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*Regionals, Opens
Classics and
Nationals*



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*Keeping Competition
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R REGIONALS No prior qualification is required to compete. Regionals are local qualifying competitions for USA Jr. Nationals as well as stand alone events for those who wish to compete, but have no goal to attend the USA Nationals event. All performers receive a participation ribbon. Regional plaques are awarded to top teams in each division. Bids to USA Jr. Nationals will be awarded to teams with an average score of 75 points or greater (Superior).

C CLASSICS No prior qualification is required to compete. Classics are qualifying competitions for USA Jr. Nationals as well as stand alone events for those who wish to compete, but have no goal to attend the USA Nationals event. All performers receive a participation trading pin and sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to 50% of the teams in each division. For all divisions, a "Champion" pin will be given to each first place competitor. Bids to USA Jr. Nationals will be awarded to teams with an average score of 75 points or greater (Superior).

OPENS *New Name!* No prior qualification required to compete. This is an independent event that has no implications for, or relation to USA Jr. Nationals. All performers receive a participation trading pin and sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to 50% of the teams in each division. For all first place teams, each individual member on the team will receive a 1st place "Champion" T-shirt. For divisions with 2 or more teams competing, first place teams will also receive a "Champion" banner. USA Open Competitions are not qualifying competitions for any USA Nationals event.

JR. NATIONALS Prior qualification through a USA Regional competition, Classic competition or other sanctioned event/process required in order to attend. All performers receive a participation trading pin and sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in each division. Individual medallions will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division. A "Champion" gift will be awarded to the first place competitors in each division and a "National Champion" banner awarded to the first place team in all divisions.



Correspondence Information: You will receive a "Confirmation of Receipt" for all written correspondence that you send to the USA office related to your competition (i.e. registration form, division changes, cancellation, etc.). A "Confirmation of Receipt" will be sent to you via e-mail or fax within 2 business days of the USA office receiving written correspondence from you. If you do not receive a "Confirmation of Receipt" within that time period, please call the USA office to ensure that we have received your initial correspondence.

All teams receive scoresheets with valuable comments provided by trained professional judges. Comments are designed to help teams to improve in a positive and supportive manner.

CATEGORIES/ DIVISION RULES

Sample scoresheets for all USA competitions will be available on-line by visiting <http://usa.varsity.com> after September 1, 2011.

You must visit the USA website at <http://usa.varsity.com> for a complete listing of the following rules and regulations documents:

- ★ 2011-12 USA Jr. Nationals Divisions
- ★ 2011-12 General Information
- ★ 2011-12 USA Jr. High/Middle School Youth Teams Show Cheer Division Limitations
- ★ 2011-12 AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules
- ★ 2011-12 USA Song/Pom/Pep Flag Safety Rules

TUMBLING, STUNT & SAFETY RULES

Routines at all USA competitions must follow the 2011-12 USA Jr. High/Middle School/Youth Teams Show Cheer Division Limitations, 2011-12 AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules and the 2011-12 USA Song/Pom/Pep Flag Safety Rules.

For specific cheerleading stunt and safety questions that only pertain to the AACCA School Cheer Safety Rules, or to the 2011-12 USA Jr. High/Middle School/Youth Teams Show Cheer Division Limitations please call 1-800-686-5718.

For specific song/pom safety questions that only pertain to the 2011-12 USA Song/Pom/Pep Flag Safety Rules, please call 1-800-886-4872 ext. 2004.

Submitting a DVD or electronic video file is the only way to review a routine for potential safety violations. Submission of a routine does not guarantee that it can be reviewed.

Note that submission of a routine and/or its elements does not preclude a team from being assessed a penalty while at a specific USA competition, as performances from the video submission may differ from those executed on the competition floor.

All rules and division limitations may be downloaded at <http://usa.varsity.com>.

