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MARCH 11-12, 2017 AT THE
Walt Disney World® Resort

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ROUTINE INFO

- To avoid any misunderstandings regarding interpretation of the rules, all teams should upload a video of their routine to uca.varsity.com. This video is due by February 10, 2017.
 - The video will only be viewed by UCA officials. If there are any rule infractions in your routine, you will be contacted immediately.
 - Cheer teams need to video all tumbling, partner stunts and pyramids in their national routine. (This does not have to be your entire team.)
 - Please remember we are only viewing your routine for rule infractions, we are not critiquing your routine.
 - Please include the following information online:
Team Name, Contact Name, Contact Email, and Division
 - Your video can be uploaded to <http://eventuploads.varsityspirit.com>
- You may also email your questions to Orry Clayborne at oclayborne@varsity.com



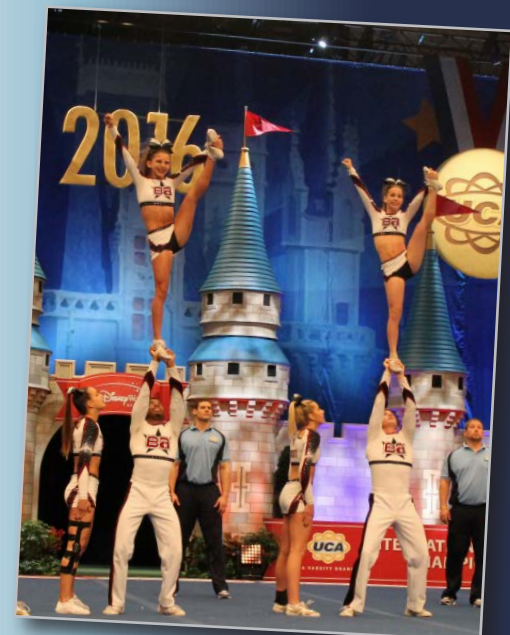
**THESE VIDEOS ARE DUE
BY FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

SAFETY VIDEOS POLICY

The purpose of the safety video is to have the opportunity to catch safety infractions as early as possible. If a rule violation is included on the video and is not caught, the violation may be caught and changed in the warmup area. The warmup area officials and the tournament director will make the determination as to whether a move must be changed or if changing the move at that point is more hazardous to the performers. Entry of the video does not absolve coaches of their responsibility with regard to rules in the routine.

Deposits are due January 9, 2017.

**BALANCE OF PAYMENT IS
DUE FEBRUARY 10, 2017!**



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2017 TRAVEL PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

★ Special "UCA Night" at the Magic Kingdom® Park!

- The *Magic Kingdom*® Park extends their operating hours for the IASC!!! For those purchasing the IASC travel package, you will receive a "UCA Night" wristband for exclusive use of *Magic Kingdom*® Park's more popular rides (*Space Mountain*, *Splash Mountain*®, *Big Thunder Mountain Railroad* and more!) (attractions subject to change)
- Separate wristbands will NOT be sold for this special "UCA Night" party! (*Walt Disney World*® Admission and UCA wristband **ARE REQUIRED** to attend!)

★ 3 or 4 Day Walt Disney World® Park Hopper® Pass

- Unlimited admission for four days to the *Magic Kingdom*® Park, *Disney's Hollywood Studios*®, *Epcot*® and *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park.
- 3 Days premium admission into the *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex.

★ Championship Celebration Party!

- To be held Sunday evening at the *Disney's Hollywood Studios*® complete with thrilling rides and a D.J.

★ Airport transfers with Disney's Magical Express

- Round trip Airport Transfers provided; this applies to Orlando International Airport (MCO) ONLY!

★ Transportation to all Scheduled Events

★ All Taxes and Gratuities

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is easy by following the steps below. Contact us if you have questions and we will be glad to help!

TEAMS

*You will need the following information to complete the registration process:

- Your account login information
- Information for all athletes: first and last name, gender, birthdate
- Rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable)

Step 1: First review and update your master event roster by uploading your team/coaches names from the template provided online.

Step 2: Go to uca.varsity.com, hover over "Competitions" in the yellow panel, click on "National Championship".

Step 3: Read all information pertaining to the event before you begin the registration process. All required forms must be mailed to the UCA office after submitting your registration.

Step 4: Click on the link to start the registration process and log into your account.

Step 5: Follow the instructions on each page to assign your athletes and coaches to the appropriate team(s) and create your rooming list for your team's housing (if applicable).

Step 6: Once you review and submit your registration, mail your deposit (bank check or money order) and team forms. Or, pay by credit card by clicking on the "My Nationals Registration" tab on your account and click "Make a Payment". Registrations are not approved until deposit has been received.

