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DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP



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THE DANCE SUMMIT CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The Dance Summit Championship will be held at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL on April 30th – May 2nd, 2027.

DAYS OF COMPETITION

- **Friday, April 30th, 2027**
 - Prelims (Base Camp – U.S. teams only) Early Morning Start
 - Semi-Finals (Mini Hip Hop, Junior Pom, All Senior, U18 + Open Divisions, and any splits of these divisions) including their Base Camp advancements) Late Morning Start
- **Saturday, May 1st, 2027**
 - Semi-Finals (Base Camp advancements, At-Large & Paid Bids for all remaining divisions)
 - Finals (Mini Hip Hop, Junior Pom, All Senior, U18 + Open Divisions, and any splits of these divisions)
- **Sunday, May 2nd, 2027**
 - Finals (All Remaining divisions)
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DIVISIONS OFFERED AT THE DANCE SUMMIT

Age Group	*Eligible Divisions					
Tiny	Hip Hop	Jazz	Pom	Contemporary/Lyrical	Kick	Variety
Mini	Hip Hop	Jazz	Pom	Contemporary/Lyrical	Kick	Variety
Youth	Hip Hop	Jazz	Pom	Contemporary/Lyrical	Kick	Variety
Junior	Hip Hop	Jazz	Pom	Contemporary/Lyrical	Kick	Variety
Senior						Variety
Open					Kick	Variety

****Divisions will be split based on USASF Guidelines after registration is complete.***

Additional divisions may be available for Non-U.S. teams only.

CROSSOVER POLICY

Each All-Star dancer is limited to performing in up to six (6) performances at The Dance Summit. Dancers may only represent one program.

Dancers may not crossover from the USASF divisions of The Summit to The Dance Summit. Athletes competing in the International divisions (IASF) at The Summit may compete at The Dance Summit. Athletes competing at The D2 Summit may also compete at The Dance Summit. Reminder: Time considerations for crossover conflicts during the Final Rounds of competition at The Dance Summit are not guaranteed.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Any U.S. team that competes at a qualifying event in the 2026-2027 season AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The Dance Summit is eligible. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, IASF & Varsity Spirit.

Teams MUST compete in the same division make up in which their roster qualified them for (age, category, all girl/all male/coed, small/large), but are allowed to add up to the MAXIMUM number of dancers in the division. For example, a team that qualifies in Mini Jazz Small with 10 dancers may compete at the Dance Summit with up to 14 dancers.

If a change is necessary to the size or all girl/all male/coed status, that team will need to compete through the Base Camp round and earn their way to Semi-Finals. For example, if a team earns a bid in Youth Coed Hip Hop Small, and is no longer able to compete Coed, they will enter the Base Camp round in Youth Hip Hop Small. Exceptions may be made in non-split divisions based on Event Director discretion.

DANCER REPLACEMENT POLICY

If a dancer from the bid winning team is unable to compete at The Dance Summit, you may replace the dancer with another dancer from your program. The replacement dancer must meet the division's age requirements and follow the crossover policy.

We do not restrict the number of dancers that can change on your roster if the 4 bid type qualifiers remain in place (age, division, all girl/all male/coed, small/large).

SCORING AT THE DANCE SUMMIT

Scores do not carry over between rounds at The Dance Summit. Rankings from the Preliminary Round secure teams a spot in the Semi-Final Round and rankings from the Semi-Final round secure teams a spot in the Final Round.

BID INFORMATION

BASE CAMP BIDS

Base Camp Bids allow teams to enter the Preliminary Round where they will compete for their chance to advance to the Semi-Finals Round. These bids will be given to the top 3 teams in every division at Varsity All Star dance events. Base Camp Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

AT LARGE BIDS

At-Large Bids allow teams to enter the Semi-Finals Round where they will compete for their chance to advance to the Final Round. These bids will be given at select Varsity All Star dance events. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

FULL PAID BIDS

Paid Bids allow teams to enter the Semi-Finals Round where teams will compete for their chance to advance to the Final Round. These bids will be given at select Varsity All Star dance events.

- **IMPORTANT:** If additional dancers are added to the roster after the Paid Bid was earned, the program is responsible for the full cost of the additional dancers. For example, if a team

qualifies with 10 dancers and performs with 14 dancers at The Dance Summit, Paid Bid credit will be given for 10 dancers only.

The allocation of monetary bids awarded to rostered athletes is at the sole discretion of the gym competing.

