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Attn:
**Athletic Director/Cheerleading
and Dance Team Advisor**



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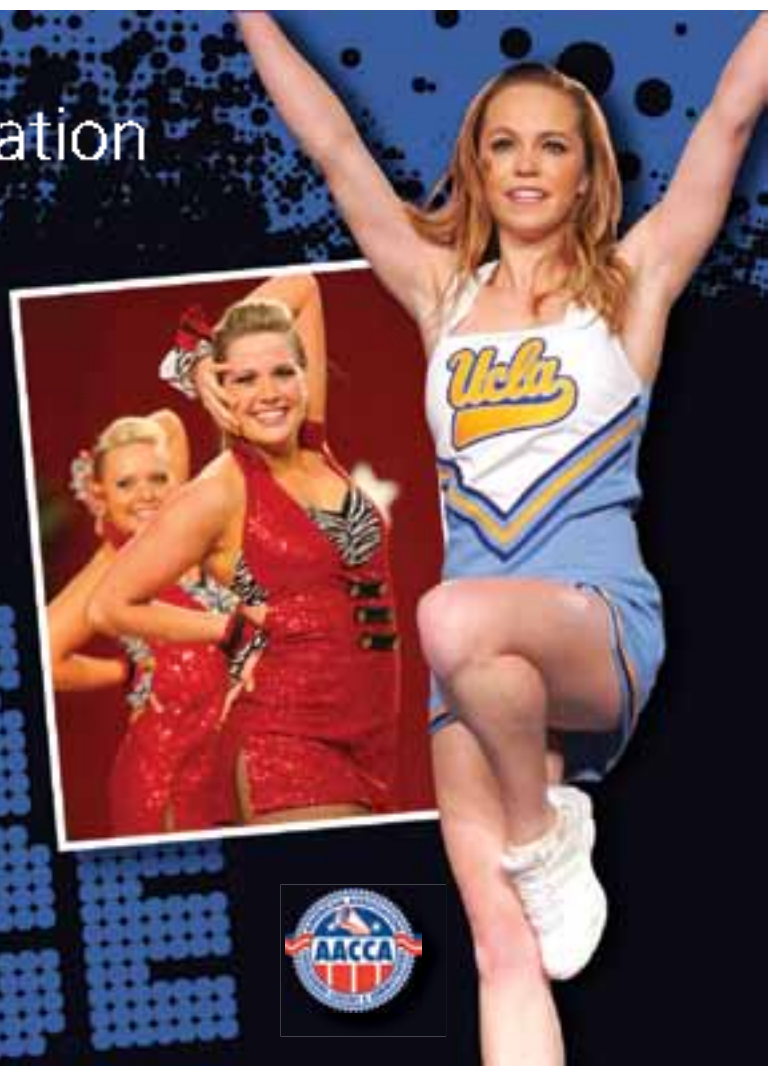


COLLEGIATE CHEERLEADING AND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday & Monday
March 18-19, 2012

Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

NEW! All Teams Advance to Finals!



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The 18th Annual



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The USA Collegiate Cheerleading and Dance Championships will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center, which is located within walking distance of various southern California amusement attractions, including the Disneyland® Resort. All warm-up and performance venues are indoors at the Anaheim Convention Center. Preliminary competition for college school-based teams will take place on **Sunday** with finals on **Monday**.
All teams will advance to finals.

Enrollment may be limited, so early registration is recommended.



Walking distance to hotels, shopping and the Disneyland® Resort!

The Safety Rules, Articles of Understanding, Medical Release Form and information contained within this brochure must be adhered to by all competitors. The following competition information must be downloaded from the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

- **2011-12 AACC College Safety Rules – School** (available after September 1st)
- **2011-12 College Dance Safety Rules – School** (available after September 1st)
- **Medical Release Forms**
- **Articles of Understanding**
- **Sample Scoresheets** (available after September 1st)
- **And the most up-to-date information on all USA events!**

Discounted tickets to Disneyland® Park and Disney California Adventure™ Park will be available through the United Spirit Association.



You must adhere to the appropriate 2011-12 safety rules for school-based cheer and dance programs found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.



GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY: All school participants must be registered full-time students of the school they represent, AND/OR be registered in a minimum of nine (9) class hours in the school that they represent. All school participants must be official full-time team members of the school that they represent and be recognized by their school as an official member of their team at the time of competition. A school administrator or registrar must approve of the eligibility of each squad member. Any exceptions to the above (i.e. graduating seniors, graduate students, etc.) must be pre-approved in writing by the USA prior to the competition.