For Information, Call:
1.800.886.4USA

For Regionals, Opens and Classics:

FEES/DEADLINES/REFUNDS/ENROLLMENT

Early Bird Registration/Entry Deadline: Early bird entries must be received **21 days** prior to the event for which you wish to register. **On-Time Registration Fee:** The on-time registration fee will apply to those registrations received in the USA office **8-20 days** prior to the event for which you wish to register. **New registrations will not be accepted the week of the event.** Completed entry forms with full payment or a purchase order must be in the USA office in order to register for the competition. On-line reservations without payment are not considered a complete competition registration – payment must be received before teams are added to the competition schedule. Forms of payment accepted: school purchase order, school check, money order, cashier's check and/or 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, American Express, Discover or purchase order. (School/team name must appear on the PO.) School purchase orders must be paid in full at least 5 days prior to the event. Teams will be responsible for the full registration fees for cancellations past the early-bird deadline or "no shows" on the day of the event. 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.

Competitions may close to additional participants at any time, including before the "Early Bird" registration/entry deadline.

Competitions are subject to cancellation. The United Spirit Association will not be held responsible for any losses incurred by a team as a result of competition cancellation, with the exclusion of a full refund of team registration fees.

Waiting Lists: Registration of teams is first come-first served. Due to facility size and time constraints, some competitions will close to further team registration once maximum capacity is reached. **Competitions may close to additional participants at any time, including before the "Early Bird" registration/entry deadline.**

Teams who have not been accepted to compete due to a "full" competition will be placed on a "waiting" list. As teams drop from the schedule, teams from comparable divisions who are on the "waiting" list and have paid in full will be added. The "Person to Receive Correspondence" will be notified if the team is placed on the "waiting" list and will be updated with the registration status as the competition nears. As teams drop from the schedule, "waiting" list teams will be added, up to the Friday, one week prior to the competition date. Teams may not be added to the schedule the week of the competition date, even if further teams drop from the competition. The USA does not accept registrations on the day of the event.

Requests for refunds, transfers of fees (funds may be transferred only once and fund transfers may not be split), or category/division changes will be accommodated only if notice is submitted in writing 10 days or more prior to the affected event. After that time, all funds become non-transferable and non-refundable. Refunds are processed 2-4 business weeks after the event; refunds will be mailed 4-6 business weeks after the event.

The USA will not be held responsible for cancellations which decrease the final number of teams in a division, thus impacting the awards that are distributed for that division.

For Jr. Nationals:

A team must qualify for Jr. Nationals at a qualifying event. Information on how to register for the Jr. Nationals event may be found in the Nationals Bid Packet available during the early Fall at <http://usa.varsity.com>. It is the advisor's/coach's responsibility to officially register the qualified team for Jr. Nationals.



JR. REGIONALS

Registration forms for the following Regionals can be found on the USA website at <http://usa.varsity.com> next to the competition date. Payment must be received with the competition registration form for the registration to be complete.

ARIZONA

November 5, 2011
Deer Valley High School
Glendale, Arizona

CALIFORNIA

September 24, 2011
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
Santa Cruz, California
(Jr. High Teams Only)

September 25, 2011
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
Santa Cruz, California
(Youth Teams Only)

October 15, 2011
California's Great America
Santa Clara, California
(Jr. High Teams Only)
Park Admission Required

October 16, 2011
California's Great America
Santa Clara, California
(Youth Teams Only)
Park Admission Required

November 5, 2011
Clovis North High School
Fresno, California

November 6, 2011
Washington High School
Fremont, California

November 13, 2011
Sonoma State University
Rohnert Park, California

December 3, 2011
Chino Hills High School
Chino Hills, California

December 10, 2011
Merrill West High School
Tracy, California

January 7, 2012
Redlands East Valley HS
Redlands, California

January 7, 2012
Bear Creek High School
Stockton, California

January 14, 2012
Santa Margarita High School
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

January 15, 2012 **NEW**
NEW LOCATION
Temecula Valley High School
Temecula, California

COLORADO

November 5, 2011
Legacy High School
Broomfield, Colorado
See Classic
Competition Dates

NEVADA

January 7, 2012
Desert Oasis High School
Las Vegas, Nevada
See Classic
Competition Dates

