



International Safeguarding

Our commitment to the safety of athletes is fundamental to Varsity Spirit's mission and the future of cheer and dance. Together, we will continue to champion safety and security to best protect the youth who participate in this sport. The below information outlined by the participating team's country of origin is required when attending a Varsity Spirit event in the United States. This information MUST be submitted to your Event Registration Specialist prior to attending your event and pertains to all coaches, trainers, and gym owners (18 years and older) who will be entering the warm up room of the event.

Please provide the following, per your country of residence, or a copy of the national coach's certification, which must include a background check, or proof of national clearance to work with children. Current IASF membership, within a year of the event, will also be an accepted form of safeguarding verification.

- **Australia** - Valid Working with Children Check (Queensland known as a blue card)
- **Canada** – Vulnerable Sectors Check (Cheer Canada membership, SCA membership, OCF membership, BC membership)
- **Chile** – Police Check
- **Costa Rica** – Hoja de Delincuencia
- **Dominican Republic** – Police Background Check
- **Denmark** – Police Background Check or Federation Membership
- **England** – DBS check, valid within 1 year of the event or Federation Membership
- **France** – Extrait de casier judiciaire
- **Germany** – Führungszeugnis or Federation C or B License
- **Ireland** – Garda vetted
- **Italy** – Police Clearance Certificate or FIC EC Membership
- **Puerto Rico** – Current Background Check
- **Scotland** – Current PVG
- **Sweden** – Police Background Check or Federation Membership
- **Wales** – DBS, valid within 1 year of the event

VISA COUNTRIES

Countries that require a VISA to enter the United States through the US Embassy will not be required to show a background check. Passport or Visas will be required at registration for proof of ID.

For countries who require VISITOR VISAS to enter the USA, please make sure to also follow the steps below:

1. Have a recommendation/sponsorship letter from a local event producer in your country (in this case Mexico)
2. If VISITOR VISAs are required for any of your team delegation planning to attend a Varsity Spirit event in the USA, you must reach out to the ICU (karl@cheerunion.org) with a list of all athletes, and coaches, and any other team delegation members (team managers, team medical staff, etc.) planning to attend the event as well as the



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recommendation letter and receive acknowledgement from the ICU. This list of athletes, coaches and delegation members should include the following information:

- a. Full Name (at it appears in their passport)
 - b. Passport Number
 - c. Date of Birth
 - d. Gender (as it appears in their passport)
 - e. Role on team (athlete, coach, manager, etc.)
 - f. Travel dates (Mexico departure and return dates*)
*It is beneficial for the team to have the same travel dates
3. Email mandrews@varsity.com with the ICU acknowledgement, and letter of recommendation, and confirmation of VISAs once received.
 4. Register for the event - this will be done with your myvarsity.com account. We can help you set up your account and get you registered!
 5. Abide by all safeguarding and rostering processes in place for event.