

VIRTUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION GUIDE



UCA & UDA are proud to continue offering virtual competition opportunities designed to give regional championship experience for teams that may not have an accessible event nearby. The 2026-2027 Virtual Competitions allow programs to compete from their own gyms and studios against teams across the country by recording their routines through the CheerMatch app and uploading their videos to be scored by an UCA or UDA trained judging panel. Routine videos, results, and more will be shared following the event.

Who can participate in the Virtual Competition Series?

All UCA performance routine and Game Day routine divisions will be offered. UDA will offer all school and all star divisions – excluding solos. Please visit uca.varsity.com or uda.varsity.com for a complete list of divisions.

How will divisions be determined for the event?

UCA and UDA will split divisions in the best interest of providing a competitive environment. When/if a division has 11 or more teams, additional splits may be offered. When/if a division has less than 3 teams, they may be combined into the same age/size division.

Event Dates and Deadlines

Please note registration deadlines are firm and cannot be changed or extended. Payment must be paid in full and digital waivers submitted by the registration deadline date in order to participate.

- **UCA – November Virtual**
 - Registration Deadline: 10/29/2026
 - Email Instruction: 11/03/2026
 - Video Capture Window: 11/04/2026 – 11/08/2026
 - Event on Varsity TV (Subscription Required): 11/11/2026
 - Score Sheets Emailed: 11/12/2026
 - Results Posted: 11/13/2026
- **UCA/UDA – December Virtual**
 - Registration Deadline: 12/03/2026
 - Email Instruction: 12/08/2026
 - Video Capture Window: 12/09/2026 – 12/13/2026
 - Event on Varsity TV (Subscription Required): 12/16/2026
 - Cheer Score Sheets Emailed: 12/17/2026
 - Dance Score Sheets & All Results Posted: 12/18/2026

Qualifying Virtual Events

The UCA November Virtual is open to all teams looking for early feedback from the judges. We will allow cheer teams to receive a bid to NHSCC in states where UCA does not hold a qualifying regional close enough to compete. (States such as AK, HI, MT, NM, NV, OK) **Prior approval through the UCA office must be granted for bid eligibility** – teams

must email NHSCC@varsity.com. Teams will be ranked, and bids will be awarded to approved teams only. Awards are sent to top teams in each division.

The UCA/UDA December Virtual is open to all teams looking for additional feedback from the judges. Cheer teams who have already competed at an in-person event and not awarded a bid may be eligible to compete for a bid to NHSCC/NSSC **if competing in the same division. Prior approval through the UCA office must be granted for bid eligibility** - teams must email NHSCC@varsity.com. Teams will be ranked, and bids will be awarded to approved teams only. Awards are sent to top teams in each division.

How will a Virtual Competition work?

Shortly after the registration deadline passes, teams will receive an email from CheerMatch with app download instructions and login information/passwords as well as video recording instructions and FAQs. For coaches who are new to the platform, you may request a “test” capture after receiving your login instructions. We recommend using this option to familiarize yourself with the recording process prior to initiating capture for your competition performance(s).

Once the event begins, teams will have a 5-day video capture window to record their video and submit it to CheerMatch. Teams will be given **TWO (2)** capture opportunities. The coach will select (1) of these captures to be submitted for scoring. You can film on any desired date during the capture window, but your performance must be captured directly within the CheerMatch (Varsity Compete) app.

All routines will be judged with sound and available for Varsity TV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound for Varsity TV subscribers. After 5 days, routines will be available on demand, free of charge without sound for the duration of the competition season.

What awards will be given?

Banners will be awarded to the top 10 teams in each division.

Where can we view the results from the Virtual Competition events?

Results will be available on Varsity TV (results video and full rankings are free to view, even if you do not have a subscription) on the Monday after the event. Score sheets will be sent to all coaches approximately one hour after results are posted on Varsity TV.

Virtual Event Waivers

Customers and athletes will only need to complete one waiver, with the exception of Disney events. When creating a new myVarsity account or signing in for the first time, customers and athletes will be prompted to complete the required waiver. The waiver will automatically be sent to the email address associated with their account for signature. Once the waiver has been signed, the completed status will appear in their myVarsity account; users may need to refresh the page for the updated status to populate.

Completed athlete waivers will also appear within the team roster, allowing coaches to easily track each athlete's waiver status. Coaches will be able to see whether a waiver has been received or completed. In addition, the myVarsity to-do list will notify customers and parents when a waiver still needs to be completed.

Music Guidelines

All routines will be judged with sound and available for Varsity TV subscriber viewing with sound for 48 hours once the event goes live. After 48 hours, the routines will be available without sound for Varsity TV subscribers. After 5 days, routines will be available on demand, free of charge without sound for the duration of the competition season.

How do people watch the event?

To view the videos on the event day, you need an active Varsity TV subscription.

What kind of video do I need to submit?

Teams must submit a video recording of their routine taken in their practice facility. Videos must be one take, with sound–edited footage will not be accepted. All 4 corners of the floor should be visible when possible and athletes must perform on a NFHS approved surface. The program must own rights to this video and consent to it being posted on Varsity TV for use in the Virtual Regional Competition.

There is no need to purchase additional equipment or internet services for your program – simply film on your phone! Make sure that you are closely following the video sent from CheerMatch with further instructions to ensure you are submitting the video properly.

What should my team wear?

Teams may submit videos in their practice wear or uniforms. Please keep in mind that all NFHS Rules and Standards on uniforms must be maintained, or a deduction will be assessed, and your video will not be available on Varsity TV.

How will teams be scored?

Once routine videos are filmed and uploaded, a UCA or UDA certified judging panel will score the routines.

Cheer score sheets will be emailed to coaches the day following judging by 9:00am Central Time. The official coach of the team may submit any scoring, deduction, or legality questions through the CheerMatch Accuscore link included in the score sheet. The Accuscore link will be open until noon CST on the day score sheets are sent. Our AccuScore team will review your score sheets and follow up with your program on any updates or clarifications prior to the awards announcements.

Dance score sheets will be emailed with final results.

Can I compete at a live event and record that same routine for a virtual event the following weekend?

No, routines must be filmed in your practice facility and may not be used for multiple events, live or virtual.

Can I compete in more than one virtual event in a weekend and use the same routine for both?

While you may compete at more than one virtual event in a weekend, you will need to film separate routines and submit your performances for scoring using the one of the two capture links provided by CheerMatch for that specific event.

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 following year.

Questions

For further questions or assistance, please contact the following:

- Universal Cheerleaders Association – UCAScoring@varsity.com
- Universal Dance Association – UDAScoring@varsity.com
- CheerMatch - support@cheermatch.com

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