



SUMMIT®

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP



INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION GUIDE

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THE YOUTH SUMMIT CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The Youth Summit Championship will be held at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL on April 22nd – 24th, 2027.

DAYS OF COMPETITION

- **Thursday, April 22nd, 2027**
 - **Wild Card & Preliminary Round – D1 Divisions**
 - ♣ All D1 division bids will compete on Thursday. 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.
- **Friday, April 23rd, 2027**
 - **Final Round – D1 Divisions**
 - ♣ Teams advancing out of the Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will meet and compete in the Finals round

USASF YOUTH DIVISIONS AT THE YOUTH SUMMIT

D1 Divisions
Level 1 Youth – Small
Level 1 Youth – Medium
Level 2 Youth – Small
Level 2 Youth – Medium
Level 3 Youth – Small
Level 3 Youth – Medium
Level 4 Youth – Small
Level 4 Youth – Medium
Level 5 Youth**

**This division does not split by size.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION ELIGIBILITY AT THE SUMMIT

Eligible teams include any team that competes AND receives a bid to the Youth Summit must be able to follow the USASF Youth Divisions above (Ages, Team Numbers, etc). Teams must be in good standing with the USASF/IASF & Varsity Spirit. All Non-US International Youth teams will compete in the D1 division.

CROSSOVER POLICY

Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The Youth Summit.

Athletes Level 5 and below may crossover up or down two levels at The Youth Summit.

Teams competing in the Youth Summit are welcome to compete at The Celebration powered by The Summit following the conclusion of the Youth Summit, however, athletes will not be considered crossovers.

Additionally, athletes are permitted to compete on any Varsity All-Star End of Season event following their USASF Division eligibility.

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

CROSSOVER FEE

Participants must pay an additional \$100 registration fee for an additional team performance. However, if there is an athlete that is on a FULL PAID Bid team & crossing over to another FULL PAID Bid team, there will be no crossover fee applied. If an athlete is on a FULL PAID Bid team and an AT-LARGE Bid team, they must pay the crossover fee.

ROSTER CHANGES

NON-US CHANGES IN DIVISION

You may replace athletes that are unable to attend the championship, however, changes to the roster MUST not change the level or division in which the bid was received, unless it follows the guidelines below. There are no roster substitution restrictions for International Divisions at The Summit.

Changes in division are allowed so long as they meet the guidelines outlines below:

- Teams may go up one Level
 - Ex: If a team won & designated a bid for level 3, but the following year, created a level 4 team, they would be able to register in level 4.
- Teams may move from a small to medium or vice versa.
- Teams may NOT move from the Youth Summit to the Summit or vice versa.

Teams must request a formal division change. Division changes are due by **April 1st, 2026**. To submit for a division change, please submit via Wufoo link. **LINK COMING SOON***

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The Youth Summit at a qualifying event for the 2026 - 2027 End of Season. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, ISAF & Varsity Spirit.

If a program has a team that is awarded a bid in a division, a legitimate second team can still compete for an additional bid. 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.

SCORING AT THE YOUTH SUMMIT

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

[Varsity All Star - Scoring Information](#)

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION SKILL PROGRESSIONS

At all US based Varsity All Star events, all teams must adhere to the USASF level rules when competing. Themed Uniforms/Costuming Teams competing at The Summit may NOT wear a uniform, costume or mask that portrays a Disney character or Disney movie themes.

APPEARANCE AND UNIFORM

Teams who will be competing in international divisions at the 2027 Summit Championships must follow the USASF Appropriate Athletic Performance Standards (APS) as outlined in the USASF Cheer Rules 26-27.

INTERNATIONAL BIDS AT US-BASED EVENTS

Canadian teams are the only non-US teams allowed to receive Summit 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. All teams must be in an IASF division.

BID INFORMATION

Programs from ALL countries are eligible to receive IASF Summit bids from the virtual events in the Varsity's Virtual Championship Series. These bids are not exclusive to anyone, US and Non-US teams are eligible for these IASF bids.

Bids awarded at a US event will be given based on the Bid Declaration for that event. For Summit bid partnership events, each International Event Producer may award bids at their discretion. Please contact the qualifying Event Producer for specific details on how their bids are awarded.

AT LARGE BIDS

At-Large Bids teams will compete in the Preliminary Round for a chance to advance to the Final Round. At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.

FULL PAID BIDS

FULL PAID Bids teams will compete in the Preliminary Round for their chance to advance to the Final Round.

*If additional athletes are added to the roster after the FULL 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.

EARNING TWO BIDS IN THE SAME DIVISION

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

PASSING DOWN BIDS

Youth 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 Full Paid Bid later in the season, the original At-Large Bid will not be given to another team. This bid will be eliminated.

BID ELIGIBILITY

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

Preliminary Round:

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).

Preliminary:

Teams who receive an At Large, Partial-Paid or Full Paid Bid will compete in Preliminary Round. The number of teams advancing to Finals from Preliminary round 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 an odd number of teams will round up (ie: 19 teams will advance 10 teams).

For International Teams:

The top highest scoring team per country will advance to finals in addition to the existing Preliminary 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 Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will compete in the Finals. Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The Youth 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, then both teams will advance.

DIVISION SPLITS

Divisions with more than 71 total teams registered will split into A/B and two Youth Summit Champions will be crowned. Once registration is FINAL, divisions will be split.

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 Youth 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 housing is not required for our International teams only. Please e-mail Mandy Andrews (mandrews@varsity.com) for a Housing exemption form.

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.

All International Coaches please refer to the guidelines set up here: [Varsity Spirit - International](#)

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 youthsummit@varsity.com.