

# US Spirit

## 2008 Empire State Spirit Nationals

### REGISTRATION FORMS



## Registration Information

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Please complete all **applicable forms** for your entry and return them to US Spirit. Upon receipt of registration forms, the contact person will receive confirmation. Incomplete registration materials will not be processed and will result in teams not being registered. Registration is accepted on a space available basis only.

### US Spirit Contact Information

Phone: 1-800-469-7878 or 614-865-1286 / Fax: 614-865-1289

E-mail: [usspiritevents@aol.com](mailto:usspiritevents@aol.com)

Forms, routine requirements, score sheets and more are available on our web site at [www.us-spirit.com](http://www.us-spirit.com).

### Register Early and Save!

Early registration savings are valid only if registration and processing fee or full payment is received by the designated due date. **A \$50.00 registration processing fee is due with registration to earn the early discount fees.** This fee will apply towards the total due.

### Register Now and Pay Later

You may register early to reserve your space without sending any payment. To earn any discount, payment must be received by the designated due dates. Payments received after the on-time due date will be subject to late fees.

### On-Time Registration

Registration fees are valid only if received by the designated due date. Incomplete registration materials will not be processed and will result in teams not being registered or being subject to late fees.

### Late Registration

Any registration received after the on-time due date will be subject to the late registration fees. This includes ALL registration. If space is available, late registration will be accepted after the designated deadline by sending in the total amount due with the registration. If you are registering late, full payment must be submitted in the form of a **certified check or credit card**. No gym or personal checks will be accepted. The standard cancellation policy will apply to all late registrations. While every effort will be made to forward information prior to the event, US Spirit is not responsible for missed communication or misunderstanding due to late registration.

### Registration Due Dates

It is recommended the person responsible for the registration confirm receipt of materials. **Please call to confirm receipt of all faxed materials and forms.**

Early	On-Time	Late
Postmarked by October 1, 2008	Received by November 1, 2008	Received after November 1, 2008

### Division Change Fees

A \$25.00 change fee will be assessed each time you make a division change to the original registration. A \$250.00 change fee will be assessed for all division changes made after the schedule is posted.

### Competitor Release Forms

Every competitor must complete a Release Form. The form must be signed by the appropriate parent or legal guardian. **ALL forms must be turned in at the same time to receive materials.** Forms are due at the event registration table.

### Cancellation Policy

If you register and decide to cancel, a \$50.00 processing fee will be applied to your registration. Any change fees paid will be forfeited. Refunds will be made for written cancellations received by US Spirit 14 days prior to the date of the competition. Cancellations after that date for any reason, including medical or family reasons, are subject to an amount equal to full entry fee.

### Accepted Forms of Payment

Check, Visa, Mastercard, Amex and Discover. Make checks payable to "US Spirit". Certified check or credit card will be the only form of payment accepted after on-time deadline.

**ATTEND MORE - SAVE MORE!**  
Attend more than one US Spirit Championship  
this year AND qualify for special savings!

MAIL OR FAX TO:	
	<b>US Spirit Championships</b> <b>200 Hoff Road, Suite G</b> <b>Westerville, OH 43082</b>
	<b>FAX 614-865-1289</b>

## 2008 Empire Nationals Team & Contact Form

Please **Print** and Complete ALL Sections. Additional information will be sent via e-mail to the person listed below.

### Team Information *Please Print and Complete ALL Sections.*

School/Gym Name		
School/Gym Address		
City	State	Zip
Gym/School Phone		

### Owner/Head Coach Information

Owner/Head Coach Name	
Cell Phone	Home Phone

### Person To Receive Information

*Check one*    **Owner**    **Head Coach**    **Team Parent**

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Cell Phone		
Home Phone		
<b>E-mail</b> (required to complete registration)		
Alternate E-mail		

#### ALL STAR PROGRAMS ONLY / SMALL GYM SPLITS

Note: Exhibition teams, crossover athletes and dance teams do not count toward the 100.

- Small All Star Gym** – Check this box if you have 100 or less athletes registered in your competitive cheer program.
- Large All Star Gym** – Check this box if you have 101 or more athletes registered in your competitive cheer program

#### SCHOOL TEAMS ONLY

Please check the appropriate box below.