FAMILY MEMBERS / FRIENDS (HOTEL RESERVATIONS)

*You will need the following information to complete the registration process:

- Team's registration number (this may be obtained from the coach once they have rostered the team for the event and the registration has been approved.)
- Rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable)

Step 1: Go to uca.varsity.com, hover over "Competitions" in the yellow panel, click on "National Championship".

Step 2: Read all of the information pertaining to the event before you begin your registration process.

Step 3: Click on the link to start the registration process and log in using the Team Registration Number.

Step 4: Follow the instructions on each page to make hotel reservations and/or order additional tickets. If applicable, you may also assign participants / coaches that are on the team roster to your rooming list.

Step 5: Once you review and submit your registration, mail your deposit (bank check or money order) to guarantee your registration. Or, pay by credit card by clicking on the "My Nationals Registration" tab on your account and click "Make a Payment". Registrations are not approved until deposit has been received.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

January 9, 2017 - \$100 per person deposit

February 10, 2017 - Final Balance

TEAM FORMS

The following team forms must be signed and mailed to the UCA office by FEBRUARY 10, 2017.

1. Roster (from USASF site)
2. Cancellation Policy
3. Policies and Procedures
4. Release / Waiver forms for every athlete and coach attending

CHANGES

After submitting your registration, sign in to your account and click on the appropriate section of your registration to request a change. Any changes requested after February 17, 2017 will result in a \$50 per change fee.

IASC TRAVEL PACKAGES



2017 UCA INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

All accommodations will be at *Disney's All-Star Resort*.
 Choose the type of room you wish to stay in (quad, triple, double or single)
 HOTELS MAY FILL UP PRIOR TO PUBLISHED DEADLINES.
 All *Walt Disney World*® Theme Park tickets are valid March 8-18, 2017

FOUR NIGHTS

Travel package price for the four nights of:

March 9 (check-in) through March 13 (check-out) or
 March 10 (check-in) through March 14 (check-out) includes:

- Four nights and five days hotel accommodations
- Special "UCA Night" at the *Magic Kingdom*® Park ★
- Championship Celebration Party
- Round trip airport transfers through *Disney's Magical Express* (Orlando International ONLY!)
- Four day *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® Pass
- Three days admission into the competition venues at *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex
- Transportation to all Championship events
- All taxes and gratuities

ALL STAR RESORT

Quad (4 per room)	\$584.00 per person
Triple (3 per room)	\$648.00 per person
Double (2 per room)	\$752.00 per person
Single (1 per room)	\$1014.00 per person

(NONE OF THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE AIRFARE.)

* Most rooms will have two double beds, however single rooms may have only one king bed.

✓ You may upgrade your Four Day PARK HOPPER® to a Five Day PARK HOPPER® for an additional \$30 per person.

CROSSOVER FEES are \$75 per crossover. Please indicate this on your roster.

THREE NIGHTS

The travel package price for the three nights of March 10 (check-in) through March 13 (check-out) includes:

- Three nights and four days hotel accommodations
- Special "UCA Night" at the *Magic Kingdom*® Park ★
- Championship Celebration Party
- Round trip airport transfers through *Disney's Magical Express* (Orlando International ONLY!)
- Four day *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® Pass
- Three days admission into the competition venue's at *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex
- Transportation to all Championship events
- All taxes and gratuities

ALL STAR RESORT

Quad (4 per room)	\$559.00 per person
Triple (3 per room)	\$597.00 per person
Double (2 per room)	\$677.00 per person
Single (1 per room)	\$914.00 per person

(NONE OF THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE AIRFARE.)

* Most rooms will have two double beds, however single rooms may have only one king bed.

✓ You may upgrade your Four Day PARK HOPPER® to a Five Day PARK HOPPER® for an additional \$30 per person.

CROSSOVER FEES are \$75 per crossover. Please indicate this on your roster.

TWO NIGHTS

The travel package price for the two nights of March 10 (check-in) through March 12 (check-out) includes:

- Two nights and three days hotel accommodations
- Special "UCA Night" at the *Magic Kingdom*® Park★
- Round trip airport transfers through *Disney's Magical Express* (Orlando International ONLY!)
- Three day *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® Pass
- Three days admission into the competition venues at *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex
- Transportation to all Championship events
- All taxes and gratuities

ALL STAR RESORT

Quad (4 per room)	\$514.00 per person
Triple (3 per room)	\$538.00 per person
Double (2 per room)	\$594.00 per person
Single (1 per room)	\$757.00 per person

(NONE OF THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE AIRFARE.)

