



THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS™

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Welcome

TO The Cheerleading World Championship 2021!

The United States All Star Federation and the International All Star Federation host just two competitions a year – The Cheerleading Worlds™ and The Dance Worlds™. Event producers of premier championships sponsor their best teams to compete at these international competitions. Cheer and dance teams from all over the world may qualify to compete in either Senior or International divisions.

Dear USASF Program
Owners, Coaches,
Athletes and Families —

Times as these call for flexibility and adaptation. As a result, the details in this packet may be subject to change based on the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic situation in each of our communities.

Nonetheless, we look optimistically to the future as we plan for The Cheerleading World Championship 2021 to celebrate the commitment, athleticism, diversity, lifelong learning and passion that we share in the All Star Cheer community.

The USASF hopes you and loved ones stay safe and healthy. We truly look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

Steve

Steve Peterson

Vice President, Events and Corporate Alliances
U.S. All Star Federation



In 2021, an event producer may award up to \$25,000 for each team they sponsor with a paid bid to The Cheerleading Worlds. Event producers often award multiple bids and will allocate substantial resources to support teams that have participated in their competitions. Teams of the highest distinction are chosen from their prestigious events to represent their respective companies at The Cheerleading Worlds.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

At the USASF, the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, families, friends and employees is our top priority. We are diligently monitoring information from health authorities and local governments and working with our Walt Disney World® Resort contacts to promote the healthiest and safest environment possible at The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds 2021.

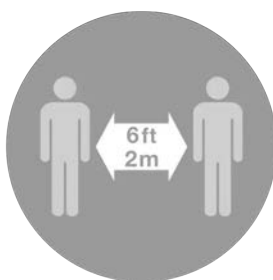
As you prepare your visit, please be aware of these enhanced health and safety measures that will be in place. These updates are based on guidance from health authorities, such as the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and appropriate government agencies. Please note this is a fluid situation and subject to change.

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced.
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces.
- Face coverings will be required for everyone, except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. Adults and children two years and older will be required to wear masks
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators and staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others. We strongly suggest you get tested for COVID-19 prior to traveling to Florida.
- Experiences will be modified in order to reduce contact whenever possible. This will include check-in, orientation, transportation, modified housekeeping at the resorts, cashless transactions whenever possible, etc.
- All participants, coaches and spectators will be required to undergo a temperature screening with no-touch thermometers before entering the competitions venues at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex.
- Spectator viewing may be limited to team performance times only. Awards may have limited spectators, coaches and athletes or be completely virtual.
- The Walt Disney World® Resort is operating at a limited capacity and theme park reservations will be required. To enter a park, both a park reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same day are required. Stay tuned for more information on how you can receive your park ticket numbers in advance in order to book your park reservation early.
- For more information about experience updates at the Walt Disney World® Resort, please [click here](#).



ENHANCED CLEANING

Cleaning procedures are enhanced throughout Walt Disney World® Resort.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Temporary adjustments are in place to promote social distancing.



REDUCED CONTACT

Experiences may be modified in order to reduce contact.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event details are subject to change based on final registration for

The Cheerleading Worlds. Continue to check thecheerleadingworlds.net for the most current information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

- Teams register with Worlds staff at host hotels to receive Worlds credentials, lanyards and schedules.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Walt Disney World® cast members.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

- Cheer program owners will meet with USASF officials by appointment for Roster Check and Compliance Review.
- The Dance Worlds at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex begins.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

- Cheer program owners will meet with USASF officials by appointment for Roster Check and Compliance Review.
- The Dance Worlds at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex concludes.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

- Prelims for SXS, SXSC, and SOSC division teams with at-large bids.
- Semi-Finals for SS, SM, SSC, SMC, SO, IO-5, IOSC-5, IOLC-5, IG-6, IGC-6, IO-6, IOSC-6, IONT-6, IOCNT-6, IO-7, IOSC-7, IONT-7, and IOCNT-7 divisions.

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

- Semi-Finals for SXS, SL, SXSC, SLC, SOSC, SOLC, IOLC-6, and IOLC-7 divisions.
- Finals and awards for SS, SM, SSC, SMC, SO, IG-6, IGC-6, IO-6, IOSC-6, IONT-6, IOCNT-6, IO-7, and IOSC-7 divisions.
- Award ceremonies may be live with limited athletes and/or coaches or they may be virtual. Continue to check thecheerleadingworlds.net for the most current information.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

- Finals and awards for SXS, SL, SXSC, SLC, SOSC, SOLC, IO-5, IOSC-5, IOLC-5, IOLC-6, IOLC-7, IONT-7, and IOCNT-7 divisions.
- Award ceremonies may be live with limited athletes and/or coaches or they may be virtual. Continue to check thecheerleadingworlds.net for the most current information.

