



2017-2018 COMPETITION POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Varsity Spirit has implemented a policies and procedures for all events. In order to provide a positive, fair and professional competition environment the coach of each team is required to sign this form, but before signing, please read and review the following:

I have read and understand the NCA Rule Book (NCA.varsity.com) or NDA Rule Book (NDA.varsity.com) pertaining to the registration and competition guidelines for the event which I am attending.

MUSIC GUIDELINES

- I have read and understand the USA Cheer Music Copyrights Educational Initiative and all sound recordings used in our team’s music shall only be used with written license from the owners(s) of the sound recordings.
- For the most up to date music information, visit <http://varsity.com/music>. If you have any questions, cheer teams should email info@usacheer.net and dance teams should email dancemusic@varsity.com. Please check Preferred Provider list for updates and changes periodically.
- Teams must be able to provide proof of licensing, in the form of a printed copy, during registration at the event they are attending.
- If a team does not have the required paperwork, they will be given the option to perform to an approved track of music or a track with counts (provided by Varsity Spirit).
- If a team does not have the required paperwork, and chooses not to perform to the approved track of music or a track with counts, the team will be disqualified from the competition and not be allowed to perform.
- If there are concerns regarding a team’s use of music, a Challenge Form must be completed immediately following the team’s performance.
- A challenge can only be made by the official coach, advisor, director or gym owner of a team competing at the event at which the challenge is being made.
- Challenge Process
 - All music challenges must be submitted in writing to the event director.
 - There will be a \$100 fee to request a music challenge, which must be in the form of a check made payable to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
 - Challenges will be reviewed and finalized within 48 hours of the event.
 - If the challenge is correct, fees collected will be voided. If the challenge is incorrect, fees will be donated to St. Jude.
- Each team is required to have a representative remain at the music station that knows the routine and music. This representative is responsible for starting the music and stopping the music in case of technical malfunction or injury. Please make sure that all devices have a head phone jack to connect to sound system and are fully charged, volume turned up and placed in airplane mode. If using a CD make sure it’s unscratched so it doesn’t skip.

VIDEO MEDIA POLICY

No commercial recording (audio or visual) or commercial live streaming is allowed in the event venue or other event-related venues (including, but not limited to, hotels and restaurants) or on the grounds of any such venues (collectively, “Event Locations”). In the event a team authorizes the commercial recording or streaming in any Event Location, the team will be automatically disqualified. In addition, the personal, non-commercial use of live streaming apps (such as Periscope, Facebook Live, etc.) to capture all or any part of a performance during the event is not permitted. By attending/purchasing admission to the event, each attendee grants permission to Varsity Spirit, LLC and its affiliates, designees, agents, licensees, and invitees to use the image, likeness, actions and statements of the attendee in any live or recorded audio, video, film, or photographic display or other transmission, exhibition, publication, or reproduction made of, or at, the event in any medium, whether now known or hereafter created, or context for any purpose, including commercial or promotional purposes, without further authorization or compensation.

I have read, understand and will abide by all Varsity, NCA, and NDA rules and regulations and at all times I will support the results of the competition, as I am a role model for my program.

Program Name _____

Team Name _____

Event Name _____

Coach/Director’s Name _____

Coach/Director’s Signature _____

Date _____