

## ***Aquarius & Polaris:***

I am trying to get as much information to you as possible as SOON as possible! Thank you for your patience as I go back and forth with our Varsity representatives.

These are the questions I asked from our parent meeting are in black, and the **responses I have received are in red:**

When the dancers have more than one routine, what do the parents do, or go, in between routines? Are they asked to leave? Told to go somewhere? Our seniors currently dance around 4 and then 6 pm so I'm not sure what to tell them with that. (Most will not be needing a hotel room since dance is only Sunday night.)

That will be dependent on their turn around. They are free to go to the lobby, go grab a meal, hang out in their cars, etc., just won't be able to congregate in the lobby. They will be let back into the holding room for the next performance about 15 minutes before each routine.

If parents want to book a room for the day, do you know if there are rooms available closer to the venue? A bit less stairs? That maybe something I should call Kalahari on?

Yes, if they request directly with the venue, they may have some that are very close. I know the Sands building is right across the walkway from the athlete entrance & have elevators so she wouldn't even need to go outside. The Kalahari will be able to best help with those exact locations.

Do you have a map I could share with the parents of the event site? We danced there YEARS ago, but are not familiar with the 'new convention center' you spoke of. Is that by the old one? By that restaurant/bar? I tried to find something on their website but that's not giving me much with direction.

This should have been in the confirmation packet that you were sent...I believe page 6. (I did not initially receive this map, but did today. It is a separate document.) The athlete entrance will be right by Double Cut (this was previously the main entrance). The parent entrance will be on back side of the building & is now the main entrance to the CC. Let me know if you didn't receive the confirmation packet & I can get that map resent to you.

The spectator passes: Are those \$10 for EACH routine? All my senior parents will overlap and wonder if they have to pay twice then.

No. It's for the day. Just know that capacity is still limited to 60 people per holding room, so they can't bring all the extended family & expect to see both routines.

Is there live stream? Is that the [tv.varsity.com](http://tv.varsity.com) site? I saw Dancefest, but is Nation's Choice also live streamed? If so, the \$12.49/mth is probably a better cost for some families versus the \$10 per person for 2 + people. Some would prefer that over bringing the whole family (like little ones) as well. If there is live stream, how does that work?

No. This event is not live streamed on VarsityTV. Coaches will be allowed to stay in the room and watch the rest of their divisions, but parents will only be able to view their teams and leave.

Happy to help! Let me know if any other questions come up!

**Here is an email (in part) that was sent to me from Varsity: Any POD info is highlighted**

Dear Program Owner & Coaches,

Before we embark on this unprecedented competition season, we would like to share with you some information to help better prepare all the athletes, coaches, spectators, and Varsity All Star personnel for your upcoming event. We recommend that you share this information with your program to ensure they understand our guidelines prior to the event.

We are optimistic about hosting live events and want to partner with you to ensure your athletes continue to get to experience competitions this season. We are asking for your full cooperation and adherence to the guidance below and urge you to share this information with your spectators to avoid issues that could hinder a positive competition experience.

### **Nation's Choice – Holiday Classic**

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

December 12-13, 2020

Option B

### **Coaches & Team Information**

- A symptom screening and temperature check will take place at the event entrance. Any coach or athlete with any symptoms (Fever 100 degrees or higher, chills, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) may not enter.
- All coaches and athletes must wear a mask to enter the building. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- All athletes will be required to wear a mask their practice rotation and performance. We will keep you updated if this changes as we move closer to the event. You are encouraged to bring a zip-lock baggie (with your name on it) in the event you need to take your mask off for any reason.
- All athletes need to bring their own water bottle labeled with their name. Water bottles will not be able to be refilled inside the venue.

- Team rooms and Coach's Hospitality rooms will not be available. (Just team dressing rooms for those requiring costume changes. These will be specific PER TEAM – not program)

### **Spectator Ticketing**

- Spectator tickets will be done by team only. \* These will go through POD – please – [click here – POD ticket requests for Nation's Choice](#) - regarding how many tickets you need for your IMMEDIATE FAMILY by TUESDAY, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Following that, we will know how many, if any, are left for other family members or friends. We will TEAM APP out the numbers Tuesday evening and be able to order everything together on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. If at all possible, please limit your immediately family to 3 tickets per family.
- Spectators will purchase online tickets through Eventbrite for scheduled team performance sessions.
- Spectators will be limited to two per athlete. (Example: a team of 10 athletes will be allowed 20 spectators). \* Change – 60 tickets PER ROUTINE
- Remaining tickets cannot be transferred to other teams or programs.
- Tickets will be \$10 per adult and children 12 and under are free. \*Additional fees may apply for online ticketing.

### **Spectator Viewing**

- Spectator viewing will be done by team performance with physical distancing protocols in place.
- Spectators will have a designated entry and exit door for traffic flow.
- All spectators will need to leave the facility after each team performance to limit the number of people allowed in the facility and allow for cleaning between sessions.
- A general schedule listing the divisions and times for each session will be made available on the event page soon.

### **Event Concessions & Vendor Merchandise**

- Concessions will be available for purchase with physical distancing protocols in place. Please note transactions will be limited to credit card only.
- Spectators purchasing concessions will need to return to their seat in the performance hall to eat or drink or take concessions outside.

- There will be no tables available or congregating in the common area of the venue.
- You may remove your mask to eat and drink but must replace it immediately.
- Event merchandise will be available for purchase with physical distancing protocols in place. Please note transactions may be limited to credit card only.

### **Health Information**

- Masks are mandatory for all spectators two and over. Security will be stationed at each building entrance to ensure all entrants wear masks. Plastic face shields are not considered masks and may only be worn in addition to a mask.
- Should someone have a condition that precludes them from wearing a mask, they will not be allowed into the venue.
- We are advising anyone over the age of 65; anyone (of any age) with an underlying health condition or a compromised immune system; or anyone who has any specific concerns about COVID-19 exposure to not attend.
- A symptom screening and temperature check will take place at the event entrance. Any spectator with any symptoms (Fever 100 degrees or higher, chills, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) may not enter.

### **Event Awards**

- All score sheets and deduction sheets will be emailed to teams following their performance.
- Awards will be held virtually for teams and spectators to view.
- One coach will be permitted in the venue to watch and collect your awards.
- Teams may choose to receive a banner or make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (POD elected to make a donation to St. Jude for each team member and group)

The final details and schedule for this individual competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted, including making the competition virtual, if necessary. All guidelines are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Varsity Spirit's baseline safety standards for 2020 include:

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced.
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces.
- Increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas.
- Face coverings will be required for everyone, except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. Adults and children two and older will be required to wear masks.
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators, and Varsity Spirit staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others.
- Coaches will be asked to review the [Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules](#) with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators)

You can trust Varsity Spirit to lead the way in bringing back events safely. If you have additional questions regarding your specific event, we are here to help. We hope to see you soon and thank you for being part of our Varsity Spirit Family.