



University of Idaho

Thank you for your interest in the Vandal Spirit Squad program. We are so excited that you have made the University of Idaho your choice in furthering your education. We could not be more thrilled to welcome you to the Vandal Family.

The purpose of being a University of Idaho Spirit Squad Member is to promote and uphold the traditions and legacies of the University of Idaho. The team's three main goals are to promote the University of Idaho, support Vandal athletics, and to work together in uniting fans at events.

The Vandal Spirit Squad involves three separate teams that work together as a cohesive unit: Joe Vandal, the Vandal Cheer team, and the Vandal Gems. Being chosen as a member of the University of Idaho Spirit Squad is a privilege. Those interested in becoming a member of our program should understand, any person dedicated to the spirit program is making a deliberate and sincere commitment. Everyone's intent should be to continue elevating the program in the community, the state, and on a national scale.

Our coaching staff is always looking for quality individuals to act in the role of ambassador for the University. We are not only looking for athletes with a high skill level but also students with a strong academic focus and time management abilities. Each member's top priority should be academics first and foremost. Team members selected should also expect to be active three-to-five days a week.

Scholarship opportunities vary depending on GPA, leadership skills, number of active years on the team, and extra effort displayed. We offer merit-based scholarships, band class scholarships, and other miscellaneous scholarships throughout the academic year.

Auditions and Tryouts for Vandal Spirit will take place the weekend of April 22- 24, 2022. We will unveil the 2022-2023 team to the public on Monday, April 25, 2022, at noon on our social media platforms.

The following pages will help assist you with what to submit for tryouts and auditions. Please make sure all items have been completed and sent to the Spirit Squad Coach, Katie Doman, by April 15, 2022.

GO VANDALS!

Cheerfully,

Katie Doman & Morgan Mosman
Vandal Spirit Squad Coaches

NECESSARY ITEMS:

The list provided below are the required documents for tryouts and auditions.

Besides the three letters of recommendation, please send the required documents in one pdf file to kdoman@uidaho.edu.

****Application will not be reviewed if sent in multiple attachments/ emails.****

- Photo of yourself
 - ⇒ Preferred headshot.
- Application
 - ⇒ Double check that all application questions are answered.
 - ⇒ Each question scored and added to your overall tryout/audition score.
- Proof of admission/ enrollment:
 - ⇒ New to UI: Copy of acceptance letter
 - ⇒ Current student: Copy of class schedule
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Risk waiver- found on audition webpage
- Three letters of recommendation- to be submitted by reviewer, not applicant.
 - ⇒ Must be a professional recommendation (ie: coach, pastor, work supervisor, teacher, etc.)
 - ⇒ Cannot be a family member or friend.
- Online payment for tryout fee of \$30
 - ⇒ Find online at the University of Idaho Marketplace
 - ⇒ Find Vandal Spirit Squad
 - ⇒ Enter payment amount and click add to cart
 - ⇒ Find 'tryouts' in the drop-down menu and add participant name
 - ⇒ Click continue to head to checkout and payment

2022-2023 University of Idaho Spirit Squad Tryout Application

Tryout Fee: \$30 (Pay online at University of Idaho Marketplace- Vandal Spirit Squad- Tryouts)

Tryout fee, application, and letters of recommendation are due: Friday, April 15, 2022

email: kdoman@uidaho.edu (Attach as pdf)

Athlete information:

Auditioning for Vandal Gems

Are you interested in being a part of the competition team? Yes No

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Athlete Cell Phone: _____

Athlete Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone number: _____

Size Information (XS, S, M, L, XL)

We wear mostly Nike products or brands with similar sizing.

(Does not affect tryout score – used for new squad ordering purposes)

T-Shirt _____ Sports Bra _____ Warm Up Jacket _____

Spandex _____ Shorts _____ Warm Up Pants _____

Shoes _____ Height _____ Weight _____

History:

Fill in any that apply: where you have cheered or danced & include number of years. This section will NOT affect tryout score. If none leave blank.

Years of dance: _____

High School: _____

Studio: _____

College: _____

College Status 2022-2023: Fr So Jr Sr

Current Major/Minors: _____

New/ Transfer students: Have you been accepted to U of I for fall 2022? Yes No

Do you plan to be here for fall and spring semesters? Yes No
If no, please explain-

Application questions- Please answer questions on a separate page.

1. Why did you choose the Vandal Gems?
2. What qualifies you to be a member of the Vandal Gems? Please list and explain your competition history, skill level, and any awards or recognition you have received.
3. Define what commitment means to you.
4. Have you ever been in a Leadership/Captain position? Explain.
5. Have you ever quit, or been removed from an athletic team, job, or extracurricular organization? If yes, explain.
6. List any health concerns or injuries that may limit your ability to participate at the same level as the other candidates or limit your ability to fulfill the level of athleticism during the season.
7. Do you plan to join other social groups on campus (ex: Greek life, ASUI, Block and Bridal, etc.) or work during the academic school year? If yes- if a scheduling conflict arises between the spirit squad and your other activity, how would you handle that situation?
8. What are your summer plans? Will they interfere with the mandatory summer dates of July 13-29, 2022?

Recommendations (Three Required)

Recommendations should be sent to: kdoman@uidaho.edu DUE BY Friday, April 15, 2022

Recommendations must be sent directly from the reference person to the coach, they are confidential and should not be submitted by the applicant.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of reviewer: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____

Please rate on a 1-5 scale (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest)

1. Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
2. Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
3. Coachability	1	2	3	4	5
4. Leadership Qualities	1	2	3	4	5
5. Tolerance of Others	1	2	3	4	5
6. Teamwork Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
7. Physical Fitness	1	2	3	4	5
8. Desire to Improve	1	2	3	4	5
9. Character Qualities	1	2	3	4	5
10. Time Management Skills	1	2	3	4	5

Comments or concerns about applicant:

Thank you for taking your time to do this recommendation. This information will be part of the applicant's tryout score.

Sincerely,

Katie Doman

University of Idaho

Brave and Bold

Head Spirit Squad Coach

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