* Most rooms will have two double beds, however single rooms may have only one king bed.

EXTRA NIGHTS*

(ONLY WITH THE FOUR NIGHT TRAVEL PACKAGE!)

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

I would like to stay an extra night on:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017	Thursday March 9, 2017	Tuesday March 14, 2017
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Optional Extra Nights (Wednesday, March 8, Thursday, March 9 or Tuesday, March 14).
 Since the hotel has very limited space available for these nights, reservations for the extra nights will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Disregard this section if you plan to stay the regular four nights and five days.

ALL STAR RESORT

All rooms	\$175.00 per room
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(regardless of occupancy)

Commuter Participant Fee: \$290

For those participants not purchasing the travel package, there is a \$290 per participant registration fee. This fee includes:

- Three Day *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® Pass
- Three days admission into the competition venues at *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex.
- All registration fees for the Championship
- All taxes and gratuities

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHECKS PAYABLE TO IASC!
 Gym checks, money orders, cashier's checks or credit cards ONLY!!!

DEPOSITS ARE DUE JANUARY 9, 2017
BALANCE OF PAYMENT IS DUE FEBRUARY 10, 2017!

★ You will need to use your *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® Pass in order to attend this event!



HOTEL AND TRAVEL

1. What is the advantage of purchasing the travel package?

It is not required that you attend the IASC on the travel package. The two main reasons teams purchase the package are convenience and savings.

- a) **Convenience** - Everything is handled for you. *Disney's Magical Express* will pick you up and take you back to the airport. There is no hassle of renting vans or cars and finding drivers. Hotel registration is smoother and rooms are guaranteed. The IASC office works together with the *Walt Disney World*® Resort to block your rooms so your entire group stays together.

If you book your own trip, you have to:

Step 1: Call travel Agency or airlines (which could take hours).

Step 2: Send in deposit for airline tickets.

Step 3: Call several hotels to get room rates and availability.

Step 4: Guarantee all rooms using person credit card for deposit.

Step 5: Request reimbursement check from the school.

Step 6: Send your rooming list to the hotel.

Step 7: Call car rental agencies to find out rates and regulations of drivers.

Step 8: Fill out registration form for the IASC and mail in with registration fees.

If you book with IASC you have to:

Step 1: Call A&I Travell at 1-866-719-0379 or your local travel agent to book flights.

Step 2: Send in deposits for airline tickets.

Step 3: Fill out registration forms for the IASC and mail in deposits.

- b) **Savings**- Because of our long term relationship with the *Walt Disney World*® Resort, the IASC is able to negotiate discounted rates for hotel rooms and theme park tickets.

2. What hotel are we staying at?

Accommodations will be provided at *Disney's All-Star Resorts*. In the event that the *Walt Disney World*® Resorts sell out of rooms prior to registration deadlines, IASC will make arrangements with an alternate hotel either on or off property. PLEASE NOTE: Hotels may fill up prior to posted deadlines and may include additional costs.

3. We have parents who would like to come to the Championship. Can they sign up for the IASC travel package?

Of course! A lot of coaches meet with the parents and include them on the travel package with their team. However, we encourage family members and friends to register with us directly.

4. We have an uneven number of girls. Can we pay the quad rate for three girls in a room?

No. The travel package prices have been calculated according to how many people are in each room.

5. Can we have five people in a room?

No. Disney does not allow more than four people to a room.

6. We are arriving in Orlando at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, will our hotel rooms be ready?

Most hotels do not guarantee check in until 4:00 p.m. However, if there are rooms ready in your block, the hotel will check you in early. Please be sure to communicate this to your entire group that is traveling with you.

7. Our team doesn't leave Orlando until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. What can we do all day?

Hotel check out is at 11:00 a.m. If you would like, you can take a *Walt Disney World*® Resort shuttle bus to Downtown Disney-West Side to shop or to one of the *Walt Disney World*® Theme Parks. The hotel will be glad to store your luggage for you, but you will be responsible for picking it up before you depart. However, the hotel's bellmen will not move carry-on bags, electronics, or trophies.

8. How do I request a refund?

All refund requests must be submitted in writing to Chelsea Simoneaux at csimoneaux@varsity.com (A-M), Jennifer Burnett at jeburnett@varsity.com (N-Z) or faxed to 1-800-969-8295, include the Gym/Team name, amount requested, who to make the check out to, where to mail the check, and a reason for the refund. The event office will review your account and issue a refund check based upon what they see in your file. All refund checks are processed AFTER the event is over. The average processing time for a refund is 4 weeks from the date the request is received. Refunds are not issued unless a written request is received.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TICKETS AND COMPETITION

1. When will we receive our *Walt Disney World*® Theme Park tickets for the Championship?

You receive your tickets when you register with IASC at your hotel in Orlando.

