## **DIVISION CLASSIFICATION: DIVISION I or DIVISION II**

Division classification, as an eligible split, is applied to Elite Tier Divisions (only). Division classification will be determined by the total number of Elite athletes within a club.

- Once a club reaches 126 Elite athletes, they are no longer eligible for Division II.
- For clubs with more than 1 location, all locations' ELITE athletes will be tallied and combined to determine the clubs' division eligibility:
  - All Cheer Elite Tier athletes that are on a roster and take the floor during the current season will be tallied. This
    includes athletes in Cheer Elite Tier International divisions.
- Once an Elite athlete has been counted, they will not be removed from the cumulative total of Elite athletes if they no
  longer compete with the program. For example, if an athlete that has been injured or quits no longer is on the roster
  and/or competes with the club, the athlete that has already been counted will remain in the total competitive athletes for
  the current season.
- An Elite athlete that starts the season and competes with a club then changes clubs and competes on an Elite team with a different club would be counted in the total Elite athletes of both clubs.
- Once a club reaches 126 Elite athletes, they are no longer eligible for Division II regardless of when they exceed 125 Elite athletes. And they must compete in Division I the remainder of the current season when applicable.
- Clubs may opt-in to Division I status at any time during the season.
  - Once a Club opts-in to Division I status they may not return to Division II during the current season.

**Note:** A clubs' Division status may change throughout the season (they may move from Division II to Division I). The USASF member database records the roster with Division status at the time of the event. If a clubs' division changes midseason, **the club is responsible for informing the event producer as change in division status may change bid eligibility**. The USASF is not responsible for communicating division changes. However, an event producer may ask the USASF to verify division status as it may apply to the year-end event.