



2021 Colorguard Video Audition Procedure

Timeline Overview

<i>Current- May 14</i>	Register for audition information <i>Emails sent out with details on Audition Day & Video links</i>
<i>April</i>	Review HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video (sent by email) & prepare from the video Join Private Facebook Audition Group
<i>May 15</i>	Audition Day- Live Video to teach choreography
<i>May 16-18</i>	Upload Window via Audition Registration & Submission Link
<i>May 19-20</i>	Judging Window
<i>May 21</i>	Finalize Call back Roster
<i>May 23</i>	<i>Results Announced via email</i>
<i>TBD</i>	Call Back Rehearsal, including one on one interviews, Final Cuts
<i>TBD</i>	2021 HOT CG & FT Official Team Announcement!

Current- May 14 Register for audition information

Information will be sent via email to those who registered through the audition link.

Watch the HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video. Review & prepare yourself! In it you will find a preview of flag and pom basics. If you would like to get a head start, you may learn from this video. This will be one of the criteria of your video audition.

The HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video shows the technique included in the Herd of Thunder Colorguard auditions. It includes drop spins, speed spins, carving cones, and our basic tosses. It also includes basic pom movement expectations as well. We are sending this to you ahead of time so that you have a portion of your audition with material that you have had time to master.

April

You will receive an email from our director with information of a private Facebook Group. This group will serve two purposes: 1) to ask questions that you think other people may also have 2) it will be the place that we share a LIVE video to teach choreography on audition day.

May 15

Log in to the Facebook Private Group (name will be sent via email), and participate in learning choreography. You will also have a chance to ask questions in real time regarding the choreography. Our captains will also review the material covered in the Audition Basics Video. This video will be saved, and viewable as many times as you need for the next three days.

May 16-May 18 Upload Window

Follow the rules.

1. Make sure your video is clear and music is audible
2. Record your video in landscape, not portrait.
3. Try and reduce background noise.
4. Your video may not be edited in any way
5. Use the video template to organize your video.
6. All criteria must be observable within the video in order to be eligible to judge.
7. Make sure your feet are visible, and the top of your equipment is visible.
8. Upload video to YouTube, create **UNLISTED link, only viewable by people with the link.**
9. Save the name of your video as your first and last name, 2021 USFCG Audition
10. Complete the online "2021 Colorguard and Feature Twirler Audition Registration & Submission" Form. There will be space for you to include your YouTube Video link. This online Registration & Submission form will be shared via email.

Video Audition Template

Before pressing record, preset your equipment, and music.

Criteria 1: Introduce your First and Last Name, age, short explanation on why you are choosing to audition/ return to USF Colorguard

Criteria 2: Pom Basics (taught from HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video)

Use song in your audition that is used in the live video to teach

Criteria 3: "On the spot" Pom taught by live video in private Facebook Group

Use song that is used in the video to teach

Criteria 4: Flag Basics (taught from HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video)

Include:

-drop spins/speed spins, use 95 Beats Per Minute on a metronome app

-carve exercise, use 95 Beats Per Minute on a metronome app

-"Fight Song" Toss at 150 Beats Per Minute

-"El Torro" Toss at 150 Beats Per Minute

-45 degree angle toss

Criteria 5: "On the spot" Flag choreography taught by live video

Use song in your audition that is used in the live video to teach

After the video upload window closes, judging will begin. All participants will receive an email either asking for a “Call Back”, or unfortunately not offering a Call Back at this time. Think of Call Backs as a “Semi Finals” of the audition process.

When campus allows events on campus, we will hold a Call Back audition. Here we will see you dance and spin in person, and we will hold our very important interview portion of the audition process.

HOT Feature Twirlers 2021

Preliminary auditions closed for the 2021 Feature Twirlers on March 31st for this season.

Official announcement of the 2021 HOT Colorguard and Feature Twirlers will follow our Call Back rehearsal.

Audition FAQ's

1. Is there an estimate cost of fees if I make the team?

Plan for fees to be around \$200 total for the season. (Rates may differ slightly based on Rookie/ Returning member)

2. Will I have to pay a fee to audition?

There is no audition fee.

3. What if I need equipment for my video audition?

The captains will be in contact with everyone who has registered, and they will make arrangements for you to borrow equipment if you don't have your own. We encourage making sure the weighting on your flag is correct.

4. What are the days and times for rehearsals if I make the team? Monday and Wednesday's 6-9:30, Fridays 6-8pm. Game days are on Saturdays. This

schedule is tentative until confirmed in the 2020 Handbook.

5. Do I have to prepare my own routine for auditions?

Colorguard: No- we will teach you everything that you need to know.

6. Will we still cover basics for those who are struggling to learn from the video?

Colorguard: Basics and fundamentals covered in the video will briefly be covered on audition day, but a strong foundation of these skills, and how to apply them into choreography are non-negotiable. Please come to auditions with a solid understanding and application of all basic and foundational skills on flag and on pom.

7. What should I wear?

Colorguard: Athletic clothes and sneakers, as well as full hair and make up. Remember, this is an audition and you want to show the best version of yourself.

8. What kind of questions should I expect for the interview portion? We will cover your registration paperwork, previous experience, and anything that comes up as a result of that conversation. Good character and work ethic are both non-negotiable in our program.

9. How do I find the HOT CG Audition Basics & Overview video?

This will be sent via email link to the people who registered for more information on the Prospective Members link, or the Returning Members Link.

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