

# THE U.S. FINALS 2023

The U.S. Finals is a spectacular way to celebrate the accomplishments of your program and end your season together! Uniquely, The U.S. Finals gives you the opportunity to end your season as a program with teams of all levels. With several locations across the country, your program can pick the event that works best for you!

## **2023 DATES AND LOCATIONS**

The U.S. Finals has more dates and locations than ever before to help ensure you can end your season close to home. The U.S. Finals will feature a one-day compete format. Teams attending will compete either Saturday or Sunday and receive placement and awards the same day. Teams may compete live out of their region at any of The U.S. Finals 2023 locations.

- 4/1/2023 Buffalo, NY
- 4/1/2023 Tacoma, WA
- 4/1-2/2023 Galveston, TX
- 4/1-2/2023 Pensacola, FL
- 4/15/2023 Phoenix, AZ
- 4/15/2023 Chicago, IL
- 4/15/2023 Des Moines, IA
- 4/15/2023 Colorado Springs, CO
- 4/22/2023 Louisville, KY
- 4/22/2023 Trenton, NJ
- 4/22/2023 Myrtle Beach, SC
- 4/22-23/2023 Worcester, MA
- 5/6-7/2023 Virginia Beach, VA

#### **THE U.S. FINALS ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS**

The U.S. Finals will be open to All Star Elite Cheer (non-worlds), All Star Dance (non-worlds), Prep, Novice, CheerAbilities, DanceAbilities, Youth/Rec and International Division Cheer (non-worlds) teams.

- Exception: World division teams may exhibition.
- Please note that all performances will take place on a spring floor.

#### **GOLDEN TICKETS**

The U.S. Finals will offer GOLDEN TICKETS at all Varsity All Star events in the 2022-2023 competition season. The number of GOLDEN TICKETS awarded onsite at events is based on the event tier type, number of award sessions and total registration enrollment. A 2023 GOLDEN TICKET waives athlete fees for teams attending any of The U.S. Finals locations on a GOLDEN



TICKET. The team will only pay a processing fee to attend the event. GOLDEN TICKETS will cover the number of athletes on the floor at the qualifying event. Additional athletes will pay the standard registration rate. GOLDEN TICKETS can only be utilized in the same parent division in which they were earned.

 Receiving a GOLDEN TICKET does not guarantee space nor process the registration for the event.

GOLDEN TICKET Winners will receive a GOLDEN TICKET banner and each athlete will receive GOLDEN shoelaces.

Teams in the following divisions can win a GOLDEN TICKET at Varsity All Star events throughout the season: All Star Elite Cheer (non-worlds), All Star Dance (non-worlds) Prep, Youth/Rec, and International Division Cheer (non-worlds) teams.

• CheerAbilities, DanceAbilites and USASF/IASF world teams are not eligible to receive GOLDEN TICKETS at Varsity All Star competitions.

Teams receiving a GOLDEN TICKET to The U.S. Finals will only be required to pay a processing fee. This fee is non-refundable/non-transferable, Terms and Conditions apply. Please note that GOLDEN TICKETS are not referred to as a "Paid Bid" or "free registration". A per team processing fee is required for all GOLDEN TICKET registrants to secure a performance time at your event location.

• **GOLDEN TICKET Pricing**: \$300 per team.

#### **CROSSOVER POLICY**

There are no crossover restrictions at The U.S. Finals. Please note, while we will do our best to accommodate crossovers in our schedules, more than 20 minutes between performances is not guaranteed. Crossovers pay the same rate per athlete per performance. Champion jackets will only be given out to 1st time crossover (athletes are limited to receiving no more than two jackets).

## **REGISTRATION TIMELINE**

A deposit is not required when registering for any of The U.S. Finals locations. If The U.S. Finals location you choose to attend becomes waitlisted, there will be a \$150 deposit due per team 6 weeks prior to the event.

#### **DIVISION SPLITS**

Divisions will be split in accordance with the recommended guidelines from the USASF. Teams will be split first by size (small, medium, large) and then by program size if applicable (DI/DII). Division splits are based of registration enrollment. There will be no guaranteed division splits. Click here to view the USASF Division Split guidelines.



#### HOUSING

Housing for these events will not be required but will be offered. Our housing partner, Team Travel Source, can assist you in booking your accommodations. Please see the "Additional Information" section on the event page for your location to view convenient housing options.

#### **AWARDS**

Each participant will receive a commemorative U.S. Finals medal. Champions in each division will receive a team championship trophy and a coveted The U.S. Finals white jacket. All other placements will receive a team banner. Teams who perform zero deduction routines will receive Hit Zero pins.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **Regional Contacts:**

- Midwest Amber Koster <u>Akoster@varsity.com</u>
- Northeast Lura Fleece Lfleece@varsity.com
- Southeast Scotty Brown <u>Sbrown@varsity.com</u>
- Southwest Leah Rauch <u>Lrauch@varsity.com</u>
- West Matt Goto Mgoto@varsity.com

#### THE U.S. FINALS CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

Level champions from each of The U.S. Finals location will compete virtually after all regional U.S. Finals events for the ultimate The U.S. Finals Level Champion title. Each team will be rescored by a panel of Varsity All Star Judges and will receive updated score sheets, division standings and averages after the Varsity TV presentation. Winners of The U.S. Finals Champions Challenge Level Champions will receive a Level Champions Gift.

## **TOURNAMENT FACILITY**

The tournament officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to inclement weather, facility problems, television production requirements, or any other situation deemed by the tournament officials to be essential to the successful execution of the championship.

#### **LOGO USAGE**

The U.S. Finals, 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 U.S. Finals 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.



# **DISQUALIFICATION**

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Rules and Regulations" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a competition or the Championship the following year.