

Spirit Unlimited presents “Let’s Meet!”

The word on the street is that Spirit Unlimited is introducing a new competition format. What is Let’s Meet?

This new format was implemented as an opportunity for **ALL** competitive cheer teams to compete in additional skill-based rounds. In conjunction with the traditional 2 min 30 second team routine, Spirit Unlimited has added categories for team partner stunt and team pyramid sequences.

What is the thought process behind Let’s Meet?

This style is similar to what many people are familiar with in viewing a gymnastics meet. Our goal was to provide athletes an opportunity to focus solely on a particular skill, prepare for the competition, and take the floor with the determination to perform at their highest level without the pressure of additional routine elements. Each skill will have a specific start value helping us to eliminate subjectivity.

How will Let’s Meet be judged?

These categories will be judged prior to the team routine and by a separate panel of judges. These rounds must include **one** team partner stunt sequence and **one** pyramid sequence that may or may not be performed in their team routine. Let’s Meet scores are a separate score from the team routine. Separate awards will be presented for the Team Partner Stunt and Team Pyramid rounds. Scores will be given to teams immediately following their performance

What will be the overall awards structure at OPEN Nationals where Let’s Meet is incorporated?

Team Routine

- Team award for all placements.

Let’s Meet

- 1st - 3rd placements in both team pyramid and team partner stunt categories.

Betts Triple Crown Award (GRAND CHAMPION)

- The coveted “Triple Crown Award” will be given to the team, in each skill Level, that wins 1st place in **ALL** (3) three events (Team Pyramid, Team Partner Stunt, and Team Routine) **AND** that achieves the highest overall score in that Level.
- This award was created in memory of our dear friend and colleague Brian Betts. Brian set the standard of excellence in judging and character building for the athletes in our sport.

What can coaches and cheerleaders expect at an event?

- Teams should check in at their appropriate time at registration.
- Assemble in the warm-up area per the performance schedule and check in with Head Warm-up Staff.
- The teams will have the opportunity to warm-up the meet style and team routine separately.

Details on Let’s Meet Events (See Video on Website for more information):

Entry and Exit into Meet Style

- Teams are not judged on entrance and exit.
- Head Judge/Announcer will call team to floor to start their sequence.
- Teams will enter from the back of the performance mat and go immediately to their formation to start their sequence.
- Sequence will start with coach starting 8 count.
(Coach may be on mat but may not touch or verbally coach while counting; only counting numbers 1-8 permitted)
- No music is allowed at Let’s Meet competition.

Partner Stunt Event:

- Team Partner Stunt Sequence must be no more than 30 seconds long.
- Partner Stunt sequence must begin with the Flyer having at least ONE foot on the ground (Flyer may have their feet in the hands of the bases(s) if the base(s) hands are resting on the performance surface).
- Partner Stunt sequence will be pre-valued at the value check in station at registration and monitored by the ‘value judge’ during this event.
- Only 1 partner stunt sequence may be performed.
- Partner Stunt Sequence will start with coach starting 8 count.
(Coach may be on mat but may not touch or verbally coach while counting; only counting numbers 1-8 permitted)
- Partner Stunt **section must be performed by the entire team – Show us you’re BEST!** (May or not be the same sequence performed in the team routine)

Pyramid Event:

- Pyramid Sequence must be no more than 1 minute long.
- Pyramid Sequence must begin with the Flyer having at least ONE foot on the ground (Flyer may have their feet in the hands of the bases(s) if the base(s) hands are resting on the performance surface).
- Pyramid sequence will be pre-valued at the values check in station at registration and monitored by the 'value judge' during this event.
- Only 1 pyramid sequence may be performed, transitional pyramids are accepted.
- Pyramid Sequence will start with coach starting 8 count.
(Coach may be on mat but may not touch or verbally coach while counting; only counting numbers 1-8 permitted)
- Pyramids **section must be performed by the entire team - Show us you're BEST!** (May or may not be the same sequence performed in the team routine)

Sample Schedule Rotation (may vary per venue):

There are 2 separate performance areas (1 for the Meet Competition and 1 for Team Routine Competition)

- Meet Warm-up Station 1 - 10:05 AM
- Meet Warm-up Station 2 - 10:10 AM
- Meet Performance Partner Stunt - 10:45 AM
- Meet Performance Pyramid - 10:51 AM
- Team Routine Warm-up Station 1 - 11:15 AM
- Team Routine Warm-up Station 2 - 11:19 AM
- Team Performance - 11:55 AM

Example Floor Layout Diagram (may vary per venue):