2. What does "PARK HOPPER®" mean?

A PARK HOPPER® allows you to go from Theme Park to Theme Park. Example: you can use your PARK HOPPER® ticket to enter *Disney's Hollywood Studios*® for Competition Saturday morning and then go to *Epcot*® that evening, and it is only considered one day of admission. However, these tickets are only valid for four days.

3. Will attending the UCA parties take days off of my PARK HOPPER® pass?

For the Special "UCA Night" at *Magic Kingdom*® Park, a day will be taken off your PARK HOPPER® pass regardless of what time you arrive. For the Championship Celebration Party at *Disney's Hollywood Studios*®, a day will not be taken off of your PARK HOPPER® pass. **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE A WRISTBAND TO ATTEND ALL PARTIES.** (Times may change slightly.)

4. If we do not use all four days of our *Walt Disney World*® tickets, may we use them next year?

No. All of the discounted tickets sold at the IASC have an expiration date that is listed on the back of your ticket.

5. Do spectators have to purchase a *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® ticket in order to watch competition at *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex?

No! If you are only going to the *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex, you may purchase a ticket at the door for \$30 per day per person. However, if you purchase a *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® ticket from the IASC it includes admission into the *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex.

6. Are there discounted park tickets available for family and friends not on the travel package?

Yes, there are two different tickets.

1) 3-day PARK HOPPER® Ticket- \$255.00

2) 4-day PARK HOPPER® Ticket- \$285.00

3) 5-day PARK HOPPER® Ticket- \$315.00

Information and pricing for these tickets can be found on page 15 and you may purchase and pay online at uca.varsity.com. *Walt Disney World*® PARK HOPPER® tickets are valid for unlimited admission into the *Magic Kingdom*®, *Epcot*®, *Disney's Hollywood Studios*®, and *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Theme Park as well as three days of admission into *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex. These tickets DO NOT include IASC bus transportation to the parks.

7. How do I find out when and where my team competes?

A detailed order of competition will be posted at uca.varsity.com in mid February. The detailed order of competition will tell you the location and exact times that your team will report backstage, take pictures, warm up, and compete.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

If you need transportation to and from the Orlando International Airport (MCO), you must read this information carefully. We will be emailing you a transportation form with important instructions for setting up your transportation to and from the airport. This form will be included in your registration confirmation email. We will also send you an email reminding you when it is time to send this information to Disney.

Disney's Magical Express



- ★ Transportation between Orlando International Airport (MCO) and the Walt Disney World® Resorts will be provided by Disney's Magical Express. Attendees utilizing another airport will need to find alternate transportation.
- ★ Disney's Magical Express provides motorcoach transportation to/from the Walt Disney World® Resort and special luggage delivery service.
- ★ Disney's Magical Express requires a reservation. Each guest must be registered at a Walt Disney World® Resort prior to contacting Disney's Magical Express.
- ★ After registering for the event, each team will be provided with specific details to book their Disney's Magical Express reservation. Reservations need to be completed 14 days prior to arrival. Guests will be asked to provide a mailing address and inbound/outbound flight information.
- ★ Disney's Magical Express will mail Airport Transportation Booklets which include detailed arrival instructions and special luggage tags.
- ★ Disney's Magical Express luggage service is not available after 10:00 pm. If you or your team arrives after 10:00 pm you will be responsible for claiming your luggage and bringing it with you on the Disney's Magical Express buses.

DISCOUNTED WALT DISNEY WORLD® TICKETS

2017 UCA INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

***ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT UCA.VARSITY.COM.**



NOTE: TRANSPORTATION IS *NOT* INCLUDED WITH PURCHASE OF THESE TICKETS!

Extra tickets may ONLY be ordered on uca.Varsity.com under the UCA International All Star Championship.

Tickets can be picked up in Orlando Wednesday, March 8 through Friday, March 10, 2017.

Instructions on where to pick these tickets up will be sent to you at a later date.

WALT DISNEY WORLD® TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

THREE DAY PARK HOPPER® - \$255.00 each

(Transportation is not included) Includes Three Days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports®.

All Walt Disney World® Theme Park Tickets are valid March 8-18, 2017.

FOUR DAY PARK HOPPER® - \$285.00 each

(Transportation is not included) Includes Three Days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports®.

All Walt Disney World® Theme Park Tickets are valid March 8-18, 2017.

FIVE DAY PARK HOPPER® - \$315.00 each

(Transportation is not included) Includes Three Days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports®.

All Walt Disney World® Theme Park Tickets are valid March 8-18, 2017.