What type of Performance Floor would your team prefer:    **Spring Floor**    **Foam Floor**

## 2008 US Spirit Empire Nationals Division Entry & Payment Form

School/Gym:
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Team Registration				
Team Name as it should appear in performance order	Athletes on Floor		Crossovers	Division
	Female	Male		
<i>(Example) ABC All Stars Nitro</i>	20	0	2	Small Senior 5
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Entry Fees						
# of Competitors			Registration Fees			Total Due
			Early	On-Time	Late	
_____	Total <b>School</b> Athletes	X	\$55	\$60	\$75	= Total \$ _____
_____	Total <b>All Star</b> Athletes	X	\$55	\$60	\$75	= Total \$ _____
_____	Total <b>Rec</b> Athletes	X	\$55	\$60	\$75	= Total \$ _____
_____	Total <b>Open Level 6</b> Athletes	X	\$35	\$40	\$50	= Total \$ _____
_____	Total <b>Special Needs</b> Athletes	X	\$0	\$0	\$0	= Total \$ _____
_____	Total <b>Crossover</b> Athletes	X	\$20	\$25	\$30	= Total \$ _____
						<i>Crossover fees apply to athletes competing on a second team who have already paid the full registration fee.</i>
_____	Total <b>College Teams</b> Entered	X	\$450	\$500	\$650	= Total \$ _____
_____	<b>Additional Coach Passes</b> Needed	X	NA	\$20	NA	= Total \$ _____
	<b>Deduct any Savings Certificate</b> (Please include original certificate with registration)					\$ _____
						<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b> \$ _____

# Credit Card Authorization Form

School/Gym: \_\_\_\_\_

## Card Holder Information / Billing Address

All credit card payments must include the complete billing address and zip code.

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Card Information

Credit Card Type     Visa     Mastercard     Discover     Amex

Card Number    \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiration Date    \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Being Charged    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Holder Signature**    x \_\_\_\_\_

*Duplicate the Form as Necessary*

Office Use Only

Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

# US Spirit Release, Waiver & Agreement for Appearance

**Every competitor must complete a release form**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant \_\_\_\_\_

As utilized below, the term "US Spirit Championship" shall be defined as any US Spirit Competitive Event, any of its/their related, affiliated or subsidiary companies and officers, directors, employees, agents and assigns of each of the foregoing, and the term 'US Spirit' shall be defined as US Spirit Corp., or its officers, directors, employees, agents and assigns.

Either for myself or I/we, the below signed parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the individual participant listed below, (hereinafter "minor"), hereby agree to assume full responsibility for the payment of all debts incurred by myself or the minor during my/his/her visit to this US Spirit Event and to reimburse the event for any damages suffered by US Spirit due to acts of the minor during that visit.

I/we hereby waive for myself/ourselves and on behalf of the minor any claims or causes of action for death, personal injury, property damage or otherwise (whether or not resulting from the negligence of US Spirit) which he/she or I/we may now have or hereafter have against US Spirit arising out of the minor's visit to the Event or his/her participation in the cheerleading /dance activities on the day(s) of the competition (the "Event"), including, without limitation, all claims or causes of action for death, personal injury, property damage or otherwise resulting from the risks inherent in cheerleading / dance, including, without limitation, falls.

I/we further agree to defend, indemnify and hold US Spirit, harmless from and against all claims, judgements, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs) asserted against US Spirit, by such minor or any other party or suffered by US Spirit, arising out of death, personal injury, property damage or otherwise suffered by the minor during the minor's visit to the competition and/or from cheerleading / dance activities in which the minor participates during his/her visit including without limitation, death, personal injury, property damage or other loss resulting from the negligence of US Spirit.

I/we authorize US Spirit to procure, at my/our expense, any medical care reasonably required by the minor during his/her visit at hospitals or facilities chosen by US Spirit.

I/we acknowledge that US Spirit is not responsible for supervising the minor.

I/we hereby grant US Spirit the right to photograph and/or video tape myself or my minor and further utilize the my or the minor's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promoting materials without reservation or limitation. In granting this license, I/we understand that US Spirit is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights, licenses and privileges herein granted by myself/minor.

Further, I represent that any medication to which the minor is allergic or is currently taking is listed below and will ensure that minor brings such medication with him/her to the competition and that participant is responsible for consuming the prescribed dosage

Medications (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of emergency please contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ at ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) (Phone)

Participants Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### Cancellation Policy

A partial refund will be made for written cancellations received by US Spirit 14 days prior to the date of the competition. Cancellations after that date for any reason, including medical or family reasons, are subject to an amount equal to full entry fee.

