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DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

INFORMATION GUIDE

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THE SUMMIT CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The D2 Summit Championship will be held at the Walt Disney World Resort's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL May 7th through May 9th, 2027.

DAYS OF COMPETITION

- **Friday, May 7th, 2027**
  - Prelims
- **Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
  - Semi-Finals
  - Cheerabilities
- **Sunday, May 9th, 2027**
  - Finals
  - Cheerabilities

USASF DIVISIONS OFFERED AT THE D2 SUMMIT

Level 1 Junior - Small	**Level 1 Senior – Small**
Level 1 Junior – Medium	**Level 1 Senior – Medium**
Level 1 Junior - Flex	**Level 2 Senior – Small**
Level 2 Junior - Small	**Level 2 Senior – Medium**
Level 2 Junior – Medium	**Level 3 Senior – Small**
Level 2 Junior - Flex	**Level 3 Senior – Medium**
Level 3 Junior - Small	**Level 3 Senior Coed – Small**
Level 3 Junior - Medium	**Level 3 Senior Coed – Medium**
Level 3 Junior - Flex	**Level 4 Senior – Small**
Level 4 Junior – Small	**Level 4 Senior – Medium**
Level 4 Junior - Medium	**Level 4 Senior – Open****
Level 4 Junior - Flex	**Level 4 Senior - Open Coed****
Level 5 Junior - Small	**Level 4 Senior Coed – Small**
Level 5 Junior - Large	**Level 4 Senior Coed – Medium**
Level 5 Junior Coed – Small	**Level 4.2 Senior – Small**
Level 5 Junior Coed – Large*	**Level 4.2 Senior – Medium**
Level 6 Junior - Small	**Level 4.2 Senior Coed – Small**
Level 6 Junior – Large*	**Level 4.2 Senior Coed – Medium**
	Level 5 Senior – Small
	Level 5 Senior – Large*
	Level 5 Senior – Open**
	Level 5 Senior – Open Coed**
	Level 5 Senior Coed – Small
	Level 5 Senior Coed – Large*

*Medium/Large division splits will be checked when registration is FINAL – they are not guaranteed to split and will be done based on USASF guidelines.

**These divisions do not split by size.

- 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 visit the USASF website.

✅ L5 and L6 Junior (5-30) will always be split into Small and Large at every competition, including The Summit Championships.

✅ Large (30-38) will never be split into Medium and Large.

✅ On a case-by-case basis, Small and Large Junior will further split into All-Girl and Coed provided the split results in at least two teams in each newly split division.

CROSSOVER POLICY

Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The D2 Summit. Athletes Level 6 and below may crossover up or down two levels at The D2 Summit.

- Exception: L4.2 can only crossover to L2, L3, and/or L4.
- Exception - Athletes who compete at The Cheerleading Worlds in a Non-Tumbling division can also compete in a Summit Championships division in Level 4.2.

Reminder: Time considerations for crossover conflicts during the Final Rounds of competition at The D2 Summit are not guaranteed.

COMPETING AT THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS AND THE D2 SUMMIT

The maximum number of athletes allowed to compete at The 2027 Cheerleading Worlds and The Summit or D2 Summit will be 8 athletes per 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 may also 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 or D2 Summit. These athletes will still be considered “Worlds” athletes as they pertain to the Crossover Policy.

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.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The D2 Summit at a qualifying event in the 2026 - 2027 season. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF & 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 D2 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.

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.

Cheerabilites teams are eligible to earn bids for their respective end of season event (Summit, D2 Summit, Rec Summit, Quest) by competing at one of our regional events. To qualify, teams must let their Sales and Experience Advisor know that they are looking to qualify.

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.

When calculating D2 or Small Gym Summit eligibility, Varsity reserves the right to include any athletes enrolled in the program without USASF Athlete Membership competing at non-USASF events when determining the number of athletes enrolled in your program that defines your D2 or Small Gym Summit eligibility.

DIVISION SPLITS AT BID GIVING EVENTS

If the qualifying competition division is split between D1 and D2, the team must compete in the qualifying division that correlates with their bid acceptance. For example, if a D2 program is accepting bids to The Summit, the team must compete in the standard division to accept the bid and CAN NOT compete in the D2 Division.

Moving ONE TEAM from a D2 Program into a D1 division at a qualifying event WILL affect your D1/D2 status of your PROGRAM for the remainder of the season. Check with your Event Producer before competing in a D1 division.

SCORING AT THE D2 SUMMIT

Scoring at The D2 Summit for all divisions will be on the Varsity All Star scoring system using the United Scoring System.

Varsity All Star - Scoring Information

BID INFORMATION

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.

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

FULL 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.

Teams competing in IASF divisions are also eligible for partial paid and paid bids.

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

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 many not share ANY athletes with the team already in possession of a Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

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 Partial or Full 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 D2 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:

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.

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL ADVANCEMENTS

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

At-Large, Partial Paid and Paid Bid Round: For 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.

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.

For CheerABILITIES:

CheerABILITIES teams will compete twice at The D2 Summit. All teams will advance to the 2nd day.

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.

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.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

All participants will receive a commemorative medallion.

Teams who hit zero on their first day of competition will receive a Peak Performance Plaque at their Reveal.

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

Teams that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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! 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 2026 D2 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 D2 Summit.

VARSITY SPIRIT EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS

By participating in The Summit Championship 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 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions, please email d2summit@varsity.com.