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# CheerExpo Nationals Summit Bid Process

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We are excited to offer bids to the Summit and Youth Summit at CheerExpo Nationals 2026 as an Event Partner with Varsity Spirit. We will be awarding:

- The Summit: 3 At-Large Bids
- The Youth Summit: 2 At-Large Bids

These are current-season bids and cannot be deferred to the 2027 season.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following selection and eligibility requirements will apply:

- Completed the “opt-in” process prior the event. Bids will only be awarded to a team if they are opted in and agreed to use the bid. Opt-in forms will be sent approx. 3 weeks prior to CheerExpo Nationals
- Register and participate in an IASF Summit eligible division (as defined by Summit/Varsity Spirit)
- Have completed all registration requirements in full for the event including, but not limited to:
  - Payment in full
  - Complete and accurate rosters
  - Fully review and accept the CheerExpo Coaches’ Agreement, Policies and Events Details
  - CheerExpo “Terms and Conditions of Participation” have been reviewed and shared with all participants and their parent/guardians.
  - All coaches must be members in good standing with their PSO. All coaches must be able to produce proof that they have passed a current criminal record check / vulnerable sector background check / Right to work with children certification. It must be current as per their PSO requirements. Note that Summit coaches will need to provide a proof of a clean record check conducted within the past year of the Summit to participate at the Summit.
  - Opt-in or additional documentation requirements through Varsity Spirit/Summit if applicable

## RESTRICTIONS:

- Only Canadian-based teams are eligible to receive bids
- Teams must compete in-person in order to be eligible for Summit bids
- Teams must be registered and compete in an IASF Summit eligible division.

## DIVISIONS:

- Please see the IASF Summit Bid eligible division list (as released by Varsity Spirit). For the Summit, please review the Summit Info Guide for International programs here: [https://www.varsity.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Summit\\_INT\\_InfoGuide\\_26-1.pdf](https://www.varsity.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Summit_INT_InfoGuide_26-1.pdf)  
Guidance on roster changes or division changes can also be found in the guide.
- For the Youth Summit please review the divisions and information on Varsity Spirit website for the Youth Summit. Canadian teams will compete in the D1 USASF divisions and a minimum of 1 team per non-US country will advance to finals at the Youth Summit.
- All teams must be eligible for the IASF Division bid path they choose, including age, gender, minimum number and total number of athletes. No age exceptions will be allowed when competing at the Summit, regardless of exceptions a country may be allowing during a given year.
- Note that the minimum number of athletes is 16 in IASF divisions at the Summit.
- Non-U.S. teams are not eligible to compete at the USASF DII Summit subdivisions, they must compete at The Summit in an IASF division or the appropriate USASF division for The Youth Summit

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Bids will be awarded based on the recommendations of the judging panel. Top scores within each division will absolutely be a factor, but not the sole determinant in the judges' recommendations. Other considerations include:

- Comparison of scores across panels
- Consideration given to division of levels across multiple judging panels
- Consideration of participation and excellence within each level as compared to participation/excellence in other levels *(IE number of competing teams in the level and competitiveness of teams within the level)*

## **REVEAL:**

*Note:* Bids earned in Canada through partner event producers are not included in the traditional Varsity reveal. Bid reveal will happen either live at CheerExpo Nationals during the award ceremony, **OR** be announced on social media by CheerExpo with 48 hours of the event.

## **SCORING:**

Cheer Canada score sheets will be used.

## **TIE BREAKER POLICY FOR SUMMIT BIDS:**

In the event that there is a tie for an AT-LARGE Summit Bid, the tie will not be broken. Both teams will be awarded a bid to the Summit as long as both teams have opted in.

## **ROLL DOWN BIDS AND DEFERRED BIDS:**

Bids do not roll down. If a team receives an At-Large bid and then upgrades to a Paid Bid at another event, the original At-Large bid cannot be given to another team. It is eliminated. Bids can only be used in the current season...they cannot be deferred to next season.

## **ETHICS:**

Bids are not to be used as a recruitment tool. Any program found to be utilizing their bid to solicit athletes from other programs may have their bid revoked and be banned from future events. Teams with ineligible athletes may be declared ineligible. Please be familiar with the IASF Summit Bid division eligibility as outlined by Varsity Spirit.

*CheerExpo reserves the right to modify, change or adjust the bid giving process at its discretion. Customers are advised to monitor Varsity Spirit's requirements as they may be altered, updated or modified at any time. Last update: 06/30/2025*