

**PARTICIPATING GROUP MASTER AGREEMENT
UNIVERSITY INDEPENDENT GROUP**

This Participating Group Master Agreement (the “Agreement”) by and between

PARTICIPATING GROUP NAME

PARTICIPATING GROUP CLASS OF COMPETITION

PARTICIPATING GROUP ADDRESS

(“Participating Group”) and Winter Guard International, Inc., 2405 Cross Pointe Drive, Dayton, OH, 45342 (“WGI”) shall be effective on the date of the last execution signature below.

Participating Group desires to compete in WGI-sanctioned events (“the Events”). The following terms constitute an agreement made between Participating Group and WGI regarding the relationship between the parties, including during the Events and time between the Events. WGI and Participating Group will agree on additional and supplemental contract terms at the time of, and as a part of, Participating Group’s registration for any particular WGI-sanctioned event. Participating Group and WGI now agree as follows:

I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Participating Group shall be an entity with an existence that is separate from, and independent of, any particular individual. Ordinarily, a Participating Group will be a school district (or part thereof), or a private organization. Participating Group shall have a leadership structure that provides for meaningful leadership and oversight by more than two individuals. WGI and Participating Group are independent entities, with no partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between them.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time for any reason, with or without prior notice, with or without cause, and without penalty. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve either party of liability for breaches of the Agreement occurring prior to its termination.
- C. Participating Group shall be responsible for registering for the Events in which it wishes to compete, using the methods established by WGI and under the conditions established by WGI from time to time. Participating Group shall not be eligible to compete in any WGI-sanctioned event unless this Agreement is in effect.
- D. Participating Group shall comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by WGI, including without limitation all adjudication manuals and policy manuals. Copies of all WGI policy and guidance documents are available at WGI’s website or upon request.

II. PARTICIPANT PROTECTION AND SAFETY

A. Participating Group shall follow all laws applicable to it, including both the laws of its home state and the laws of the state(s) to which the Participating Group travels. In particular, all laws concerning the protection and safety of participants in youth-serving organizations must be adhered to strictly.

B. WGI requires Participating Groups to obtain a national criminal history background check (or some satisfactory equivalent for your country or locale) for those in contact with their students. Note: This could include teaching staff, drivers, chaperones, pit crew, clinicians, prop crew and others who have more than casual contact with members. For scholastic groups, those requirements can be fulfilled by requirements imposed by the school district/educational institution; however, if the school district/educational institution does not have a requirement for such background checks, the Participating Group will have to comply with these requirements. By signing this agreement, the Participating Group agrees they are fully executing this WGI background check policy and acting in accordance with the code of conduct and principles of member protection.

C. Participating Group shall disseminate WGI's policies concerning participant protection and safety to all its leaders, staff, and participants, and shall ensure that its leaders and staff adhere to those policies or to the policies of the academic institution with which the Participating Group is affiliated, if those policies are substantially similar or more protective than WGI's policies. All such policies will be available on WGI website or upon request. This requirement includes the responsibility to respond to all complaints or reports of policy violations by conducting an effective internal investigation, reporting the matter to the appropriate external authorities as may be necessary, and taking appropriate and effective remedial action under the circumstances.

III. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

A. Participating Group shall adhere to all copyright policies set by WGI, which are available at WGI's website or upon request.

B. Participating Group irrevocably grants permission to use its name, likeness, and any reproduction of its performance (photographic, video, or otherwise) at any WGI-sanctioned event for any advertising and/or educational purpose, and releases WGI from all claims, liabilities and/or damages which may arise from such use.

C. Participating Group shall use, or permit any of its members to use, WGI's logo, or any logo or mark substantially similar to or derived from WGI's logo, for any purpose without the express written consent of WGI.

IV. LIABILITY

A. Participating Group shall comply with the insurance requirements applicable to the events for which it registers, the details of which will be available from WGI at the time of

registration. This obligation may be met by procuring private insurance or by obtaining coverage for the Participating Group under the insurance already in place for the benefit of the academic institution with which the Participating Group is affiliated. For more information on WGI insurance requirements, [click here](#).

V. MISCELLEANOUS

A. To the extent permitted by the laws of the jurisdiction under which the Participating Group is organized, the parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the state of the Participating Group, and the parties further agree that the federal and state courts located in the state of the Participating Group shall have exclusive and sole jurisdiction to resolve all disputes arising under or related to this Agreement. The parties irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts of the Participating Group and agree that such courts are the only proper venue for the resolution of disputes between them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all state and local laws applicable to the Participating Group and pertaining to sovereign immunity, choice of law, jurisdiction, venue, remedies and any other matter addressed by this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall supersede any contradictory provision in this Agreement.

B. The individual who is executing this Agreement on behalf of the Participating Group hereby represents that he or she has the full power and authority to bind the Participating Group to these terms. If the Participating Group is associated with a school, then this Agreement may only be executed by an employee of the school-not an independent contractor-authorized to bind the school to its terms either by law or by a resolution duly adopted by the governing body of the school/organization.

Accepted:
For PARTICIPATING GROUP

Name:

Title:

Dated: _____

Accepted:
For AFFILIATED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Name:

Title:

Dated: _____

Accepted:
For WINTER GUARD INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Name: Ron Nankervis



Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 1, 2020