Each team member who performs at USA Collegiate Championships must provide proof of current student status if a member of a school-based team. This proof must be in the form of a copy of each performer's valid student i.d., and a copy of each performer's most recent class schedule (i.d. numbers, social security numbers, etc. may be blacked out to protect privacy). Individual names on the team roster must match the name given on the performer's school i.d. and most recent class schedule.

In addition, a school administrator or registrar must approve of the eligibility of each squad member.

NEW! If a team fails to produce this proof of eligibility for every team member prior to registration at the event, they will not be allowed to perform. Proof of eligibility must be submitted to the USA office on or before February 3, 2012. If submitted after February 3, 2012 then a \$25 processing fee will occur.

It is the advisor's/coach's responsibility to provide this information to the United Spirit Association by the stated deadline in the registration confirmation.

Each school-based cheer team from the United States must be accompanied by a current AACCA certified coach, representing that team, in order for the team to be eligible to compete. Proof of certification must be provided with the team eligibility materials.

Any exceptions to the above must be pre-approved in writing by the USA office prior to the event.

DIVISIONS: The contest director may delete, combine or divide categories/divisions as deemed necessary. If divisions are altered, adjustments will be made in the awards. Categories/divisions will be subdivided into 2-year and 4-year institutions. School-based divisions with 10 or more teams may be subdivided again based upon school size.

MUSIC: All contestants who use music must provide their own CD or MP3 device for use on the event provided sound system. Music must be recorded at the correct tempo on a high quality CD or loaded onto an MP3 device. Music must be labeled with the school name, division, team size, and be ready to play. One or several selections of music will be provided. Due to variability in sound systems, a back-up copy (i.e. CD or MP3 player) must be available and present at the time of performance. Speed control is not available. Music checks on the main sound system are not permitted. A representative must be present at the sound system at the time of performance. Directors/coaches are asked to hold onto their own music until the time of performance and to take music back following the performance. **Due to greater room for technical error with some CD's you must have a back-up CD or MP3 copy of your routine available.**

ENTRANCE/EXIT: Judges are looking for enthusiasm and showmanship during entrances and exits. Teams are encouraged to move on and off the floor as quickly as possible.

PENALTIES: Points will be deducted from the final team average for violations of safety rules and/or time limits.

A) **SAFETY RULES** - 3 points will be deducted from the final team average for each occurrence of an illegal procedure. For example, if all squad members execute an illegal stunt, the squad will receive one 3-point penalty. If the same squad performs the same or another illegal stunt within the same routine, they will receive a second 3-point penalty.

You must adhere to the appropriate 2011-12 safety rules for collegiate school-based cheer and dance programs found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

B) **TIME** - Timing will begin on the first note of music, the first word of the cheer, the first organized cheer, or the first movement, whichever occurs first, and stop with the end of the cheer or last note of music.

There will be a one-point penalty off the final averaged score for every 10 seconds over the time limit (1-10 seconds over = 1 point penalty, 11-20 seconds over = 2 point penalty, etc.)

Timing for prop set-up in the Mascot division will begin at the drop of the starter's hand. Set-up timing will stop when the routine begins.

APPROPRIATENESS OF CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSIC, OUTFITTING:

All facets of a performance or routine, including choreography, music selection and outfitting, should be suitable for family viewing and listening. Uniforms for all team types should be appropriate for the age of the participants performing the routine.

In general, performances from school-based teams, including but not limited to the actual routine, signs, cheers, chants and hand signals/gestures, should adhere to outfitting, performance and music guidelines and criteria in place and approved by the administration or institution to which the school team belongs. A Collegiate Image Category/Score is included on the school-based scoresheets.

Deductions will be given for vulgar or suggestive choreography, which includes, but is not limited to, movements such as hip thrusting and inappropriate touching, gestures, hand/arm movements and signals, slapping, positioning of body parts and positioning to one another. Deductions will be given for music or words unsuitable for family listening, which includes, but is not limited, to swearwords and connotations of any type of sexual act or behavior, drugs, mention of specific parts of the body torso, and/or violent acts or behavior. Removing improper language or words from a song and replacing with sound effects or other words constitutes inappropriate, and deductions will be made accordingly.

Any uniform, movement, or music in which the appropriateness is questionable or with which uncertainty exists should be submitted to the USA for approval.

PERFORMANCE AREA: A 54' x 42' carpet bonded foam mat (non-spring) will be used for all cheerleading performances. The floor size that will be used for Group Stunt and Partner Stunt divisions will be announced with the preliminary schedule.

All stunts and tumbling must be completed on the mat surface. There will be a three-point deduction off your final averaged score for each infraction of this rule.