WALT DISNEY WORLD® WATER PARK - \$45.00 each

COUNTER SERVICE MEAL VOUCHERS - \$15.00 each

(One entrée and beverage per voucher - at designated Theme Park dining locations. Lunch or Dinner Only. Does not include dessert.)

SUNDAY EVENING CELEBRATION PARTY AT

DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS® - \$40.00 each**

(Transportation is not included)

****Disney transportation will not be available. Refunds will not be given for Celebration wristbands.**

No extra ticket orders will be accepted for pre-order after March 3, 2017.

Tickets may be purchased in Orlando at Celebrity Hall, while supplies last.

ORDERS NOT PAID IN FULL WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!

Tickets are valid from March 8-18, 2017

CHEER POLICIES & PROCEDURES



2017 UCA INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

* **BOLD PRINT** denotes a change or clarification in rule from the prior year

I. GENERAL RULES

A. DIVISIONS --SEE AGE LEVEL CHART FOR 2016-2017 DIVISIONS AT UCA.VARSITY.COM

B. ALL STAR PARTICIPATION

- 1) Teams may participate in more than one competition during the season.
- 2) Individuals are permitted to compete on both a School Team and an All Star Team at the same event.
- 3) The team and each participating member/coach should constantly display good sportsmanship throughout the entire performance in regards to respect for themselves, other teams and the viewing audience of all ages. Teams should refrain from any taunting, bragging, or suggestive expressions or gestures as well as discrimination of any nature.
- 4) Any unruly, aggressive or belligerent behavior by participants, coaches or spectators toward any other attendee or Event Staff will result in potential team disqualification, removal from the event and / or barred participation from future Championships.

C. CROSSOVERS

- 1) Unlimited Crossovers will be offered at all UCA events.
- 2) Crossovers at the International All Star Championship (IASC) **WILL BE ALLOWED** between most levels given the following restrictions:
 1. An all star cheerleader is limited to crossing over to 2 (two) additional cheer teams from their gym during the competition.
 2. Level 1 teams will not be allowed to crossover to Levels 4, 5 or 6.
 3. Participant may only represent one gym.
 4. Participants must pay an additional \$75 registration fee for each additional team performance.
- 3) UCA will attempt to ensure teams from the same program do not have overlapping performances during the preliminary schedule. However, UCA cannot guarantee that a performance overlap will not occur during the final schedule.
- 4) If a team violates the crossover rules, the second and each subsequent team will receive a 10.0 point deduction off of their score for each illegal participant. Maximum penalty is 20.0.

D. TIME LIMITATIONS:

- 1) All Routines must be "Music Only" and the overall performance time may not exceed **two minutes and thirty** seconds. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music. Prep routines are limited to **two minutes.**
- 2) **If a team exceeds the time limit, a 1.0 penalty will be assessed.**

- 3) **Acknowledging the potential variance caused by human reaction speed and sound system time variations, judges will not issue a deduction until 3 seconds over the allowed time.**
- 4) **BECAUSE PENALTIES ARE SEVERE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TEAMS TIME THEIR PERFORMANCE SEVERAL TIMES PRIOR TO COMPETITION AND LEAVE A SEVERAL SECOND CUSHION TO ALLOW FOR VARIATIONS IN SOUND EQUIPMENT.**
- 5) **Introductions**
 - a) All introductions (tumbling, entrances, spellouts, etc.) are considered part of the routine and will be timed as part of the performance.
 - b) All team breaks, rituals and traditions need to take place prior to entering the mat.
 - c) Teams should take the floor immediately with spirit and enthusiasm, but without excessive gestures. Example: chest bumps, hugs, handshakes, etc.
 - d) All teams should refrain from any type of excessive celebration following the team's performance. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.
 - e) **Teams will be assessed a 2.0 point penalty for exhibiting unsportsmanlike, unprofessional, disrespectful and/or unsupportive behavior.**

E. MUSIC

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **These guidelines are as of June 16, 2016. 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. Please check Preferred Provider list for updates and changes periodically.**
- 3) **Teams must be able to provide proof of licensing, in the form of a printed copy, during registration at the event.**
- 4) **If a team does not have required paperwork, they will be given the option to count the routine verbally or perform to an approved track of music or a track with counts (Provided by Varsity Spirit).**
- 5) **If a team does not have the required paperwork, and chooses not to count the routine or perform to an approved track of music or a track with counts, the team will be disqualified from the competition and not allowed to perform or compete.**
- 6) **If there are concerns regarding a certain team's use of music, a Challenge Form must be completed immediately following the team's performance.**
- 7) **A challenge can only be made by the official coach or gym owner of a team competing at the event at which the challenge is being made.**

