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The Summit Championship – U.S Teams

April 27th – April 30th, 2023

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

The Summit is a definitive & exclusive All Levels Championship. In 2013, Varsity All Star was inspired by the talent within the All Star industry and responded to customer requests for a high caliber event that recognized teams in all levels. This season, Varsity All Star is committed to producing an innovative, prestigious, competitive, and unforgettable end of year event for all levels of experience.

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

SUMMIT ELIGIBLE USASF DIVISIONS

Level 1 Junior	Small
Level 1 Junior	Medium
Level 1 Senior	Small
Level 1 Senior	Medium
Level 2 Junior	Small
Level 2 Junior	Medium
Level 2 Senior	Small
Level 2 Senior	Medium
Level 3 Junior	Small
Level 3 Junior	Medium
Level 3 Senior	Small
Level 3 Senior	Medium
Level 3 Senior Coed	Small
Level 3 Senior Coed	Medium
Level 4 Junior	Small
Level 4 Junior	Medium
Level 4 Senior	Small
Level 4 Senior	Medium
Level 4 Senior Coed	Small
Level 4 Senior Coed	Medium

Level 4 Senior Open	N/A*
Level 4 Senior Open Coed	N/A*
Level 4.2 Senior	Small
Level 4.2 Senior	Medium
Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Small
Level 4.2 Senior Coed	Medium
Level 5 Junior	Small
Level 5 Junior	Large
Level 5 Junior Coed	Small
Level 5 Junior Coed	Large
Level 5 Senior	Small
Level 5 Senior	Large
Level 5 Senior Coed	Small
Level 5 Senior Coed	Large
Level 5 Senior Open	N/A*
Level 5 Senior Open Coed	N/A*
Level 6 Junior	Small
Level 6 Junior	Large
Level 6 Junior Coed	Small
Level 6 Junior Coed	Large
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

★ 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).

SUMMIT ELIGIBLE IASF DIVISIONS

DIVISION	LEVEL	BIRTH YEARS	GENDERS	PARTICIPANTS
U16	1	2006 - 2011	MIXED	10 – 24
U18	1	2004 - 2009	MIXED	10 – 24
U16	2	2006 - 2011	MIXED	10 – 24
U18	2	2004 - 2009	MIXED	10 – 24
U16	3	2006 - 2011	MIXED	10 – 24
U18	3	2004 - 2009	NO MALES	10 – 24
U18 Coed	3	2004 - 2009	MIXED	10 – 24
U16	4	2006 - 2011	NO MALES	10 – 24
U16 Coed	4	2006 - 2011	MIXED	10 – 24
U18	4	2004 - 2009	NO MALES	10 – 24
U18 Coed	4	2004 - 2009	MIXED	10 – 24
Int. Open	4	2008 or before	NO MALES	10 – 24
Int. Open Coed	4	2008 or before	MIXED	10 – 24

*[Click here](#) to view the most up-to date age grids, level requirements and split guidelines from the USASF.

2023 SUMMIT CROSSOVER POLICY

Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The Summit. Athletes Level 6 and below may only crossover up or down one level at The Summit (Ex: Level 2 athletes may only crossover to a Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 team).

- Exception: L4.2 may only crossover to L2, L3, and/or L4.
- Exception: Level 6 Summit athletes may only crossover to levels 4, 5, and/or 6.

No crossovers will be allowed to compete on both a cheer & dance team at The Summit. However, a Cheerleading Worlds athlete may compete at The Dance Summit and a Dance Worlds athlete may compete at The Summit.



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

Competing at The Cheerleading Worlds and The Summit

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

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

Athletes competing with a program at The Cheerleading Worlds may represent a different program at The Summit. These athletes will still be considered “Worlds” athletes as it pertains to the Crossover Policy.

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.

Competing in the International Divisions at The Summit & The Dance Summit

Athletes will be allowed to compete in both the International Divisions at The Summit and The Dance Summit.

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

Any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The Summit at a qualifying event in the 2022-2023 season. At qualifying events, teams in International Divisions must have a minimum of 10 athletes to be considered eligible for bids. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, ISAF & Varsity Spirit.

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 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

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. Once 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.

Team Eligibility – International Divisions

Eligible teams include any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above International Divisions to The Summit at a qualifying event. At qualifying events, a team must have a minimum of 16 athletes to be considered eligible for bids. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF/IASF & Varsity Spirit. IASF Divisions do not split between D1 & D2.

SCORING

International Divisions Scoring

Teams competing in the International Divisions at The Summit will be scored on the IASF Score Sheet. www.iasfworlds.com

International Divisions Scoring at Varsity All Star Qualifying Events

Teams competing in the International Divisions during regular season events will be scored on the standard Varsity All Star score sheet.



International Divisions Skill Progressions

At all US based, regular-season Varsity All Star events, all teams must adhere to the USASF level rules when competing.

At the Summit, teams must adhere to the IASF level rules when competing. Please make sure to read through this in case any modifications need to be made to your routine prior to competing at The Summit. www.iasfworlds.com

BIDS

- **Wild Card Bids:** Wild Card Bids allow teams to compete in Prelims. Wild Card Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete. *Wild Card Bids are not given in International Divisions.
- **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 in the performance order for Semi-Finals with the exception of crossover conflicts. **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.*

★ New for 2023 - At US events, teams competing in IASF divisions are also eligible for Paid Bids.

Earning Two Bids in the Same Division

A program location can't earn two bids in the same 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 Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

Passing Down Bids

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 Summit. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of a USASF, IASF or Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

International Bids at U.S. Events

Canadian teams are the only non-US teams allowed to receive bids from Varsity All Star events in the United States. U.S. Protectorate Countries such as Puerto Rico, Guam & the Virgin Islands do not qualify as U.S. teams based on their own independent national sport authority infrastructures.

International Bid Allocation

Bids awarded at a US event will be given based on the International Bid Declaration. Each International Event Producer may award bids at their discretion at qualifying bid events. Please contact the qualifying Event Producer for specific details on how their bids are awarded.

Days of Competition

- **Thursday, April 27, 2023**
 - Semi-Finals (IASF Divisions)
- **Friday, April 28, 2023**
 - Finals (IASF Divisions)
 - Prelims (USASF Divisions)
- **Saturday, April 29, 2023**
 - Semi-Finals (USASF Divisions)
- **Sunday, April 30, 2023**
 - Finals (USASF Divisions)

Rounds and Advancements

- **Prelims:** Teams who receive a Wild Card 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. For the performance order in Finals, will be advancing teams from Wildcard division alternating with teams advancing from the Semi-Finals round.



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.

Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The 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.

- **Division Splits:** Divisions with more than 71 total teams registered will split into A/B and two 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 email summit@varsity.com.

Logo Usage

The 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 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 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 2023 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 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 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.