The warm-up/practice area will consist of carpet bonded foam mat strips.

All dance team divisions will perform on a marley, parquet, stage, basketball/gym court or similar type dance floor.

PERFORMANCE ORDER: Typically, performance order is based on the receipt of registrations. The first registration received will be the last to perform in that division and the last registration received will be the first to perform. Adjustments may be necessary due to division/team conflicts.

INSURANCE: Each participant must have his/her own personal insurance. The USA directors/sponsors will not be responsible for any injuries occurring at this event. First aid staff will be on-site during the event.

JUDGING: The event will utilize professional judges from various spirit organizations and/or backgrounds to create a fair competition for everyone.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries without a late fee penalty must be received by February 3, 2012. **Competition may close prior to entry deadline if capacity is reached.**

Late Fee: A \$15.00 per participant late registration fee will be assessed for each category/division received in the USA office after February 3, 2012. (\$25.00 per group for Group Stunt and Partner Stunt divisions.)

Refunds will be given only if notice of cancellation is submitted in writing 15 days or more prior to the event. March 2nd is the final day for this submission. **Refunds are processed 2-4 weeks after the event, refunds will be mailed 4-6 business weeks after the event.**

For more information call: **1.800.886.4USA** or visit: **<http://usa.varsity.com>**



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DANCE

Categories

HIP HOP

NUMBER ON TEAM: Four or more.

DIVISIONS: See enrollment form.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: A routine where dancers perform a variety of hip hop, funk, and street style dance (example: street style hip hop, popping, locking, and break dancing). Emphasis on execution, uniformity, body isolation, creativity, visual effect and rhythm. Athletic jumps and tricks may be incorporated for difficulty. Jazz technique (i.e. turns/leaps) will not be credited in this division. You must adhere to the 2011-12 College Dance Safety Rules found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

TIME LIMIT: Maximum 2 ½ minutes

DANCE

NUMBER ON TEAM: Four or more.

DIVISIONS: See enrollment form.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: Execute any type of dance routine with the exception of a routine where the majority of choreography is hip hop. A combination of dance styles is permitted (i.e. jazz, lyrical, pom). Emphasis on execution, visual effect, uniformity, creativity, proper execution/technique of skills. You must adhere to the 2011-12 College Dance Safety Rules found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

TIME LIMIT: Maximum 2 ½ minutes



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CHEER

Categories

SHOW CHEER

NUMBER ON TEAM: Five to thirty-six in all divisions.

For the Large Co-Ed Division, no more than half plus one (rounding up) of the total number of team members may be male. (i.e. 8-9 total participants = 5 maximum males, 16-17 total participants = 9 maximum males, etc.)

DIVISIONS: See enrollment form.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: Execute a routine of your choice using all music or a combination of music and words. Audience participation and props (spell-out letters; Go, Fight, Win signs, etc.) are encouraged for school-based programs. You must adhere to the appropriate 2011-12 AACCA College Safety Rules (school-based programs) found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

TIME LIMIT: Maximum 2 ½ minutes



MASCOTS

NUMBER ON TEAM: Mascots may perform as individuals or as mascot groups. Participants in this division must be the official mascot(s) of the school and must wear their official mascot uniform. Additional team members, i.e. cheerleaders and dancers, are not permitted to be visible and perform as part of this routine.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: Execute any type of skit or novelty routine. Use of a theme and crowd involvement are encouraged. Contestants may use music, props, costumes and accessories. Please, no use of water or other substances that would be harmful to the floor. Individuals assisting with props may not be visible during the routine. Materials that require clean up (i.e. confetti) are not permitted. All props/sets/accessories must (either assembled or disassembled) be able to fit through a standard door measuring 7'h x 3'w. Stunting and/or tumbling is not allowed.

TIME LIMIT: 2 minutes maximum for the routine. You will be limited to 1 minute to set-up your props and 1 minute to breakdown your props. (See time penalty)

PARTNER STUNTS

NUMBER ON TEAM: Two members, plus a spotter.

DIVISIONS: See enrollment form.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: The participants all must be from the same school. Execute single-based partner stunts of your choice. Background music is encouraged. You must adhere to the appropriate 2011-12 AACCA College Safety Rules (school-based programs) found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

TIME LIMIT: Maximum 1 minute

GROUP STUNTS

NUMBER ON TEAM: Five maximum, including spotter (all female or all male).

DIVISIONS: See enrollment form.

ROUTINE PROCEDURE: The participants all must be from the same school. Execute stunts of your choice. Background music is encouraged. You must adhere to the appropriate 2011-12 AACCA College Safety Rules (school-based programs) found on the USA website: <http://usa.varsity.com>.

