

THE  
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO CHEERLEADERS  
*PRESENT*  
**THE 2007 UB SPIRIT CHALLENGE**

We would like to formally invite you to participate in 2007 UB SPIRIT CHALLENGE, which is being held on ***Sunday October 21st, 2007***, in the University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena. Last year we saw over 100 teams showcase their skills in front of thousands of spectators and cheerleaders. This annual cheerleading event is a great forum for your team to showcase the skills they have been working on all season!

This year's event will begin at 9am. Doors open at 8am. The cost is \$10 per cheerleader. Two coaches per team will be admitted at no cost and each additional coach is \$3.

All participants will receive an Official UB participation pin and every member of a 1<sup>st</sup> place team will receive a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal.

This event is open to all cheer & dance teams from youth through collegiate level and including All-Star & Co-Ed.

### ***RULES***

We will be following the 2007-2008 AACCA (American Association of Cheerleading Coaches & Administrators) Rules. You can find information on the website [www.aacca.org](http://www.aacca.org) All-Star rules can be found at [www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net)

We recommend that you are familiar with the rules beforehand. Performances will be on a 42X42 cheer mat. For safety concerns we recommend that you stay within the boundaries, however we will not be enforcing boundary rules.

In addition UB will enforce the following rules:

- \***NO JEWELRY**- bandages put on top of piercings will result in a 25-point deduction regardless of excuse (Earrings & body piercings are included!)
- \***Routines can be no longer than 2min30secs there is no Minimum requirement**
- \***ALL CHEER ROUTINES** (youth/high school) require TEAM JUMP & TEAM CHEER
- \***ALL STAR ROUTINES** Music allowed for all or part of routine.
- \***DANCE TEAM ROUTINE** require TEAM JUMP & TEAM LEAP & TEAM TURN

\* New this year- due to the growth of the event there will be a limit of the number of teams able to participate- get your registration in early to guarantee participation!!!

## ***DIVISIONS***

### **YOUTH/RECREATION GROUPS**

**Mini-** 8 years & under

**Sophomores-** 8-10 years old

**Juniors-** 10-12 years old

**Seniors-** 12 & up years old

\*\*\*Please note that different organizations divide teams into different breakdowns/divisions. We will place teams that fall within 2 divisions into the division that the MAJORITY of the team falls into. It is the coach/advisor's responsibility to accurately report the ages of the performers. We will also divide into Small/Medium/Large if deemed necessary.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

**Freshman/Modified-** 9<sup>th</sup> grade & under

**JV& Varsity Divisions (subject to change based on registration- will look at adding XL divisions)**

**Small-** 12 participants & under

**Medium-** 13-17 participants

**Large-** 18 & UP

**Co-Ed-** 3 or more males

\*\*\*Please note that we reserve the right to combine and/or adjust divisions after registrations have been received dependent on the number of teams/participants per team. In the case of only 1 team per division, that team will compete against a score.

\*\*\*We will also offer a NON-MOUNT divisions if necessary for both the youth & high school programs.

### **ALL-STARS**

Based on feedback from the participants we have increased the levels/divisions offered for the All-Star programs.

All-Star Teams will follow the Division Guidelines and Leveling System further indicated at

[www.usasf.net](http://www.usasf.net)

<b>All-Star Division</b>	<b>Level (Chose 1)</b>	<b>Description</b>
Tiny	1	6 yrs old & younger
Mini	1 2 3 4 5	8 yrs old & younger
Youth	1 2 3 4 5	11 yrs old & younger
Junior	1 2 3 4 5	14 yrs old & younger
Senior	1 2 3 4 5	18 yrs old & younger
Open	6	18 yrs old & <i>older</i>

Teams will be judged based on the criteria/rules allowed for each division.

## ***AWARDS***

Number/Place will be determined based on number of teams per division. An individual Award will be given to 1 participant, per team, for the most spirited performer.

Grand Champions will be awarded as follows- 1 Youth Group Grand Champion, 1 High School Grand Champion & 1 All-Star Grand Champion- determined by highest score.

## ***REGISTRATION***

\*Registration is due NO LATER than Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> . A \$25 late fee will be assessed after this date and we cannot guarantee participation and/or pins.

\*We understand that payment is occasionally delayed by school administrations. However it is still necessary to register by the due date. If payment is not made with registration a purchase order/document should be presented.

\*A Roster is required for every team. Please include Name, Date of Birth, Age & grade level.

\*Each team will be notified the week prior on approximate practice & performance times. We encourage you to provide us with an email address. Score sheets & up to date performance information will be available via email only!

\*Video cameras are not allowed into the event. Professional videos/DVDs will be available for purchase from a vendor, the day of the event. We will allow 1 person per team to tape their team's performance only.

\*T-shirts & carnations will be for sale on the day of the event, as well as a concessions stand.

\*Release forms need to be signed by every participant's guardian/parent. Coaches cannot sign for participants. Enclosed you will find a copy. Please copy & distribute to your team. ***YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A SIGNED RELEASE FORM! PLEASE TURN IN DAY OF EVENT. Coaches- you will be asked to uphold and sign a code of conduct.***

We are very excited about this year's event and hope to see you there! We encourage everyone to remember and instill in your team that this is an event that promotes "SPIRIT" for our sport! Although we do give out awards we want all teams to feel that they have a great environment to showcase their skills. Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns. We are easiest reached via email. Thanks again!

**Amy Zabawa-Bridenbaker , Justin Bridenbaker &  
THE 2007-2008 UB CHEERLEADERS**

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School/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name/Mascot \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

# Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **UB FOUNDATION/CHEERLEADERS**

Registration deadline is Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail-completed registration/roster/payment to: Amy Zabawa

280 Forest Creek Lane  
Grand Island NY 14072

Please fill out 1 registration sheet per team participating.

# THE 2007 UB SPIRIT CHALLENGE

UB SPIRIT CHALLENGE CHEERLEADING COMPETITION  
SUNDAY October 21<sup>st</sup> , 2007 at the UNIVERSITY at BUFFALO

Name of team participating with \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of participant \_\_\_\_\_

Release:

In consideration for you accepting my entry and permitting me to attend or participate therein, I intend to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may not or in the future have against the State of New York, State of New York at Buffalo, Division of Athletics and other sponsors, or their representatives, agents or members or assigns for any and all losses and/or other injuries suffering from or competing in or attending said event. I verify that I am physically fit and have trained sufficiently for this event.

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Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian of Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_