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YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP



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 both Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will meet and compete in the Finals Round
 - **Wild Card & Preliminary Round – D2 Divisions**
 - All D2 division bids will compete on Friday. 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.
- ★ • **Saturday, April 24th, 2027**
 - **Final Round – D2 Divisions**
 - Teams advancing out of both Wild Card and Preliminary rounds will meet and compete in the Finals Round

USASF DIVISIONS OFFERED AT THE YOUTH SUMMIT

D1 Divisions	D2 Divisions
Level 1 Youth – Small	Level 1 Youth – Small
Level 1 Youth – Medium	Level 1 Youth - Medium
Level 1 Youth Flex – Small/Medium	Level 1 Youth Flex – Small/Medium
Level 2 Youth – Small	Level 2 Youth – Small
Level 2 Youth – Medium	Level 2 Youth – Medium
Level 2 Youth Flex – Small/Medium	Level 2 Youth Flex – Small/Medium
Level 3 Youth – Small	Level 3 Youth – Small
Level 3 Youth – Medium	Level 3 Youth – Medium
Level 3 Youth Flex Small/Medium	Level 3 Youth Flex – Small/Medium
Level 4 Youth – Small	Level 4 Youth – Small
Level 4 Youth – Medium	Level 4 Youth – Medium
Level 5 Youth Small/Medium**	Level 5 Youth – Small/Medium**

**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 from the USASF visit www.USASF.net

CROSSOVER POLICY

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

Athletes may crossover up or down two levels at The Youth Summit.

Teams competing in the Youth Summit are welcome to compete at The Celebration 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.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Any team that competes AND receives a bid in one of the above divisions to The Youth Summit at a qualifying event in the 2026 - 2027 season. Teams must be in good standing with the USASF, ISAF & 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 Youth Summit with up to 22 athletes.

Teams from outside of the United States are eligible to compete at the Youth Summit. For additional guidance for Non-US teams, please refer to the Non-US information guide for information on divisions, team eligibility, safeguarding and more.

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. For additional guidance for Non-US teams, please refer to the Non-US information guide for information on divisions, team eligibility, safeguarding and more.

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.

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.

SCORING AT THE YOUTH SUMMIT

Scoring at The Youth Summit for all 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, regular-season Varsity All Star events, all teams must adhere to the USASF level rules when competing.

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 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 complete 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 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

Full Paid Bids allow teams to complete in the preliminary round. Full Paid Bid winners will be given priority in the performance order with the exception of crossover conflicts.

*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 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 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 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 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



Wild Card:

Teams who receive a Wild Card bid will compete in the Wild Card round. The Top 5 teams in each Wild Card division will advance to the final round of competition.



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: 9 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, both teams will advance.

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.

Preliminary 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.

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 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.

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 Youth 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](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions, please email youthsummit@varsity.com.