TIME LIMIT: 1 minute maximum.



For more information, visit us at:

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Send Entry Form and Fee to: **USA COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
11135 Knott Avenue, Suite C, Cypress, CA 90630
 800.886.4USA(4872) • Fax: 866.761.9365 • <http://usa.varsity.com>

Please Print

SCHOOL/TEAM:

Please Check One: 4yr. College 2yr. College

Total School Enrollment NCAA School Classification
(i.e. IA, IIA, etc.)

Number of Males on Cheer Team

School/Gym Address

City..... State ZIP

School/Gym Phone ()..... -..... Ext.....

Advisor/Coach.....

Are you currently AACCA certified? YES NO

(Mandatory for cheer teams from the United States)

If you are not currently AACCA certified, name of coach representing team who is certified: (proof of certification required)

Name

PERSON TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE:

Name

Address.....

City..... State ZIP

Home or Work Phone ()..... -..... Ext.....

Cell Phone ()..... -..... FAX ()..... -.....

Email.....

PAYMENT: Payable to: **United Spirit Association** (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

Check# Total Amount of Check \$

Credit Card: VISA M/C AMEX DISCOVER
(Combined deposits or complete payment only)

Card #

Cardholder's Name.....

Expiration Date Amount Paid: \$

Cardholder's Signature.....

Cardholder's Address.....

City..... State ZIP

Cardholder's Phone ()..... -..... Ext.....

Participants pay a \$35 per person entry fee for all divisions/ categories with up to 15 members on a team (not including stunt divisions). Teams with 16+ members pay a maximum fee of \$525.

DIVISIONS

	Category Fee	# of participants	Entry Fee
SHOW CHEER			
<input type="radio"/> All-Girl	<input type="radio"/> \$35pp <input type="radio"/> \$525		\$
<input type="radio"/> Sm. Co-Ed (1-4 males)	<input type="radio"/> \$35pp <input type="radio"/> \$525		\$
<input type="radio"/> Lg. Co-Ed (5-19 males)	<input type="radio"/> \$35pp <input type="radio"/> \$525		\$
HIP HOP	<input type="radio"/> \$35pp <input type="radio"/> \$525		\$
DANCE	<input type="radio"/> \$35pp <input type="radio"/> \$525		\$
MASCOT	<input type="radio"/> \$35 per person		\$
PARTNER STUNT*	<input type="radio"/> \$60 per couple		\$
GROUP STUNT	<input type="radio"/> \$60 per group		\$

Sub-Total:

Team Late Fee: **Total # of Participants:** x \$15 =
(Show Cheer, Hip Hop, Dance, Mascot)

Stunt Late Fee: **Total # Divisions:** x \$25 =
(Group Stunt, Partner Stunt)

Total Entry Fee:

***Names - Partner Stunt Couples**

- and
- and
- and
- and

Total # of Participants

Total # of Cheerleaders Dancers

Total # of Males Females.....

Entries without a late fee penalty must be received by February 3, 2012. Completed entry forms with full payment or a purchase order number must be in the USA office in order to register for the competition. Faxed entries must be accompanied by a credit card or purchase order. Entry forms without payment will not be accepted.

NEW! - Registrations will be processed only when the entry form, full payment, squad roster, signed medical release and appearance forms and signed articles of understanding are received in the USA office. Once all components are received, that date will be used for the performance order. Proof of eligibil-

ity must be submitted to the USA office on or before February 3, 2012. Proof of eligibility submitted after February 3, 2012 will incur a \$25 processing fee.

Forms of payment accepted: school checks, money order, cashier's check and credit card. **Personal checks, organizational checks, cash or individual payments are not accepted.** Declined credit cards are a basis for immediate cancellation of your registration. Faxed entries must be accompanied by a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. **Entry forms without payment will not be accepted.** There will be a \$25 return check fee. The USA reserves the right to deny registration to any team.

Late Fee: A \$15.00 per participant late registration fee will be assessed for each category/division received in the USA office after February 3, 2012. (\$25.00 per group for Group Stunt and Partner Stunt divisions.)

The "Person to Receive Correspondence" will be sent tentative performance times 1½ weeks prior to the competition.

Refunds will be given only if notice of cancellation is submitted in writing at least 15 days prior to the event (March 2, 2012). Refunds are processed 2-4 weeks after the event, refunds will be mailed 4-6 business weeks after the event.

To register, please read and sign the following statement:

"I have read and understand the rules, registration deadlines, waiting lists, change of division, refund and late fee policies as set forth in the USA competition information included in this brochure and agree to abide by them."

Signature Print Name Title Date