

## IASF WORLDS DIVISIONS

## IASF/INTERNATIONAL DIVISIONS 2021

LEVEL	DIVISIONS	TARGET AGE	BIRTH YEAR	FEMALES/ MALES	NUMBER ON TEAM
5	International Open 5 (IO 5) *	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	No males	10-24 members
5	International Open 5 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 5) *	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
5	International Open 5 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 5) *	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
6	International Open 6 (IO 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	No males	10-24 members
6	International Open 6 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
6	International Open 6 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
7	International Open 7 (IO 7)	16+ yrs	2004 or earlier	No males	10-24 members
7	International Open 7 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 7)	16+ yrs	2004 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
7	International Open 7 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 7)	16+ yrs	2004 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
6	International Open 6 Non Tumbling (IONT 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	No males	10-30 members
6	International Open 6 Non Tumbling Coed (IONTC 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	1-20 males	10-30 members
7	International Open 7 Non Tumbling (IONT 7) *	16+ yrs	2004 or earlier	No males	10-30 members
7	International Open 7 Non Tumbling Coed (IONTC 7) *	16+ yrs	2004 or earlier	1-20 males	10-30 members
6	International Global Club 6 (IG 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	No males	10-24 members
6	International Global Club 6 Coed (IGC 6)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	1-16 males	10-24 members

\* USASF teams are not eligible to compete in these divisions.

Background checks and adult athlete-specific SafeSport training are an eligibility requirement for USASF member adult athletes on OPEN teams. Adult athletes are athletes born in the year 2001 or earlier.

## COMPETITOR'S AGE

Use the BIRTH YEAR column to verify athlete eligibility for all divisions. The TARGET AGES are reflective of the typical age range athletes are at some point during the 2020 calendar year based on their birth year.

## PROOF OF AGE

Copies of non-USASF athlete birth certificates or passports must be with the team's coach/representative at all times and readily available upon request from a Worlds official. Copies of athlete birth certificate on a USB/zip drive are acceptable.

## TEAM BID LIMITATIONS

A team may receive no more than one bid to The Cheerleading Worlds for any given division. If a team has already accepted an at-large bid and opts to compete for another bid, they will be eligible only for a paid bid. They will not be eligible for another at-large bid unless they decline the first at-large bid they were awarded, BEFORE competing for another at-large bid.

Accepting or declining bids must be done by email to the sponsoring event producer.

## U.S.-BASED TEAMS COMPETING IN IASF DIVISIONS

The USASF and IASF recognizes that teams and event producers from the USA must follow the 2020-21 USASF Age Grid and Guidelines at all Worlds bid qualifiers. However, teams from the USA receiving bids and attending The Cheerleading Worlds 2021 may use substitution/alternate athletes to form a team that matches the guidelines for these divisions listed above. Those athletes would have to follow the same eligibility, substitution, and alternate guidelines for Worlds, including the guidelines requiring a release waiver.

## CHEER ATHLETE BID LIMITATIONS

Athletes within the same program are limited to the number of teams on which they are eligible to compete and earn paid or

partial bids. Once an athlete has competed on a team and earned a paid or at-large bid, they are permitted to move to another team within their program. If their second team earns a paid or at-large bid, they are bound to the second team and may only compete with the second team at Worlds. They no longer are eligible to compete with the first team once the second team is awarded a bid.

The number of athletes that have already earned a paid bid that are eligible to compete for and be awarded a paid bid on a second team is limited: IASF division teams may have up to four athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.

## ORIGINAL TEAM MEMBERS

Original team members are athletes that were on the floor AND included on the official team roster associated with the event where their bid was awarded. It is important to ensure your roster is true and accurate before submitting it to the bid-giving event.