8) Challenge Process

- a) **All music challenges must be submitted in writing to the event director.**
 - b) **There will be \$100 fee to request a music challenge and must be in the form of a check made out to St Jude Children's Research Hospital.**
 - c) **Fees collected will be voided if challenge is correct.**
 - d) **If the team challenged can provide documentation during the event and can be verified, the fees will be donated to St. Jude.**
 - e) **If the team challenged can provide documentation that requires further review, a decision will be finalized within 48 hours of the event.**
- 9) Each team is required to have a responsible adult 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 are fully charged, volume turned up and placed in airplane mode. If using CDs, make sure it's unscratched so it doesn't skip.
- 10) Teams may not use Disney themes nor may they have costumes that resemble a Disney character. However, Disney music is acceptable if following the music guidelines.

F. COMPETITION AREA

- 1) Teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area.
- 2) Approximate floor size will be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep (9 strips). Check event listing for Spring Floor availability.
- 3) All skills must originate and be completed within the competition boundary. No lineups, skills, or transitions are allowed outside of the competition boundary. Anytime a participant unintentionally steps outside the competition boundary, they must return immediately. The competition boundary is defined as the actual competition floor/spring floor, the carpet bonded foam panels that connect to the spring floor, and any additional border that supports the floor.
- 4) A .25 deduction will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact with both feet outside the competition boundary. Stepping on, or just past the white tape is not a boundary violation.
- 5) **All center markers are prohibited. We will have the center marked on all performance surfaces.**

G. INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

- 1) Teams attending the Championship must compete in the same skill level and the same age division that they qualified in at a Regional Tournament.
- 2) If a team would like to change categories (team size) they will be assessed a \$500 change fee (i.e. Large Senior 3 to Small Senior 3). This change must be made prior to February 10, 2017. Teams may not change age divisions or skill levels.

H. VIOLATIONS

Teams in violation of any USASF Safety Guideline or these Policies and Procedures will be subject to deductions and/or disqualification.

I. LOGO USAGE

Teams will not be allowed to use the UCA logo or the IASC logo including; banners, rings, bows, t-shirts, etc.

J. SPOTTER POLICY

In an effort to promote a higher level of safety for competing athletes, UCA will allow programs to provide additional spotters at UCA competitions. We feel that an all star program is more qualified to provide additional spotters because of their familiarity with routine skills and safety concerns.

The use of additional spotters is left to the discretion of the coach or gym owner. All star programs may use up to 4 additional spotters for each performance; however, additional spotters are not required.

- 1) At all UCA All Star Competitions, the use of additional spotters is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the coach or gym owner. UCA provided spotters will be available on the main competition floor at all competitions. Coaches may choose to use the UCA provided spotters OR their own spotters OR elect not to use spotters on the main competition floor. Teams may provide their own spotters in the rehearsal area or elect not to use spotters. UCA will not have spotters available in the rehearsal area.
- 2) **UCA's International All Star Championship** will have spotters available for all main competition floors. Teams may choose NOT to use UCA provided spotters with the exception of when television production is taking place. All teams during this time **MUST** use the UCA provided spotters on the main competition floor. Just a reminder all teams who are taped during this time are not guaranteed to be shown on the CBS telecast.
- 3) See the Varsity All Star policy below for guidelines on the use of additional spotters.

Definition of Additional Spotter: Individuals on the competition floor provided as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine.

Guidelines

Additional Spotters:

- 1) Should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are provided for added safety and should stand at the back of the floor when not spotting those sections.
- 2) Should not touch, assist, or save skills being performed. Additional spotters should only be used to prevent a fall to the competition floor. Any touch, assist, or saved skill will be given a major fall deduction.
- 3) Should be dressed so that they are presentable, professional, and distinguishable from the performing athletes. Program provided additional spotters should not wear clothing similar to the performing team's uniform.
- 4) Should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
- 5) Should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.

Note: To provide the safest competitive environment, teams should not attempt skills beyond their ability level.

II. INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

A. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 1) If, in the opinion of the competition officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the competition equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, the team affected should **STOP** the routine.
- 2) The team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated **ONLY** from the point where the interruption occurred. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials.

B. FAULT OF TEAM

- 1) In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own equipment, the team must either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition.
- 2) The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated **ONLY** from the point where the interruption occurred.