EARNING BIDS

Teams can qualify for The Dance Summit at Varsity All Star dance events across the country. All Dance Summit Bids will be revealed on Monday evenings at 7:30pm CST on Varsity TV on Varsity.com. Earned bids must be used during the 2027 Dance Summit Championship and cannot be deferred.

PASSING DOWN BIDS

Dance 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

- Base Camp Bids can upgrade to At-Large or Paid Bids
- At-Large Bids can be upgraded to Paid Bids
- Paid Bids cannot be further upgraded

BID ELIGIBILITY

Event Producers have the right to investigate any teams receiving a bid to The Dance 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.

ROUNDS AND ADVANCEMENTS

Prelims:

All teams that earned a Base Camp Bid will compete in this round. Below is the number of teams that will advance from the Base Camp round to Semi-Finals:

- All Base Camp divisions will have the top 3 teams advance to Semi-Finals.

Semi-Finals:

Below is the number of teams that will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals based on the number of teams competing in Semi-Finals.

- All divisions with 10 or less teams in Semi-Finals will have 5 teams advance to Finals.
- All divisions with 11+ teams in Semi-Finals will have 50% of the division advance to Finals, rounding up on odd division numbers (i.e.: a division of 19 will have 10 advance)
- If a country is not already represented in the 50% of teams advancing to finals, the highest scoring team from each country will also advance.

Finals:

Teams advancing from the Semi-Final round will face off to determine who will be named The Dance Summit Champion. Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The Dance 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. In the event of a tie for first place, The Dance Summit will name Co-Champions.

**Advancement rules for The Dance Summit are subject to change and will be evaluated as we get closer to the Championship.*

PRIZES AND AWARDS

All participants will receive a commemorative medallion.

Teams who qualify for Semi-Finals will receive a team Qualifier banner.

Teams who qualify for Finals and place 4th and below will be awarded a team Finalist banner.

Teams that place Gold, Silver or Bronze 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 Dance Summit Championship Rings! Teams will receive their team size plus an additional 6 rings to distribute how they see fit. Additional rings may be ordered on-site & must be paid for by the team or individual before delivery.

Varsity Spirit Program Release Waiver

All athletes participating on a team at The 2027 Dance Summit must be a registered member of that team's program during the 2026 – 2027 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, 2027 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 2027 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.

Varsity Spirit Event Rules & Regulations

By participating in The Summit Championships all teams agree to abide by all rules and regulations. Any team that does not adhere may be subject to disqualification and automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by The Dance Summit. In addition, teams may also forfeit the opportunity to participate the following year.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Varsity Spirit encourages and supports sportsmanship, integrity and fairness among participants and coaches/owners/directors in all facets of team practice and performance. We strive to uphold the highest standards and promote this to the best of our abilities and believe that coaches are instrumental in promoting and instilling this among their respective team members.

To ensure the most positive experience for all attendees, Varsity Spirit asks that all participants, coaches, gym owners, directors and spectators adhere to and know the Code of Conduct and Prohibited Items for all Regional, Virtual, and Championships events.

To review the entire policy please click here: [Varsity Spirit - Safety](#)

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

Varsity Spirit will require that all coaches, directors, choreographers, and personnel wishing to access the warm up area, backstage, coaches' box, or athlete areas at our competitions have required credentialing, background check, and safeguarding as required by each event.

All International Coaches please refer to The Dance Summit – International Information Guide.

To review the entire eligibility policy please click here: [Varsity Spirit - Event Eligibility](#)

EVENT GUIDELINES

The coach/director of each team is responsible for understanding and following the Event Guidelines. Event Guidelines include:

- General Guidelines
- Safety Guidelines
- Music Guidelines
- Interruption of Performance
- Competition Area
- Warm Up Room Policy
- Spotter Policy

To review additional information, click here: [Varsity Spirit - Event Guidelines](#)

EVENT POLICIES

All attendees are expected to follow event policies to ensure a respectable and secure environment. Event Policies include: sportsmanship, logo usage, media policy etc.

To review the event policies, click here: [Varsity Spirit - Event Policies](#)

THEMED UNIFORMS AND COSTUMING

Teams competing at The Dance Summit may NOT wear a uniform, costume or mask that portrays a Disney character or Disney movie theme. If you have a themed uniform/costuming question, please contact cmorris@varsity.com for guidance/approval.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions, please email DanceSummit@varsity.com.