*Parent/Guardian Signature if Signing for Minor*

*Participants 18 years of age or older please sign below*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Participants Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## All Star Cheer Divisions

The age of the competitor as of May 31, 2008 will be used for competition purposes throughout the 2008-09 season for all divisions. Divisions may be divided into small and large based on actual entries. For USASF level guidelines, visit [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net).

Division & USASF Level	Number on Squad	Age	Female/Male
<b>TINY CHEER</b>			
Tiny 1	5 - 36 Members	5 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
<b>MINI CHEER</b>			
Mini 1	5 - 36 Members	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Mini 2	5 - 36 Members	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Mini 3	5 - 36 Members	8 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
<b>YOUTH CHEER</b>			
Youth Small 1	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Large 1	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Small 2	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Large 2	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Small 3	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Large 3	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Small 4	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Large 4	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Small 5	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Youth Large 5	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
<b>JUNIOR CHEER</b>			
Junior Small 1	5 - 20 Members	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Junior Large 1	21 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Junior Small 2	5 - 20 Members	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Junior Large 2	21 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	Female/Male
Junior Small 3	5 - 20 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Large 3	21 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Small 4	5 - 20 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Large 4	21 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Small 5	5 - 20 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Large 5	21 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	No Males
Junior Co-Ed 3	5 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males
Junior Co-Ed 4	5 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males
Junior Co-Ed 5	5 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	1 or more Males
<b>SENIOR CHEER</b>			
Senior Open 2	5 - 36 Members	18 yrs & Younger	0-4 Males
Senior Open 3	5 - 36 Members	18 yrs & Younger	0-4 Males
Senior Open 4	5 - 36 Members	18 yrs & Younger	0-4 Males
Senior 1	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	Female/Male
Senior Small 2	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	Female/Male
Senior Large 2	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	Female/Male
Senior Small 3	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Large 3	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Small 4	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Large 4	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Small 5	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Large 5	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	No Males
Senior Co-Ed 3	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	1 or more Males
Senior Co-Ed 4	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	1 or more Males
Senior Small Limited Co-Ed 5	5 - 20 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	1-4 more Males
Senior Large Limited Co-Ed 5	21 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	1-4 more Males
Senior Semi-Limited Co-Ed 5	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	5-12 Males
Senior Unlimited Co-Ed 5	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs - 18 yrs	5 or more Males
<b>INTERNATIONAL OPEN</b>			
International Open 5	5 - 24 Members	14 yrs & Older	No Males
International Open Co-Ed 5	5 - 24 Members	14 yrs & Older	1-12 Males
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>			
Special Needs	Unlimited	Any Age	Female/Male
<b>OPEN CHEER</b>			
Open All Girl 6	5 - 36 members	17 yrs & Older	No Males
Open Co-Ed 6	5 - 36 members	17 yrs & Older	1 or more Males

## School & Rec Cheer Team Divisions

### High School Divisions

School teams will follow the **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)** Spirit Safety Rules.

Division	Level	Members	Female/Male
Varsity Coed <b>Small</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	2 - 4 Males
Varsity Coed <b>Large</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	5 or more Males
Varsity Small <b>Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 12 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity Medium <b>Mount</b>	NFHS	13 - 20 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity Large <b>Mount</b>	NFHS	21 - 36 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity <b>Small Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 20 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity <b>Large Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	21 - 36 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity <b>Non-Tumbling</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	1 Male Permitted
Varsity <b>Non-Tumbling / Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	1 Male Permitted
Junior Varsity <b>Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male
Junior Varsity <b>Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male
Freshman <b>Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male
Freshman <b>Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male

### Junior High / Middle School

School teams will follow the **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)** Spirit Safety Rules.

Division	Level	Members	Female/Male
Junior High / Middle School <b>Small</b>	NFHS	5 - 14 Members	Female/Male
Junior High / Middle School <b>Large</b>	NFHS	15 - 36 Members	Female/Male
Junior High / Middle School <b>Non-Mount</b>	NFHS	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male

### Elementary School

School teams will follow the **USASF level 5** guidelines.