January 28, 2012 **NEW**
NEW EVENT
Spanish Springs High School
Sparks, Nevada
See Classic
Competition Dates

OREGON

December 10, 2011
Thurston High School
Springfield, Oregon

UTAH

December 3, 2011
Cottonwood High School
Murray, Utah

January 7, 2012
Timpview High School
Provo, Utah

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Regional Awards

Awards will be presented to the top teams in each category/division. All performers receive a participation ribbon. Bids to USA Jr. Nationals will be given to all teams with "Superior" ratings. A "Superior" rating is based on the team's final score being at least 75 total points or above as an average of the judges' scores. Penalties and/or deduction points will affect placement of teams at all Regionals but will not prevent a Superior-rated team (average of 75 points or greater) from receiving a bid to Jr. Nationals. Non-competitive evaluations for a bid to Jr. Nationals are also available in all categories/divisions.

No Qualifying Competition Nearby? **NO PROBLEM! Qualify by DVD.**

All teams located in areas that do not have Regional, Classic or other sanctioned competitions may attempt to qualify for USA Jr. Nationals via DVD. To request a DVD entry form, please e-mail info@usacamps.com.
DVD entry deadline: **December 31, 2011**

To enter by DVD, send the entry fee and a DVD of a live performance (which complies with competition rules) along with your entry form.



Join the thrill
and excitement of
competition!

OPENS AND CLASSICS

(Jr. High /Middle School Teams Only)

Registration forms for the following USA Classics and Opens can be found on the USA website at <http://usa.varsity.com> next to the competition date. Payment must be received with the competition registration form for the registration to be complete.

CALIFORNIA

Southern Cal Holiday Classic

December 10, 2011

Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

(Qualifying Competition for Jr. Nationals)

California Open

February 5, 2012

University of California, Davis
Davis, California

(Not a Qualifying Competition for Nationals)

COLORADO

Rocky Mountain Classic

November 5, 2011

Legacy High School
Broomfield, Colorado

(Qualifying Competition for Jr. Nationals)

NEVADA

Vegas Classic

January 7, 2012

Desert Oasis High School
Las Vegas, Nevada

(Qualifying Competition for Jr. Nationals)

Nevada Winter Classic

January 28, 2012

Spanish Springs High School
Sparks, Nevada

(Qualifying Competition for Jr. Nationals)

NEW

UTAH

Utah Open

February 4, 2012

Bingham High School
South Jordan, Utah

(Not a Qualifying Competition for Nationals)

Classic Awards

All performers receive a participation trading pin and sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to 50% of the teams in each division. For all divisions, a "Champion" pin will be given to each first place competitor. Bids to USA Jr. Nationals will be awarded to teams with an average score of 75 points or greater (Superior). USA Classics are qualifying competitions for USA Jr. Nationals.

Open Awards

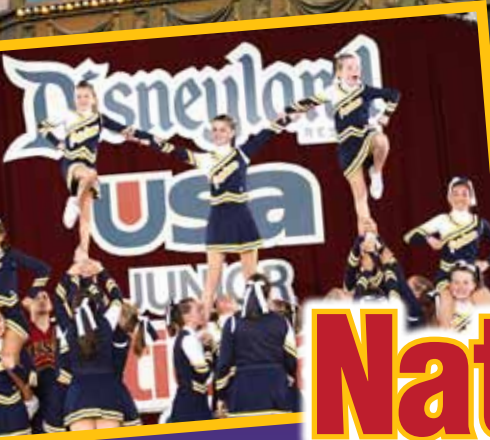
All performers receive a participation trading pin and sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to 50% of the teams in each division. For all first place teams, each individual member on the team will receive a 1st place "Champion" T-shirt. For divisions with 2 or more teams competing, first place teams will also receive a "Champion" banner. USA Opens are not qualifying competitions for any USA Nationals event.

