



SUMMIT®

CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP



2025

INFORMATION GUIDE



The Summit Championship – U.S Teams

May 1st – 4th, 2025

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

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 2025 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



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*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

CHEERABILITIES

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 2024-2025 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). In order to be bid-eligible, Event Producers must know prior to the event that the team is competing at.

SUMMIT ELIGIBLE USASF INTERNATIONAL DIVISIONS

L1 – U16	L3 – U18 Coed
L1 – U18	L4 – U16
L2 – U16	L4 – U16 Coed
L2 – U18	L4 – U18
L3 – U16	L4 – U18 Coed
L3 – U18	

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

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 2025 Cheerleading Worlds and The Summit will be 8 athletes per Summit 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 are permitted to 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 and will need a Secondary Program Release Form filled out and turned in at registration.

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 2024-2025 season. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, IASF, USA Cheer & 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.

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 prior to the final bid deadline.

Should a situation arise where a Coed team loses their Coed status POST final bid deadline, teams are required to compete in the Coed division and still maintain the Coed scoring requirement. All-Girl teams will not be permitted to add a boy and compete in an all-girl division. ★

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.

International Division Eligibility at The Summit

Team Eligibility – International Divisions: Eligible teams include any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above International Divisions (following the parameters of the division, such as athlete numbers) to The Summit at a qualifying event. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, IASF, USA Cheer & Varsity Spirit. IASF Divisions do not split between D1 & D2.



SCORING

All teams competing at The Summit will be scored on the United Scoring System based on their division. This includes all International divisions. Refer to www.UnitedScoringPartners.com for all rubrics and scoring documentation.

- **International Divisions Scoring at Varsity All Star Qualifying Events**
 - US teams competing in the International divisions during regular season events will be scored on the United Scoring System.
 - Non-US teams competing in the International divisions during regular season events will need to verify the scoring system that will be used with the bid giving event producer.
 - 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. Teams are responsible for ensuring that their routines follow the IASF rules. Refer to www.iasfworlds.net for specific information.

For further questions – please contact your regional Scoring Specialist.

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.*

At US events, teams competing in IASF divisions are also eligible for Partial-Paid and 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.



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.

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, USA Cheer or Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

- ★ At a one-day competition, a team may not be eligible for a Summit bid if they compete out of division. At a two-day competition, a team may not be eligible for a Summit bid if they compete out of division on Day 2. ★

Days of Competition

- **Thursday, May 1st, 2025**
 - Semi-Finals (IASF Divisions)
- **Friday, May 2nd, 2025**
 - Finals (IASF Divisions)
 - Prelims (USASF Divisions)
- **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**
 - Semi-Finals (USASF Divisions)
- **Sunday, May 4th, 2025**
 - Finals (USASF Divisions)

ROUNDS & ADVANCEMENT



- **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.

- ★ ■ For the Wildcard division ONLY: divisions with 21-30 teams, 2 additional teams will advance. For 31-40 teams, 4 additional teams advance, for 41-50 teams, 6 teams will advance, for 51-60, 8 teams will advance, for 61-70, 10 additional teams will advance. Advancements will be dependent on teams competing on the day of competition. ★

- **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. Divisions with odd numbers will round up (ie: a division with 19 will advance 10 teams).

- For the Semi-Final division ONLY: 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.
- For IASF divisions, the top highest scoring team per country will advance to finals in addition to the existing Semi-Final advancement rule. (Ie: if there are 10 teams advancing in a division, any country not represented in that 10 teams will additionally advance)

- **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.

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 last and 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. Divisions, should they split, will be done at random.

Reveals



A Summit Reveal is a ceremony it is announced who will be advancing to the final round. Live attendance is encouraged but not mandatory. Reveals will be broadcast live & free on Varsity TV.

Awards

All participants will receive a commemorative medallion.

All teams who hit zero on their first day of competition will receive a Peak Performance plaque.

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

The top 3 scoring teams 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! All Summit Champion teams will be awarded an additional 6 rings to distribute to individuals of their choice. Additional rings past that 6 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 Secondary Program Release

All athletes participating on a team at The 2025 Summit must be a registered member of that team's program during the 2024-2025 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, 2025 must have a [Varsity Spirit Secondary Program Release](#) signed by the owner of the Primary Program before that athlete is eligible to compete with another program at The 2025 Summit Championships.

Completion of the Varsity Spirit Program Release is a required process between the Primary and Secondary Program owners. In the event a formal protest is made and the official Program Release 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 Secondary Program Releases must be turned in with your official USASF event roster at The Summit.

Themed Uniforms/Costuming

Teams competing at The Summit may NOT wear a uniform, costume or mask that portrays a Disney character or Disney movie theme.

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 and also will not be eligible for refund.

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