Division	Level	Members	Female/Male
Elementary School	USASF 5	5 - 36 Members	Female/Male

### Rec Divisions

Rec division teams are non-school related teams that cheer for an organized sport through a youth sports association and may choose to enter all-star divisions. Rec teams will follow USASF levels, rules & guidelines. US Spirit reserves the right to change, delete, add or combine divisions based on actual entries. [The age of the competitor as of May 31, 2008 will be used for competition purposes throughout the 2008-09 season for all divisions.](#) Divisions may be divided into small and large based on actual entries and may be combined with the appropriate matching all star division and level. For USASF level guidelines, visit [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net).

Division	Level	Members	Age	Female/Male
Mini Rec	USASF Level 2	5 - 36 Members	8 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted
Youth Rec	USASF Level 3	5 - 36 Members	11 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted
Junior Rec	USASF Level 4	5 - 36 Members	14 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted
Senior Rec	USASF Level 5	5 - 36 Members	11 - 18 yrs	Males Permitted

## All Star & School Dance Team Divisions

US Spirit follows USASF DANCE divisions and levels. For rules and regulations, visit [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net).

Division	Members	Age	Males	Dance Style / Categories
Tiny Open	5 or more	5 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	HIP HOP, JAZZ, POM
Mini Open	5 or more	8 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	HIP HOP, JAZZ, POM
Youth Open	5 or more	11 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	HIP HOP, JAZZ, POM
Junior Open	5 or more	14 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	HIP HOP, JAZZ, POM
Senior Jazz	5 or more	18 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	
Senior Pom	5 or more	18 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	
Senior Hip Hop	5 or more	18 yrs & Younger	Males Permitted	
Open	5 or more	14 yrs and Older	Males Permitted	HIP HOP, JAZZ, POM

### ALL STAR & SCHOOL DANCE CATEGORIES

#### JAZZ

A jazz routine incorporates stylized dance movements and combinations, formation changes, group work, leaps and turns. Emphasis is placed on proper technical execution, extension, control, body placement and team uniformity.

#### POM:

Poms must be used 80% of the routine. Important characteristics of a pom routine include synchronization and visual effect, clean and precise motions, strong pom technique, and incorporate dance technical elements. Visual effect includes level changes, group work, formation changes, etc.

#### HIP HOP

Routines emphasize the street style movements with an emphasis on execution, style, creativity, body isolations and control, rhythm, uniformity and musical interpretation. Teams may also put an additional focus on athletic incorporations such as jumps, jump variations, combo jumps and other tricks.

#### OPEN

An Open category will be offered only when separate dance categories are not offered in an age division. A routine in this category may incorporate any one style or combination of styles outlined in the USASF category listings. All styles will be judged against each other in this category. Emphasis is placed on choreography, proper technical execution, visual effect, creativity, staging and team uniformity. **NOTE: Score sheets used in open divisions will be dance style specific; ( i.e., jazz routines will be scored on jazz score sheets, hip hop on hip hop score sheets, etc.) ensuring that teams are scored on appropriate elements in each routine. See the US Spirit web site for score sheet examples.**

## Collegiate Cheer & Dance Divisions

### College Cheer Divisions

US Spirit will follow 2008-2009 AACCA College Cheerleading Safety Rules. For Rules and Regulations, please visit [www.aacca.org](http://www.aacca.org)

Division	Members	Males
Small College	5 -10 Members	No males Allowed
Medium College	11-17 Members	No males Allowed
Large College	18 or more Members	No males Allowed
Small Coed College	5 or more Members	1-6 Males
Large Coed College	5 or more Members	7 or more Males

### College Dance Divisions

US Spirit follows USASF DANCE RULES. For rules and regulations, visit [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net).

Division	Members	Males
College Jazz	5 or more Members	Males Allowed
College Pom	5 or more Members	Males Allowed
College Hip Hop	5 or more Members	Males Allowed

### COLLEGE DANCE CATEGORIES

#### JAZZ

A jazz routine incorporates stylized dance movements and combinations, formation changes, group work, leaps and turns. Emphasis is placed on proper technical execution, extension, control, body placement and team uniformity.

#### POM:

Poms must be used 80% of the routine. Important characteristics of a pom routine include synchronization and visual effect, clean and precise motions, strong pom technique, and incorporate dance technical elements. Visual effect includes level changes, group work, formation changes, etc.

#### HIP HOP

Routines emphasize the street style movements with an emphasis on execution, style, creativity, body isolations and control, rhythm, uniformity and musical interpretation. Teams may also put an additional focus on athletic incorporations such as jumps, jump variations, combo jumps and other tricks.