF sanctioned events towards the 125 maximum.

Each PROGRAM must declare which end of season event the ENTIRE PROGRAM plans to attend. A PROGRAM may not compete for a Summit Bid and a D2 Summit Bid at the same qualifying event. If a team in a program receives a bid to the Summit, the ENTIRE PROGRAM is no longer eligible to accept D2 Summit Bids for the remainder of the season. This does not include teams in the International Divisions.

Both D1 and D2 Programs may compete in the International Divisions at The Summit. International Divisions are not D1/D2 eligible to be split, therefore if a D2 program earns a Summit Bid in the International Divisions, their D1/D2 status is not impacted.

The following USASF Program definition and classification will be followed:

USASF Member Profile for Division Eligibility (program size) All athletes are associated with a single USASF program profile. The member database will count the total number of competitive cheer athletes in the PROGRAM to determine the program size. Programs with 125 or fewer athletes will qualify for Division II when Division II is an option at that particular event. Programs with 125 or fewer athletes may, through their member profile, opt-in to Division I. Once a program opts-in and/or competes as a Division I program, they must remain Division I for the remainder of the season.

Divisions Splits at Bid-Giving Events

If the qualifying competition division is split between D1 and D2, the team must compete in the qualifying division that correlates with their bid acceptance. For example, if a D2 program is accepting bids to The Summit, the team must compete in the standard division to accept the bid and **CAN NOT** compete in the D2 Division.



Moving ONE TEAM from a D2 Program into a D1 division at a qualifying event WILL affect your D1/D2 status of your PROGRAM for the remainder of the season. Check with your Event Producer before competing in a D1 division.

BIDS

- **Wild Card Bids:** Wild Card Bids allow teams to compete in Prelims. Wild Card Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.
- **At-Large Bids:** At-Large Bids allow teams to forego Prelims and advance straight to Semi-Finals. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.
- **Partial-Paid Bids:** Partial-Paid Bids allow teams to forego Prelims and advance straight to Semi-Finals. Partial-Paid Bid winners will pay a portion of the balance to compete. **If additional athletes are added to the roster after the Partial Paid Bid was earned, the gym is responsible for the full cost of the additional athletes.*
- **Paid Bids:** Paid Bids allow teams to forego Prelims and advance straight to Semi-Finals. Paid Bid winners will be given priority when scheduling the performance order for Semi-Finals. **If additional athletes are added to the roster after the Paid Bid was earned, the gym is responsible for the full cost of the additional athletes.*

Earning Two Bids in the Same Division

A program location can't earn two bids in the same D2 Summit division. The only exception to this would be if the program location has a second legitimate team. To be considered "legitimate", this team may not share ANY athletes with the team already in possession of a D2 Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

Passing Down Bids

D2 Summit Bids will not be passed down. For example, if a team receives an At-Large Bid at an event early in the season and upgrades to a Paid Bid later in the season, the original At-Large Bid will not be given to another team. This bid will be eliminated.

★ Upgrading Bids

- Wild Card Bids can be upgraded to a Partial-Paid OR a Paid Bid.
- At-Large Bids can be upgraded to a Partial-Paid OR a Paid Bid.
- Partial-Paid bids can only be upgraded to a Paid Bid.
- Paid Bids must be used and cannot be upgraded



Bid Eligibility

Event Producers have the right to investigate any teams receiving a bid to The D2 Summit. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of a USASF or Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

Days of Competition

- **Friday, May 5th, 2023**
 - Prelims
- **Saturday, May 6th, 2023**
 - Semi-Finals
- **Sunday, May 7th, 2023**
 - Finals

Rounds and Advancements

- **Prelims:** Teams who receive a Wildcard bid will compete in Prelims. The top 5 scoring teams in each division will automatically advance to the Finals. In divisions with less than 5 teams, all will advance to Finals.
- **Semi-Finals:** Teams who receive an At Large, Partial Paid or Paid Bid will compete in Semi-Finals. The number of teams advancing to Finals from Semi-Finals will be based on 50% of the division competing on the day of competition but will be no fewer than 5 teams and no more than 10 teams.
- **Finals:** Teams who advance from Prelims and Semi-Finals will compete in the Finals. Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The D2 Summit, nor will ties impact the number of teams advancing in each round of competition. Exception: if there is a tie for the final team advancing, both teams will advance.

For divisions with 31-40 teams, 2 additional teams will advance. For 41-50 teams, 4 additional teams advance, for 51-60 teams, 6 teams will advance. For 61-70, 8 teams will advance. Advancements will be dependent on teams competing on the day of competition.

- **Division Splits:** Divisions with more than 71 teams registered will split into A/B and two D2 Summit Champions will be crowned. Once registration is FINAL, divisions will be split.

Awards

Each athlete will receive one commemorative medallion.

Teams who qualify for Finals on Sunday in each division will be awarded a team banner with division and placement.



Teams that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their respective division will receive a team banner and each participant will receive individual mini banners recognizing their accomplishment.

All divisional champions will receive exclusive Summit Championship Rings! Athletes listed on the USASF AND Summit Roster as an active athlete or reserve athlete plus 2 coaches will receive rings. Crossover athletes who win more than one division will only be awarded one ring. Additional rings may be ordered on-site & must be paid for by the team or individual before delivery.

Contact Information for Coaches and Gym Owners

For questions, please reach out to D2summit@varsity.com.

Logo Usage

The Summit, The D2 Summit and all Varsity All Star logos, wordmarks and imagery are trademarks or registered trademarks of Varsity Spirit. Any use without the express written consent of Varsity Spirit is forbidden. Programs, Teams, Athletes & Spectators will not be allowed to use The D2 Summit logo(s) or the Varsity All Star logo in any capacity, including but not limited to; banners, rings, bows, t-shirts etc. Any unauthorized use of the logo from program affiliates or third parties may result in disqualification from the event or further action.

Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver

All athletes participating on a team at The 2023 D2 Summit must be a registered member of that team's program during the 2022-2023 competition season. Any athlete that exhibitions or competes on the floor with a team in any level from a program (Primary Program) after January 1, 2023 must have a [Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver](#) signed by the owner of the Primary Program before that athlete is eligible to compete with another program at The 2022 Summit Championships.

Completion of the Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver is a required process between the Primary and Secondary Program owners. In the event a formal protest is made and the official Program Release Waiver has not been signed, or if the Secondary Program is not able to provide one as physical proof to a Varsity Official, the Secondary Program will not be eligible or will be disqualified depending on the time of the formal protest. All [Varsity Spirit Program Release Waivers](#) must be turned in with your official USASF event roster at The D2 Summit.

Disqualification

Any team that does not adhere to the terms of this competition may be subject to disqualification and automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by The D2 Summit. In addition, teams may also forfeit the opportunity to participate the following year.

Varsity All Star reserves the right to amend this document, bid event listings and bid distributions at any time.