C. INJURY

- 1) The only persons that may stop a routine for injury are: a) competition officials, b) the gym owner / coach from the team performing or c) an injured individual.
- 2) The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. The team may perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated **ONLY** from the point where the interruption occurred.
- 3) The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:
 - a. The competition officials receive clearance from, first, the medical personnel attending to that participant, the parent (if present) **AND THEN** the head coach/advisor of the competing team.
 - b. If the medical personnel do not clear the participant, the participant can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance signs a return to participation waiver.
 - c. Any athlete who exhibits signs or symptoms consistent with concussion should be removed from the activity at that time and should not be allowed to return to activity that day. The athlete should not return to activity on a subsequent day until evaluated by and receives written clearance for such participation from a qualified physician (**MD or DO specifically trained in concussion management**).
 - d. In addition to the USA Cheer head injury policy, we encourage you to be familiar with the specific laws of the state where the competition is being held.

III. HOW TO HANDLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

A. RULES & PROCEDURES --Any questions concerning the rules or procedures of the competition will be handled exclusively by the owner / coach of the team and will be directed to the

Competition Director. Such questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance.

B. PERFORMANCE --Any questions concerning the team's performance should be made to the Competition Director immediately after the team's performance or following the outcome of the competition.

C. MUSIC/AGE -- Any questions concerning a specific violation in an athlete's age or music compliance must be submitted in writing to the Competition Director immediately following the team's performance.

IV. INTERPRETATIONS AND / OR RULINGS

Any interpretation of any aspect of these Policies and Procedures or any decision involving any other aspect of the competition will be rendered by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will render a judgment in an effort to ensure that the competition proceeds in a manner consistent with the general spirit and goals of the competition. The Rules Committee will consist of the Competition Director, Head Judge, and a designated competition official.

V. SPORTSMANSHIP

- 1) All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout the competition.
- 2) The gym owner and coach of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly.
- 3) **When a coach is in discussion with an official, other coaches, athletes and parents/spectators, they must maintain proper professional conduct. Failing to do so may result in 2.0 deduction, removal of coach or disqualification.**

VI. USASF RULES VIOLATIONS

Any team in violation of any USASF General Safety, Image Policy, Tumbling Restriction or an above mentioned rule or regulation will be assessed a half (.5) point deduction for each violation. Any team in violation of a Building Restriction will be issued a one (1) point deduction for each violation. This deduction does not apply to violations mentioned above that are designated a different point value.

VII. DISQUALIFICATION

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Policies and Procedures" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a competition or the Championship the following year.

VIII. FINALITY OF DECISIONS

By participating in this championship, each team agrees that the decisions by the judges will be final and results may **ONLY** be reviewed for clarification. Each team acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

IX. SCORES AND RANKINGS

Each judge has the responsibility and authority to review and submit his/her final scores and rankings prior to the calculation of final scores. Scores and rankings will be available only to gym owners or coaches at the conclusion of the competition.

X. AWARDS AND PRIZE

All teams will receive a trophy. Teams who rank first, second, or third place will additionally receive a bronze, silver, or gold medallion. Teams placing first will receive a championship banner and jacket for each participant who performed on the floor plus two coaches. Based on availability, rostered alternates may request additional jackets after the completion of our final awards sessions on Sunday evening.

XI. ALL STAR JUDGING CRITERIA

- 1) Panel Judges are responsible for scoring each team’s performance based on the Varsity All Star Score sheet. Each Panel Judge fills out his/her own score sheet for each performance. Panel Judges score technical ability and the overall routine, but they do not determine or score deductions or safety violations.
- 2) The Safety Judge is responsible for administering all safety violations, time violations, and boundary violations.
- 3) The Point Deduction Judge is responsible for assessing deductions in each routine for obvious bobbles or falls from technical skills.
- 4) For more information, please visit www.uca.varsity.com.

XII. 2016-2017 GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES AND GLOSSARY

UCA All Star competitions will follow the USASF Safety Guidelines. Go to <http://www.usasf.net> for changes and a complete glossary of terms. Clarifications and updates may be made throughout the season.

XIV. THE 2017 CHEERLEADING WORLDS

- 1) UCA will be awarding 5 PAID bids and 10 At Large Bids at the UCA International All Star Championship March 11-12, 2017 at The Walt Disney World ® Resort in Orlando, FL.
- 2) UCA will award 2 PAID bids to the All Girl Divisions and 2 PAID bids to the Coed Division Champion and / or highest scoring teams. 1 PAID bid will be given at or discretion.
- 3) For General Bid Information go to www.uca.varsity.com.

XV. THE SUMMIT

- 1) You must complete a bid acceptance form prior to attending your bid qualifying event. You will be sent a link two week prior to your event to submit a form online.
- 2) UCA will be offering At Large and Paid Bids at the International All Star Cheerleading Championship. The Summit will be held in Orlando, FL May 5 – 7, 2017
- 3) Go to www.uca.varsity.com to see specific bid declaration guidelines.

