



## The D2 Summit – FAQ

### **Explain the D2 Summit.**

In 2014, American Cheer Power, a Varsity Spirit Brand, created the National Small Program Association (NSPA). The purpose of the NSPA is to help build successful small programs all around the country. It is their goal to help small gyms grow their programs and better prepare them to become successful businesses, as well as competitive programs. Cheer Power began implementing National Small Program Championships under the NSPA throughout the 2014-2015 competition season. Upon conclusion of the season, the official USASF definition of Division II (formerly Small Gym divisions) was released and it is defined as having one physical address for a gym location and having 125 athletes or less registered in a gym's cheer program at the time of competition. With the momentum and success of The Summit and The Dance Summit in May 2015 and with the USASF definition of Division II, Varsity All Star created the D2 Summit, NSPA Championship- exclusively for the 125 and under.

### **Where will the D2 Summit be taking place?**

D2 Summit is a LIVE competition where teams will face-off, May 11-13, 2018, at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, FL.

### **How do I receive a bid to The Summit?**

A complete listing of these events can be found at <http://www.varsityallstar.com/the-summit>

\*All Summit Bids will be revealed Monday evening at 7:30pm CST on Varsity.com sponsored by Varsity TV

### **Will International teams be able to compete at the D2 Summit?**

No, due to the USASF rostering policy international team will not be eligible for D2 Summit bids. You must be able to provide a current USASF Roster in order to receive a bid. All International team will be eligible to compete for The Summit bids and must compete in the divisions offering these bids. Please visit the Summit guidelines for the eligibility of International teams.

### **Who is eligible for the D2 Summit?**

Gyms must be Division II eligible (125 athletes or less) when they receive a D2 Summit bid and must remain Division II eligible (125 athletes or less) when they arrive at the D2 Summit. Upon arrival they must provide a current USASF Qualified Roster showing that they are a Division II Program. *Please visit <http://usasf.net/home> to find more on how to qualify as a D2 program.* Once a program goes over 125 athletes they will no longer be considered Division II and must release their D2 bid. These programs will be considered ineligible for D2 bids for the remainder of the 17-18 season.



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### **Can a Division II team receive a bid to The Summit taking place in Orlando?**

Yes, each team must declare which bid they will be competing for at each event. You cannot compete for a Summit Bid and a D2 Summit Bid at the same event. You **MUST** declare before that event to which bid your team will be competing for, but you can have different teams competing for different bids at the same event.

### **Division Splits at Bid-Giving Events**

A team can declare at any given competition that they are going for a Summit or D2 Summit bid, but if that team is split into a D2 division at that competition, they must either go for the D2 Summit bid or move into a standard division to compete against teams going for The Summit bid.

\*Once your team earns a bid for D2 Summit or the Summit, they **MUST** stay with that specific track to earn a higher bid throughout the remainder of the season.

### **Trading of Bids**

Once your team accepts a bid for Summit or D2 Summit, you **MUST** stay with that specific track to earn a higher bid throughout the remainder of the season

- Wild Card D2 Summit Bid- You can **ONLY** upgrade to a PAID D2 Summit bid.
- Paid D2 Summit Bid– You must use your Paid D2 Summit bid. This bid type or location cannot be changed.
- At-Large D2 Summit Bid– You can **ONLY** upgrade to a PAID D2 Summit bid.
- Wild Card/ At Large Summit Bids– You can **ONLY** upgrade to a PAID Summit bid.

### **If an athlete from our bid winning team can't make it to The Summit, are we allowed to replace them with another athlete from our gym?**

You **MUST** compete with the number of athletes that you qualify with. You can compete with less as long as it keeps you in the same division. You will only be able to replace 25% of your roster from the time you received your bid until you compete at The Summit. Example: A team of 20 competes and receives a bid, they can only replace 5 athletes at the time of The Summit competition.

### **Are crossovers between teams allowed at D2 Summit?**

An all-star cheerleader is limited to crossing over to 2 (two) cheer teams **TOTAL** from their gym during the competition. Participant may only represent one gym. Participants must pay an additional \$100 registration fee for each additional team performance. Reminder that we do not guarantee crossovers at the D2 Summit during the Semi-Finals Round or Finals Round



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### **Are crossovers between teams allowed between The Summit and D2 Summit?**

**NO** athletes can compete at both The Summit and The D2 Summit.

### **Are crossovers allowed between Cheerleading Worlds and D2 Summit?**

The **MAXIMUM** number of individuals allowed to crossover from the 2017 Cheerleading Worlds to the D2 Summit will be 5 athletes per team. Level 5 athletes that competed at Cheerleading Worlds can only cross to level 4 & 5 Summit divisions (Excluded: Level 4.2).

\*Exception: Junior 5 (NOT restricted) will be allowed to have up to 8 crossovers from The Cheerleading Worlds to the D2 Summit.

### **How many teams advance from the Wild Card Round?**

The Wild Card round of The Summit will take place Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Walt Disney World Resort® in Orlando, FL. In Wild Card divisions with 29 teams or less, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place WILD CARD teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> place WILD CARD teams will move to Saturday – **SEMI FINALS**. In Wild Card divisions with 31 – 50 teams, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place WILD CARD teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday, while 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place WILD CARD teams will move to Saturday – **SEMI FINALS**. In Wild Card divisions with 51 – 60 teams, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place WILD CARD teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday, while 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place WILD CARD teams will move to Saturday – **SEMI FINALS**. In Wild Card divisions with 61+ teams, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place WILD CARD teams will advance straight to **FINALS** on Sunday, while 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place WILD CARD teams will move to Saturday – **SEMI FINALS**.

### **How many teams advance to Finals on Sunday from Semi-Finals?**

- All divisions with 10 or less teams in Semi Finals will have 5 teams advance to finals.
- All divisions with 11 - 19 teams in Semi Finals will have 50% of the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with 20 - 30 teams in Semi-Finals will have 10 teams in the division advance to finals.
- All divisions with 31 – 55 teams in Semi-Finals will have a MAX of 12 teams in the division advance to finals.
- All Divisions with 56+ teams will have a MAX of 14 teams in the division advance to finals.

### **After receiving a D2 Summit bid, where do I register and how much does it cost for registration per athlete?**

Registration information will be released in the near future on varsityallstar.com and coaches will receive information the week after they receive their bid.



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### **What do individuals and teams receive for competing at The D2 Summit?**

All participants will receive a participation medallion for competing at The Summit. Teams who make their "Final Quest" in each division on Sunday will be awarded a personalized team banner with their division and placement. Teams that place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective division, will also receive a team banner and each participant from those teams will receive individual mini banners recognizing their accomplishment. All divisional champions will receive exclusive Summit Champion Rings! Only participants and coaches listed on the official USASF Summit Roster will be included in ring sizing. Additional rings may be ordered onsite but must be paid for by team/individual.

**\*\*Athletes that win on two different teams will only be given ONE Championship Ring!**

### **As a coach, what do I need for Summit Registration?**

Coach and Gym Owner registering the gyms must turn in ALL paperwork in order to successfully register their program.

- Medical Release Forms for ALL athletes & coaches
- Rules & Regulations
- USASF Roster

\*Event Producers have the right to investigate any and all teams receiving a Summit Bid. Bid eligible teams and divisions will be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy to ensure each team has the same opportunity.