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YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP



2025
INFORMATION GUIDE



The 2025 Youth Summit Championship

April 24th-25th, 2025

Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL

Varsity All Star is proud to continue The Youth Summit Championship, a Premier End-of-Season competition, specifically celebrating the accomplishments of youth teams hosted in Tampa, Florida. You can expect the same great Summit event experience you have come to know and love with a specific focus on bringing high-caliber competition to younger athletes.

Here are some things to know before you qualify. Important changes to this document for the 2025 season will be denoted with a blue star. ★

YOUTH SUMMIT ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS

D1/D2 splits will be guaranteed in every division, then will follow the USASF split guidelines by team size.

D1 Divisions	D2 Divisions
Level 1 Youth – Small	Level 1 Youth – Small
Level 1 Youth - Medium	Level 1 Youth - Medium
Level 2 Youth – Small	Level 2 Youth – Small
Level 2 Youth - Medium	Level 2 Youth - Medium
Level 3 Youth – Small	Level 3 Youth – Small
Level 3 Youth - Medium	Level 3 Youth - 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



Please note, 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.

YOUTH SUMMIT 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.

Team Eligibility

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.



D2 Program Eligibility at The Youth Summit

Gyms must be D2 eligible (125 athletes or less & meet all USASF Guidelines) when they receive a Youth Summit Bid. If a program exceeds 125 athletes or fails to meet USASF D2 guidelines ANY TIME throughout the season, they will no longer be considered D2.

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.

BIDS

- **Wild Card Bids:** Wild Card Bids allow teams to compete in Wild Card round. 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 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.*
- **Paid Bids:** Paid Bids allow teams to compete in the Preliminary round. Paid Bid winners will be given priority when scheduling the performance order for the preliminary round. The Paid bid will cover the bid-winning's team registration balance. **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.*

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 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 or Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

Days of Competition

- **Thursday, April 24th, 2025**
 - Wild Card & Preliminary Round
 - All 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 25th, 2025**
 - Final Round
 - Teams advancing out of both rounds will meet and compete in the Finals Round

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. ★
- **Preliminary Round:** Teams who receive an At Large, Partial-Paid or Paid Bid will compete in 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. Divisions with an odd number of teams will round up (ie: 19 teams will advance 10 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 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.

Division Splits & Additional Advancements

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. Divisions, should they split, will be done at random.

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.



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.

Awards

All participants will receive a commemorative medallion.

All teams who hit zero on their first day of competition will receive a Peak Performance plaque.

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

Top 3 scoring teams 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! All Summit Champion teams will be awarded an additional 6 rings to distribute to individuals of their choice. Additional rings past that 6 may be ordered on-site & must be paid for by the team or individual before delivery.

Housing

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.

Contact Information for Coaches and Gym Owners

For questions, please reach out to Summit@varsity.com.

Logo Usage

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Disqualification

Any team that does not adhere to the terms of this competition may be subject to disqualification and automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by The Youth Summit. In addition, teams may also forfeit the opportunity to participate the following year and will not be eligible for refund.



NON-US TEAM INFORMATION

Team Eligibility

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

Team Advancement

Non-US teams, the top highest scoring team per country will advance to finals in addition to the existing Semi-Final advancement rule. (Ie: if there are 10 teams advancing in a division, any country not represented in that 10 teams will additionally advance) ★

USASF Membership/Safeguarding

Non-US teams are not required to have membership with the USASF. All international teams and coaches must follow the Varsity Safeguarding policies outlined on the website.

Varsity All Star reserves the right to amend this document, bid event listings and bid distributions at any time.