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### SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES AT BID-EVENTS

All athletes competing at a bid-qualifying event must be listed on the official roster as active athletes and compete on Day 1. Should a team need to make any substitutions on Day 2 at the bid-qualifying event, they will be allowed to replace a limited number of active athletes with reserve athletes for the second performance. The athletes that took the floor on Day 1 will be considered the original team members on the Worlds Roster. Any reserve athletes that take the floor on Day 2 will be considered eligible substitutes on the Worlds Roster. The number of athletes that may be replaced on Day 2 is limited: IASF division teams may replace up to four athletes

**NOTE:** The team coach is responsible for communicating any replacements or substitutions from Day 1 to Day 2 to the event producer. The event producer will note any changes made from Day 1 to Day 2 on the roster that was submitted by the team. Day 2 substitutions must meet all the eligibility requirements to compete as an athlete at that particular bid qualifier representing said team.

### IASF OPEN/COED — LEVEL 7 ALTERNATES

U.S.-based teams must present a USASF roster at their bid-qualifying event that includes names of the athletes performing on the floor at that competition. Additionally, the same Open-Level 7 teams can roster up to 10 reserve athletes that will be considered eligible substitutes or alternates. These are additional members of the program that did not have the opportunity to perform on the floor at that bid event. Those additional athletes must follow the same eligibility, substitution, and alternate guidelines for The Cheerleading Worlds, including the guidelines requiring a Program Release Waiver. These 10 reserve athletes must be listed on the USASF official roster as reserves at the bid-qualifying event.

### SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES AT WORLDS

The total maximum number of rostered active athletes permitted at Worlds will be equal to the number of athletes on the floor at the event where the bid was received. Athletes may not be added to the team after the bid was received. The program is permitted to replace original team members with substitutes and wild card alternates so long as they do not increase the total number of athletes on the team and they follow the guidelines outlined herein.

### IASF SUBSTITUTION RULE

All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original team that was awarded a bid (i.e. age, etc.). The maximum number of substitutions allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds:

Season 1 Countries\*

- IASF Open Divisions and Global Club Divisions – 8
- IASF Non-Tumbling Divisions – 10

A substitute must be a regular-paid athlete from the same program, on a different team, and must have competed on the floor for that program at the same event where the bid was awarded.

Season 2 Countries\*

The maximum number of substitutions allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds:

- IASF Open Divisions and Global Club Divisions – 12
- IASF Non-Tumbling Divisions – 15

\* Refer to *IASFworlds.com* for Season 1 and 2 descriptions.

A substitute must be a regular-paid athlete at the same program, on a different team, and must have competed on the floor for that program at the same event where the bid was awarded.

### WILD CARD ALTERNATES RULE

Of the allowable maximum number of substitutions, up to five may be Wild Card alternates in International divisions. These are additional members of the program that did not have the opportunity to perform on the floor at the event where the bid was received.

### CROSSOVERS

At The Cheerleading Worlds, crossovers of cheer athletes between cheer teams from the same program are NOT permitted. Crossovers of cheer athletes between programs are NOT permitted.

**NEW FOR THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS AND THE DANCE WORLDS**

**2021:** Crossovers of athletes between cheer and dance teams are permitted.

### ROSTER VIOLATIONS AT WORLDS

If a team is found to have made an improper substitution or alternate assignment, or has an illegal team member or crossover, this team:

- will be disqualified,
- may be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a paid bid, and
- may be prevented (along with the entire All Star program from that organization) from being eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading Worlds or Dance Worlds the following year.

### ROUTINE TIME LIMITS

IASF Open L5, L6, and L7: 2:30 minute maximum

IASF Non-Tumbling L6 and L7: 2:00 minute maximum

IASF Global Club L6:

- 30 second minimum to 40 second maximum for the opening cheer portion,
- 20 second maximum to move from cheer portion and set up for the music portion, and
- 2:30 maximum for the music portion.

### SCORE SHEETS

IASF score sheets for The Cheerleading Worlds are available at [IASFworlds.com](http://IASFworlds.com).

### INTERNATIONAL DIVISION AWARDS

Each team will receive a participation trophy. The top three teams from each country will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals. Athletes on teams ranking first, second, or third in Finals will receive gold, silver, or bronze medallions. First-place teams will receive a championship banner and each athlete who competed on the floor with that team will receive a Worlds champion ring.