



National Virtual Showcase

Battle for Nationals Official Competition Rules

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Purpose

The Stonewall Nationals Virtual Showcase is a chapter-versus-chapter social media competition designed to celebrate the talent, creativity, and diversity of Stonewall Sports members across the country.

The competition will determine which performers advance to perform live during the Nationals Pageant at the 2026 Stonewall Sports National Tournament in Virginia Beach.

Please note that advancement in this competition does not include travel, lodging, registration, or any other accommodations associated with attending Nationals. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and event costs at this time.

Who Can Participate?

- Any member in good standing of a participating Stonewall Sports chapter.
- Performances may be solo or group acts.
- Each chapter may submit one official entry.

Video Length

- Videos must be 60 seconds or less.
- Videos exceeding 60 seconds may be disqualified.

Why 60 seconds?

The 60-second limit allows us to showcase every participating chapter in a way that is engaging and accessible for our audience. Each matchup will feature two performances in a single Instagram post, with two matchups posted each day throughout the competition. Keeping performances to one minute ensures viewers can watch every entry, compare performances fairly, and participate in voting without being overwhelmed by lengthy content.

Think of it as your chance to make a memorable first impression. Show us your creativity, your talent, and what makes your chapter unique in just one minute!



Required Introduction

Each video must include:

- Chapter name
- Performer name(s)
- A brief statement about what Stonewall Sports means to you

This may be spoken on camera, included as text on screen, or incorporated creatively into the performance.

Example Introduction

"Hi! My name is Alex and I'm representing Stonewall Sports Detroit. Stonewall Sports has given me a community where I can show up as my authentic self, make lifelong friendships, and feel like I belong."

The introduction does not need to follow this exact format and participants are encouraged to make it personal and creative.

Acceptable Performances

We encourage creativity and self-expression. Examples include:

- Singing
- Lip sync performances
- Drag performances
- Dance
- Spoken word or poetry
- Comedy
- Instrumental performances
- Cultural performances
- Original creative acts

If you're unsure whether your performance qualifies, please contact Ryann Ferguson (ryann.ferguson@stonewallsports.org).



Content Guidelines

Performers must:

- Reflect Stonewall Sports values of inclusion, community, and authenticity.
- Be respectful of all participants, chapters, and communities.
- Avoid hate speech, harassment, discrimination, or graphic content.
- Remain free of partisan political messaging, campaign advocacy, or endorsements of political candidates or parties.
- Focus on celebrating the Stonewall Sports community, creativity, and positive self-expression.

Video Specifications

- Vertical video format (9:16) preferred.
- Videos should be clear, well-lit, and easily viewable on mobile devices.
- Basic editing, effects, and costumes are encouraged.
- Performers must be the primary focus of the video.

Competition Format

Round One: Chapter Showdown

- Twenty-eight chapters will compete in fourteen head-to-head matchups.
- Matchups will be posted on the official Stonewall Sports Nationals Instagram account.

Posting Schedule

- Two matchup posts will be published each day.
- Matchups will be released over the course of one week.

Voting

- Voting will take place through Instagram polls.
- Each matchup will remain open for 24 hours.
- The chapter receiving the most votes at the close of voting advances.



Round Two: Chapter Showdown

Chapters advancing from Round One may choose to:

- Continue using their original performance video, or
- Submit a new performance video for Round Two.

This allows advancing chapters the opportunity to showcase additional talents and creativity while not requiring the creation of multiple performances.

Advancing Chapters

- Fourteen chapters will advance from Round One.
- Additional rounds and voting schedules will be announced following Round One.
- The competition will ultimately narrow the field to the Top 6 Finalists, who will earn the opportunity to perform during the Nationals Pageant.

Sportsmanship

Participants and chapters are encouraged to campaign for votes, share posts, and engage their communities in a positive and respectful manner.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, harassment, or attempts to manipulate voting may result in disqualification.

Remember

This competition is about celebrating our community, sharing our talents, and showcasing the incredible people who make Stonewall Sports special.

Have fun, be yourself, and represent your chapter proudly!