XVI. D2 SUMMIT BIDS

- 1) Paid and At Large bids to the D2 Summit Bids at the International All Star Cheerleading Championship. The D2 Summit will take place in Orlando, FL May 12-14, 2017.
- 2) You must complete a bid acceptance form prior to attending your bid qualifying event. You will be sent a link two week prior to your event to submit a form online.
- 3) Gyms must be of Division II size (125 athletes or less) when they receive a D2 Summit bid and MUST remain a D2 size gym when they arrive at the D2 Summit. Once a program goes above 125 athletes they will have to release their D2 bid, if they have one, and will not be eligible for D2 bids the remainder of the season.
- 4) Go to www.uca.varsity.com to see specific bid declaration guidelines.

XVII. TELEVISION COVERAGE

The International All Star Championship is nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams will be shown on the telecast.

XVIII. TOURNAMENT FACILITY

- 1) The competition is scheduled to be held at **Disney’s Wide World of Sports®** Complex.
- 2) The tournament officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to inclement weather, facility problems, television production requirements, or any other situation deemed by the tournament offices to be essential to the successful execution of the championship.

XIX. APPEARANCES, ENDORSEMENTS AND PUBLICITY

All teams winning titles, awards or prizes agree to have all appearances, endorsements and publicity approved through the IASC office.

ON BEHALF OF MY TEAM, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE COMPETITION AND ROUTINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES.

(Team Name)	(Date)
(City/State)	(Owner’s Signature)
(Division — Mini, Senior, etc. Level: 1 2 3 4 4.2 5 6)	(Coach’s Signature)

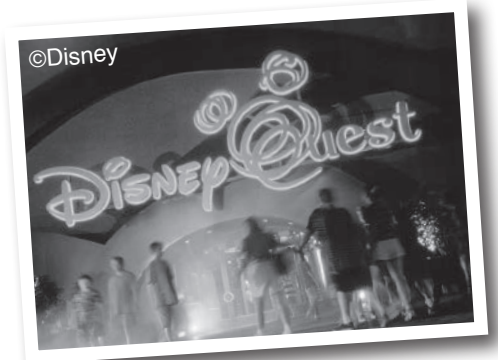
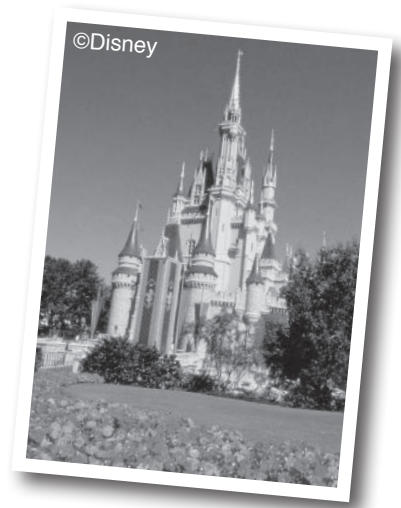
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PAYMENT POLICIES & DEADLINES

Payments:

Initial registration and deposit are due by January 9, 2017
\$100 per person (non-refundable)

Balance of Payment is due by February 10, 2017.

Registrations that are not paid in full 2 weeks prior to the event are subject to cancellation.

Hotel Accommodations:

Hotels may fill up prior to the published deadlines. Hotel reservations are available on a first come first served basis.

Changes:

All changes must be requested by February 17, 2017. If changes are requested after this date, you will be charged a \$50 fee for every change.

Cancellations:

For cancellations on or before February 10, 2017, all monies will be refunded with the exception of the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per person deposit.

For cancellations between February 10, 2017 and February 17, 2017, an additional \$100.00 per person penalty will apply to cover hotel and entertainment guarantees. Cancellations received after February 17, 2017 will result in Full Forfeiture of all monies paid.

- Deposits from cancellations cannot be applied toward your balance.
- All cancellations must be in writing to the UCA international All Star Championship.
- We will not accept cancellations by phone.

Cancellations:

Cancellations with the gym name beginning with A–M may be emailed to csimoneaux@varsity.com or faxed to 800-969-8295 or 901-387-4357, Attn: Chelsea Simoneaux.

Cancellations with the gym name beginning with N–Z may be emailed to jeburnett@varsity.com or faxed to 800-969-8295 or 901-387-4357, Attn: Jennifer Burnett.

Refunds:

Refunds will be issued after the event is over. Requests for refunds last name beginning with A–M must be sent in writing and may be emailed to csimoneaux@varsity.com or faxed to 800-969-8295 or 901-387-4357, Attn: Chelsea Simoneaux.

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