

SUMMIT®

RECREATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2026

INFORMATION GUIDE

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THE RECREATIONAL SUMMIT CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The Recreational Summit Championships will be held on the following:
Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA on April 25th – April 26th, 2026.
Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL on April 25th – April 26th, 2026.

DAYS OF COMPETITION

- **Saturday, April 25th, 2026**
  - Wild Card & Preliminary Round
    - All bids will compete on Saturday. Teams competing on Wild Card Bids will be competing in their own separate round; Teams competing on At-Large/Partial-Paid/Paid Bids will be competing in their own separate round.
- **Sunday, April 26th, 2026**
  - Final Round
    - Teams advancing out of both rounds will meet and compete in the Finals Round

RECREATIONAL SUMMIT ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS

Performance Rec Elite & Advanced Divisions Affiliated & Non-Affiliated:
Level 1 - 6Y
Level 1 - 8Y
Level 1 - 10Y
Level 1 - 12Y
Level 1 - 14Y
Level 1 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 2.1 - 12Y
Level 2.1 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 2 - 10Y
Level 2 - 12Y
Level 2 - 14Y
Level 2 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 3.1 - 14Y
Level 3.1 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 3 - 12Y
Level 3 - 14Y
Level 3 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 4.2 - 11-18 Years Old
Level 4 - 8-14 Years Old
Level 4 - 11-18 Years Old
CheerAbilities

CROSSOVER POLICY

Athletes will not be allowed to compete on more than 2 cheer teams at The Recreational Summit. Athletes competing at The Recreational Summit are not eligible to compete at other Summit Championships. Participants may only represent one organization. Participants must pay an additional registration fee for each additional team performance and are considered a crossover. Teams competing in the Recreational Summit are not eligible to compete at The Celebration powered by The Summit.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AT THE RECREATIONAL SUMMIT

Recreational Cheer or Youth Organization teams are eligible to compete at The Recreational Summit. All Recreational teams must classify as one of the following:

AFFILIATED - The program must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as; YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, City/County Parks and Recreational Program, American Youth Cheer, Pop Warner Association, or other community run program not associated with All Star. Each team must cheer for a sport during the 2025-2026 cheer season.

NON AFFILIATED - Organization may be independent of town/city organization/clubs. Team does not necessarily cheer for or support a sports program. Team is not affiliated with an All Star program.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Affiliated and Non Affiliated Recreational cheerleading organizations can register teams in Performance Advanced and/or Performance Elite Divisions.

Teams must compete and receive a bid in the above qualified Rec divisions at qualifying events & cannot change between Affiliated and Non-Affiliated with the same bid, but can alter divisions in order to further enhance the competitive atmosphere.

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 Performance Elite team qualifying with 16 athletes may compete at The Recreational Summit with up to 22 athletes.

Teams will compete in the division in which they register. Small and large teams of the same type, routine style, age division, and level may be combined.

COMBINED EXAMPLE:

- 'Affiliated – Performance Rec- 12 & Younger – Level 2 – Small' can be combined with an
- 'Affiliated – Performance Rec- 12 & Younger – Level 2 – Large.'

CANNOT COMBINE:

- A team of a different age group; i.e. 14 & Younger with 8 &Younger
- A team of a different level; i.e. Level 1 with Level 2

A team may move into a higher age division if they are the only team in that age division – Clarification, a team must still meet the age division requirement of the NEW division.

Recreation cheer divisions may be split into Affiliated and Non Affiliated or Small and Large divisions provided there are at least 3 teams left in each division.

ROUTINE LENGTHS AT THE RECREATIONAL SUMMIT

PERFORMANCE REC ELITE:

- Routine Max: 2:30 minutes

PERFORMANCE REC ADVANCED:

- Routine Max: 2:30 minutes

SCORING AT THE RECREATIONAL SUMMIT

Scoring at The Recreational 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.

AT LARGE BIDS

At-Large Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

PARTIAL PAID BIDS

Partial-Paid Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. Partial-Paid Bid winners will pay a portion (50%) of the balance to compete. **If additional athletes are added to the roster after the Partial-Paid Bid was earned, the program 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

Full Paid Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. Full Paid Bid winners will be given priority when scheduling the performance order for the preliminary round. The Full Paid bid will cover the bid-winning's team registration balance. **If additional athletes are added to the roster after the Full Paid Bid was earned, the program 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.

EARNING TWO BIDS IN THE SAME DIVISION

A program location can't earn two bids in the same Recreational 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 Recreational Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

PASSING DOWN BIDS

Recreational 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 Recreational Summit. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of a Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

ROUNDS AND ADVANCEMENTS

Wild Card Round:

Teams who receive a Wild Card bid will compete in the Wild Card round. The Top 8 teams in each Wild Card division will advance to the final round of competition. Once registration is FINAL, divisions with 31 or more teams will be evaluated to consider advancing more teams.

Preliminary Round:

Teams who receive an At Large, Partial-Paid or Paid Bid will compete in the Preliminary Round. 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 8 teams and no more than 14 teams. Once registration is FINAL, divisions with 31 or more teams will be evaluated to consider advancing additional teams.

Finals:

Teams who advance from Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will compete in the Finals. Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The Recreational 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.

REVEALS

A Summit Reveal is a ceremony where it is announced who will be advancing to the final round. 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.

Teams who qualify for Finals on Sunday in each division will be awarded a finalist team 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 Recreational 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.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Booking through our housing partner, Team Travel Source (TTS) is required for all athletes, coaches and spectators attending this event. TTS has secured attendee blocks with amazing rates specifically for you with team friendly terms and conditions with each of our host hotels to take the worry and hassle out of booking hotel accommodations so that you can focus on your team's preparation and performance. More information about booking housing for this event will be coming soon.

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.

LINK TO VAS Rules & Regulations

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 summit@varsity.com.