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## **The 2023 Youth Summit Championship**

April 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL

Varsity All Star is proud to introduce The Youth Summit Championship, a Premier End-of-Season competition, specifically celebrating the accomplishments of youth teams hosted in Tampa, Florida. You can expect the same great Summit event experience you have come to know and love with a specific focus on bringing high-caliber competition to younger athletes.

Here are some things to know before you qualify.

### **YOUTH SUMMIT ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS**

<b>D1 Divisions</b>	<b>D2 Divisions</b>
<b>Level 1 Youth – Small</b>	<b>Level 1 Youth – Small</b>
<b>Level 1 Youth - Medium</b>	<b>Level 1 Youth - Medium</b>
<b>Level 2 Youth – Small</b>	<b>Level 2 Youth – Small</b>
<b>Level 2 Youth - Medium</b>	<b>Level 2 Youth - Medium</b>
<b>Level 3 Youth – Small</b>	<b>Level 3 Youth – Small</b>
<b>Level 3 Youth - Medium</b>	<b>Level 3 Youth - Medium</b>
<b>Level 4 Youth – Small</b>	<b>Level 4 Youth – Small</b>
<b>Level 4 Youth – Medium</b>	<b>Level 4 Youth – Medium</b>
<b>Level 5 Youth – Small</b>	<b>Level 5 Youth – Small</b>
<b>Level 5 Youth – Medium</b>	<b>Level 5 Youth – Medium</b>

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](http://www.USASF.net).

### **YOUTH SUMMIT CROSSOVER POLICY**

Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The Youth Summit. Athletes Level 5 and below may crossover up or down two levels at The Youth Summit. Teams competing in the Youth Summit are welcome to compete at The Celebration powered by The Summit following the conclusion of the Youth Summit, however, athletes will not be considered crossovers. Additionally, athletes are permitted to compete on any Varsity All-Star End of Season event following their USASF Division eligibility.

### **D2 Program Eligibility at The Youth Summit**

Gyms must be D2 eligible (125 athletes or less & meet all USASF Guidelines) when they receive a Youth 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.



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**

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 Youth Summit with up to 22 athletes.

Teams from outside of the United States will not be eligible to compete at the Youth Summit.

### **BIDS**

- **Wild Card Bids:** Wild Card Bids allow teams to compete in Wild Card round. Wild Card Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.
- **At-Large Bids:** At-Large Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.
- **Partial-Paid Bids:** Partial-Paid Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. 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 compete in the Preliminary round. Paid Bid winners will be given priority when scheduling the performance order for the preliminary round. The Paid bid will cover the bid-winning's team registration balance. *\*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.*

The Youth Summit Bid reveal will be included The Summit Bid Reveal Show on Monday Nights (7:30/8:30 CST/EST) on Varsity TV.

### **Earning Two Bids in the Same Division**

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





## Passing Down Bids

Youth 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 Youth 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

- **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
  - Wild Card & Preliminary Round
    - All bids will compete on Thursday. Teams competing on Wild Card Bids will be competing in their own separate round; Teams competing on At-Large/Partial-Paid/Paid Bids will be competing in their own separate round.
- **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**
  - Final Round
    - Teams advancing out of both rounds will meet and compete in the Finals Round

## Rounds and Advancements

- **Wild Card Round:** Teams who receive a Wild Card bid will compete in the Wild Card round. The number of teams advancing to Finals from the Wild Card round 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.
- **Preliminary Round:** Teams who receive an At Large, Partial-Paid or Paid Bid will compete in Preliminary Round. 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. Once registration is FINAL, divisions with 31 or more teams will be evaluated to consider advancing additional teams.
- **Finals:** Teams who advance from Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will compete in the Finals. Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The Youth 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.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

### **Awards**

All participants will receive a 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Youth Summit Championship Rings! Only participants and 2 coaches listed on the official USASF Youth Summit Roster will be included in ring sizing. Crossover athletes will only be awarded one ring. Additional rings may be ordered on-site & must be paid for by the team or individual before delivery.

### **Housing**

Booking through our housing partner, Team Travel Source (TTS) is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. TTS has secured attendee blocks with amazing rates specifically for you with team friendly terms and conditions with each of our host hotels to take the worry and hassle out of booking hotel accommodations so that you can focus on your team's preparation and performance. More information about booking housing for this event will be coming soon.

### **Contact Information for Coaches and Gym Owners**

For questions, please reach out to [Summit@varsity.com](mailto:Summit@varsity.com).

### **Logo Usage**

The Summit, The Youth 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 Youth 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 Youth 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 Youth 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.*