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<http://usa.varsity.com>

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*With a unique venue
and low cost, this
event is one of the
best competition
values available!*



Jr. Nationals

March 3-4, 2012

The preparation for the 15th annual USA Jr. Nationals is underway. The date is March 3-4, 2012. The competition will return to **Disney California Adventure™ Park**, Hyperion Theater, located in Anaheim, California. The host hotel will be **Disney's Paradise Pier® Hotel**. Youth Teams will compete on Saturday. Jr. High/Middle School teams will compete on Sunday.

All spirit squads are eligible to participate in USA Jr. Nationals, regardless of what summer camp they choose to attend. Prior qualification through a USA Regional, Classic or other sanctioned event/process is required to attend Nationals.

In efforts to comply with music licensing rules, all music for USA Jr. Nationals must be registered with ASCAP, BMI or a combination of ASCAP and BMI should you qualify and choose to participate in the 2012 USA Nationals event. A combination of ASCAP or BMI with any other agency will not be permitted (i.e. ASCAP and EMI will not be allowed.) European titles are not allowed. Each song needs a registration number from ASCAP or BMI, not a license. Check the following two websites to see if your music is registered with ASCAP or BMI: www.ascap.com and www.bmi.com.

**Mark your calendars and we'll see you
at the 2012 USA Jr. Nationals!**

Go to <http://usa.varsity.com> for additional information, including the 2012 Jr. Nationals bid packet. Note: Deadline for hotel packages is January 6, 2012. Rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis. The hotel room block may be filled before the deadline.

Jr. Nationals Awards All performers receive sponsorship "give-aways." Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in each division. Individual medallions will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division. A "Champion" gift will be awarded to the first place competitors in each division and a "National Champion" banner awarded to the first place team in each division.

USA Jr. Nationals

2011-2012 Jr. Nationals Divisions

YO-Youth Open / YS-Youth Sports

Show Cheer – Advanced	6-36 Members
Pee Wee Open-YO (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YO (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Mighty Mites-YS (5-8yrs)	Female/Male
Jr. Pee Wee-YS (8-10yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee-YS (9-11yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee Open-YS (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. Midget-YS (10-12yrs)	Female/Male
Midget-YS (11-15yrs)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YS (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Elementary (6th grade & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. High (9th grade & younger)	Female (0-1 Male)
Jr. High Co-Ed (9th grade & younger)	Female (2+ Males)

Show Cheer – Novice	6-36 Members
Pee Wee Open-YO (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YO (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Mighty Mites-YS (5-8yrs)	Female/Male
Jr. Pee Wee-YS (8-10yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee-YS (9-11yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee Open-YS (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. Midget-YS (10-12yrs)	Female/Male
Midget-YS (11-15yrs)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YS (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Elementary (6th grade & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. High (9th grade & younger)	Female (0-1 Male)
Jr. High Co-Ed (9th grade & younger)	Female (2+ Males)

Performance Cheer	6-36 Members
Mighty Mites-YS (5-8yrs)	Female/Male
Jr. Pee Wee-YS (8-10yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee-YS (9-11yrs)	Female/Male
Jr. Midget-YS (10-12yrs)	Female/Male
Midget-YS (11-15yrs)	Female/Male

Songleader/Pom	3-36 Members
Pee Wee Open-YO (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YO (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Mighty Mites-YS (5-8yrs)	Female/Male
Jr. Pee Wee-YS (8-10yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee-YS (9-11yrs)	Female/Male
Pee Wee Open-YS (11yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. Midget-YS (10-12yrs)	Female/Male
Midget-YS (11-15yrs)	Female/Male
Midget Open-YS (15yrs & younger)	Female/Male
Elementary (6th grade & younger)	Female/Male
Jr. High (9th grade & younger)	Female/Male

Group Stunt	4-5 Members
Jr. High (9th grade & younger)	All Female or All Male

The United Spirit Association reserves the right to add, delete, combine and/or split divisions in the interest of competition. Divisions will be split into small and large based on team size if the number of overall teams participating warrants this.

Youth Teams - The participants age as of August 1, 2011 will be used throughout the 2011-12 competition season. See competition information for definition of Youth Open vs. Youth Sports teams.

All male teams would compete under the "Co-Ed" division if offered.