

Important Announcement on JAMfest JAPAN vol. 16 in TOKYO

Dear Coaches, Athletes, and Families,

Thank you so much for participating in JAMfest JAPAN vol.16 in TOKYO! We have missed seeing teams compete live and in person, and we are thrilled to welcome you back to the stage! While we are getting closer to having a normal and typical JAMfest Japan event, we have made some important changes that we want to share today.

The most notable change is that we will not have our USA-based judges traveling to Tokyo to judge the event live. Traveling internationally at this time has presented challenges related to Covid-19 and the evolving situation in Ukraine, so we have decided to have our Varsity Spirit judges score the event remotely. We know how important it is for our JAMfest Japan teams to be scored by Varsity Spirit certified judges, and, of course, we wish we could have them on the riser in person at Arena Tachikawa Tachihi. However, with the advancements we have made in technology over the last two years, remote judging is an excellent solution that our Varsity Spirit partners are very familiar with. Judges have been working remotely for two seasons now in the USA. They have been judging live events remotely and judging virtual events as well. We are confident in their abilities, in our technology and in the results they will determine.

Here is how it will work for our JAMfest Japan event:

1. All of your live performances will be recorded.
2. Once all performances have been recorded, our local JAMfest Japan team will upload the videos to a secure portal for judging.
3. Judges will be given access to the videos and begin scoring teams.
4. Scoresheets will be sent out to coaches via email.
5. Results will be finalized and announced virtually.
 - a. Date, time and details of this announcement will be coming soon!
6. Trophies, banners and plaques will be shipped to the winners!

Thank you again for choosing JAMfest Japan, we are truly excited to bring back this live event! We look forward to seeing you soon.

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