ALL REGIONS CALL_10.26.21
Chat Notes

Below you will find a compilation of the chat notes submitted by members during the call. Be sure to check the USASF Facebook Coaches and Owners Groups for daily tips, resources, and idea sharing with programs across the country.

Agenda:

Events and Covid updates: Q & A time available with Event Producers that are on the call

- Hi Everyone!! Marc Chaykin here with United States Cheerleading Association. While Covid remains fluid, we will provide protocol for each event as they approach. We anticipate offering in person Events that reflect the traditional event experience, while maintaining safety for athletes, coaches, parents, and attendees. My email is MChaykin@USCheerleading.com
- Hey everyone! Jessica Moore with M Events: Cheer Derby, GMCE and Spirit Solutions. I can help with any of your Covid related questions as they pertain to our events this season. Feel free to send me an email, jessica@mevents.com. We will also be updating our website approximately 6 weeks before each event with the most up-to-date Covid protocols. As a general statement...things are much less restrictive this season over last :)
- Jessica Herring with 9 Panel Cheer. I can also help answer Covid questions about our events this season. jessica@9panel.net. As mentioned before each venue and city has different rules. They seem to still be changing month to month for us. We update our website as quickly as possible when new changes occur.
- Hey, Gang! This is Matthew Goto with Varsity All Star (MGoto@varsity.com) We've been updating our "Event Scoops" with our general event info on each brand website for each event and will hold Coaches Meetings every Wednesday of the event to make sure everyone is on the same page with how our events will operate! And our Regional Teams are here to help you plan for getting back to the stage/floor - with safety as our top priority! ❤
- AmeriCheer Family of Brands will update the website as events near. it is located on our main page. each event will have its own page as the event comes closer. It will also be part of your confirmation packet.

Dr. Lindsey Stephens will be available for any questions and any return to play questions.

- Have a protocol in place for return

Season of Service - Happening now!

Be sure to complete your intent form: https://www.usasf.net/season-of-service

- Thank you! Our girls do so much volunteer work I'm excited to look into this
- It's also a wonderful college resume-builder!
- One of the things that kept me sane while owning Pro Spirit, was doing community service with the kids. Not hard to do but means a lot.

Employee Retention Tax Credit- David Tu

- https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/employee-retention-credit

Age Grid adjustments for Covid Allowances

Two Covid adjustments:

- Event Producers have the opportunity to offer Non-Building Division Splits.
- Unplanned Athlete Replacement- now allow emergency is offered with a broader window - it can be up to three athletes from a different tier. Must contact your RD for pre-approval
  Q: What if something happens at the competition? Do we still need to reach out to our RD? I only have two teams, one prep and one elite. So if something happens I would have no other option than to have an athlete cross tiers.
  A: we are typically on call on the weekends anyway

Athlete Safety- Safe at All Star overview

- www.safeatallstar.com
- https://safeatallstar.com/certified-club/
- https://usasf.formstack.com/forms/gym_certification_info?fbclid=IwAR125Iz3-LuwBieNCEw4FuTsj6inalZd_rAykf4tfPQm56ID5AGH3IwVQA0
- M Events is onboard with Safe@allstar! Ken and his team are great!
- The owners who have completed the Certification will tell you it is so educational and worth the time!
- training was SO EASY and well worth the time and investment. Thank you for providing this for all of us!

ADULT ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS:

- Any athlete who is or will be 18 or older prior to 6/1/2022 must complete 1) Background Screening 2)SafeSport training

Special Guest:

Dr. Russ Kennedy shared insight for seeing red flags for mental health support- All-Star Wellness Committee

- Shared 'loneliness research paper that came out in Jan 2021; 2009 loneliness shot up due to social media across the world and then again in 2020 with covid
- The Happiness Track - Russ Harris
- Covers mental health warning signs (PDF attached)
- Contact Dr. Kennedy at Drrussellkennedy@gmail.com

We are hearing coaches and athletes sharing that they are seeing anxiety and depression more and more- Often times those experiencing these issues will reach out to a peer. Removing the stigma is key to helping athletes get support.

The USASF has put together the All Star Wellness Committee and we are working with Dr. Kennedy to provide owners, coaches, athletes and parents with credible resources to identify and respond appropriately to the red flags we see.

Dance

Dance Executive Committee update – chaired by Catherine Morris
We have been discussing three main topics:

1 – Education from the National Meeting
2 – Flooring considerations and requirements were sent to the Dance Sanctioning Committee for consideration and development.
3 – Growth

A subgroup of the Dance Executive committee that is focused on the growth of All Star dance conducted two focus group calls. One was with studio owners that include All Star programs alongside the "traditional" studio offerings, and a second call was with individuals who Judge All Star competitions and have dance studios but do not compete at All Star competitions.

Goal:
Show studios how All Star is a growth opportunity to them and educate them how to model their efforts after current members who are successful in both traditional studio and All Star programs

Utilize dance Connection Leaders to mentor studios through starting All Star teams

Next steps include a small group from the Dance Executive Committee and Event Producers working with small group of people from the two focus groups to solidify a plan for attracting traditional studios to All Star.

DW SS/Explanation pages for SR div and training webinar
Small tweaks, words in RED were noted on explanation pages and addressed during the webinar

JR & EA (Cheer and Dance)) bid qualification process
Due March 14

The Dance Worlds SENIOR Scoring
https://thedanceworlds.net/scoring /

Junior Dance Bid Qualification Video
https://thedanceworlds.net/junior-dance/

Exceptional Athlete Bid Qualification Video
https://thedanceworlds.net/exceptional-athletes/

Questions regarding SENIOR division scoring at DW
adjudication@usasf.net

Questions regarding OPEN/JUNIOR division scoring at DW
dance.scoring@iasfworlds.com

Next All-Region Call January 25th, 1:00 PM EST