DIVISION COMPETITION DAYS			
DIVISION	SATURDAY MAY 8	SUNDAY MAY 9	MONDAY MAY 10
SXS	prelims*	semi-finals	finals
SS	semi-finals	finals	
SM	semi-finals	finals	
SL		semi-finals	finals
SXSC	prelims*	semi-finals	finals
SSC	semi-finals	finals	
SMC	semi-finals	finals	
SLC		semi-finals	finals
SO	semi-finals	finals	
SOSC	prelims*	semi-finals	finals
SOLC		semi-finals	finals
IO-5	semi-finals		finals
IOSC-5	semi-finals		finals
IOLC-5	semi-finals		finals
IG-6	semi-finals	finals	
IGC-6	semi-finals	finals	
IO-6	semi-finals	finals	
IOSC-6	semi-finals	finals	
IOLC-6		semi-finals	finals
IONT-6	semi-finals	finals	
IOCNT-6	semi-finals	finals	
IO-7	semi-finals	finals	
IOSC-7	semi-finals	finals	
IOLC-7		semi-finals	finals
IONT-7	semi-finals		finals
IOCNT-7	semi-finals		finals

*Prelims for SXS, SXSC, SOSC teams with at-large bids.

- General performance order within divisions will be: applicant bids; at-large bids; partial-paid bids (*non-U.S.-based teams*); and full-paid bids.
- Schedule is subject to change based on final registration for The Cheerleading Worlds.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COVERAGE AND LIVE STREAMING

Results and behind-the-scenes coverage will be posted regularly throughout the weekend on *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net*. Live streaming of all performances will be available by subscription through FloCheer.com. Tune in for performances, special features, stories, interview, results, and more. Visit FloCheer.com to subscribe.

The 2021 Cheerleading Worlds will be nationally televised on the CBS Sports network. Teams competing in SL, IO5, SSC and SLC will be televised. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams or winners of all divisions will be shown on the telecast.

ATTENTION...

COACHES AND OWNERS

Only coaches, directors, and program owners who meet USASF eligibility requirements will be able to join the team in the warm-up room/area. Eligibility requirements include:

- an active USASF membership;
- a background screening green light from NCSI;
- completion of SafeSport training; and
- credentialed in either building, tumbling or both up to the level of the team.

All eligibility requirements must be completed through the USASF member profile at least two weeks prior to attending The Cheerleading Worlds. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

ATHLETES

Each athlete on a U.S.-based Worlds team* must have one of the following government-issued photo IDs:

- driver's license
- military ID
- state ID
- passport
- visa

State IDs and passports may take six to eight weeks to obtain. Please plan accordingly.

* Excluding Exceptional Athletes

See page 18 for more information.

FREE ACTION MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Action Moments Photography will have up to four cameras on each Worlds stage capturing hundreds of action shots of your athletes during each performance. When coaches or program owners pick up their score sheets, they will receive a USB thumb drive and Dropbox link to share with athletes and parents.

PERFORMANCE ORDER

The general performance order within divisions will be: applicant bids; at-large bids; partial-paid bids (*non-U.S.-based teams*); and full-paid bids. Performance orders for teams within divisions will be randomly selected and posted online at *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net* in mid-April 2021. Teams advancing to subsequent competition rounds at The Cheerleading Worlds will perform in reverse-order of their performance rankings. Results will be announced following the conclusion of each division's competition round.

SCORE SHEETS

Score sheets for The Cheerleading Worlds will be posted in early 2021 at *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net* and *IASFworlds.com*.

NATION'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Nation's Cup trophies will be awarded to the five top-ranking teams representing five different countries in each Open division.

SUBMITTING A VIDEO FOR LEGALITY REVIEW

To help ensure a penalty-free Worlds routine, we encourage you to submit a video of each building and tumbling skill about which you may have a concern. An independent, neutral legality official will review each video and determine its legality. Results will be communicated to the participating program and will not be shared with other programs or with The Cheerleading Worlds judging panel. The deadline to submit a video for review is April 26, 2021 and results will be shared by May 5, 2021. Videos submitted after the April 26 deadline will not be reviewed.

NOTE: Skills will be reviewed for potential penalties but will not preclude a team from being assessed a penalty while at The Cheerleading Worlds. Legality officials will be in the warm-up areas to ensure that all rules regarding the competition are followed.

U.S.-BASED TEAMS: Use the USASF Coach app that can be downloaded from your app store on your mobile device.

IASF/INTERNATIONAL DIVISION TEAMS: Email cheer.rules@iasfworlds.com.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS 2021

LEVEL	DIVISIONS	TARGET AGE	BIRTH YEAR	FEMALES/MALES	NUMBER ON TEAM
6	Senior XSmall (SXS)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	No males	5-16 members
6	Senior Small (SS)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	No males	17-22 members
6	Senior Medium (SM)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	No males	23-30 members
6	Senior Large (SL)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	No males	31-38 members
6	Senior XSmall Coed (SXSC)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	1-2 males	5-16 members
6	Senior Small Coed (SSC)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	1-5 males	5-22 members
6	Senior Medium Coed (SMC)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	1-8 males	5-30 members
6	Senior Large Coed (SLC)	13-18 yrs	6/1/2001-2007	1-19 males	5-38 members
6	Senior Open (SO)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	No males	5-24 members
6	Senior Open Small Coed (SOSC)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	1-4 males	5-24 members
6	Senior Open Large Coed (SOLC)	13+ yrs	2007 or earlier	5-12 males	5-24 members

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

BID REQUIREMENTS

Event producers will publish the procedures they will follow for awarding bids prior to the start of their qualifying competition. An event producer may not award more than one bid and/or type of bid to the same team.

CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS AT BID EVENTS

All cheer teams competing for a bid to The Cheerleading Worlds 2021 are required to have a coach, or combination of coaches, with credentials in both building and tumbling up to the level of the team. This may be one coach with both skill sets or a combination of coaches who have both skill sets between them. Non-tumbling teams are required only to have a coach with building credentials up to the level of the team. The appropriately credentialed coach(es) must be on the roster and present in the warm-up room at the bid-giving event.

PAID BIDS

Paid bids are awarded at The Cheerleading Worlds qualifying events. Each event producer that hosts a Worlds bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the processes by which the bids are awarded. Paid-bid sponsors may award up to \$650 per athlete and two coaches on a bid-winning team. For example, a bid-winning team that had two coaches and 31 athletes on the floor at the bid-winning event could be awarded up to \$21,450. The paid bid sponsorship funds are not prize money and they are to be used towards the team's USASF Worlds registration package, lodging and/or transportation to Orlando to participate at The Cheerleading Worlds. NOTE: If the Cheerleading Worlds event is cancelled for any reason, the paid bid sponsorship funds must be returned to the Event Producer who awarded the funds. Additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the team/program. Event producers will not be responsible for late fees if their representing team does not meet the registration deadline. Event producers will not be responsible for added change fees if the representing team has to make changes to the original registration and/or travel.

Paid bids are for athletes who will be on the floor during the team's performance at The Cheerleading Worlds. Reserve athletes or coaches brought to substitute for unplanned occurrences are not covered by paid bids and will not be funded by the sponsoring event producer. Should a substitute and/or an alternate become necessary after submission of a team's Worlds roster and after travel plans have been approved and confirmed, any additional costs associated with those substitution(s) must be paid by the program.

AT-LARGE BIDS

At-large bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or teams scoring next highest to the paid-bid-winning team(s). Recipients of at-large bids must pay for their own Worlds registration packages and all other related expenses.

APPLICANT BIDS NEW FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON ONLY

Applicant bids are available to teams that attended at least three 2020-21 USASF-sanctioned competitions, one of which must be a 2021 Worlds bid-qualifying event. Teams must apply for applicant bids. If approved, teams must pay for their own Worlds registration packages and all other related expenses.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

DEADLINE FOR BID ACCEPTANCE

Paid-bid winners and at-large bid winners who choose to accept their bids must do so within 72 hours after the last day of the bid-receiving event. The process to ACCEPT a bid includes:

1. returning the *Bid Winners Acceptance Form* to the sponsoring event producer, and
2. updating the Worlds Bid section in your USASF program membership profile.

Therefore, prior to competing in a Worlds bid-qualifying event, each team will need to decide whether it will accept the bid should they receive one, who will be going, and what the travel specifics will be. The purpose of this tight timing is to control last-minute changes that increase costs and make the entire travel experience disorganized.

Once a team accepts a bid, all required registration materials must be completed by the deadlines noted on page 13 of this packet. Any team holding its registration past the deadline in hopes of receiving a paid bid at a later Worlds bid qualifier, but is ultimately unsuccessful in achieving one, will be charged a late registration fee.

Bids that are not accepted or declined within the 72-hour deadline may be transferred to an alternate team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion. The sponsoring event producer may not transfer (hand down) any unaccepted or declined at-large bids after 96 hours from the last day of their qualifying event.

DIVISION AND TEAM SIZE REQUIREMENTS AT WORLDS

A team that receives and accepts any type of Worlds bid must compete at Worlds in the same division they competed in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded. The number of athletes competing on any team at Worlds may not exceed the number of athletes that took the floor with the team at the bid-qualifying event.

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.

The process to DECLINE a bid includes:

1. writing to the sponsoring event producer,
2. writing to the USASF Regional Director, and
3. updating the Worlds Bid section on the dashboard of your USASF program membership profile.

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 bids. Once an athlete has competed for a team and earned a paid bid, they are permitted to move to another team within their program. If their second team earns a paid 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 paid bid.

The number of athletes who previously earned a paid bid that are eligible to compete for and be awarded a paid bid on a second team is limited:

- Senior Extra Small/Coed teams may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- Senior Small/Coed teams may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- Senior Medium/Coed teams may have up to 4 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- Senior Large/Coed teams may have up to 6 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- Senior Open/Coed teams may have up to 4 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- U.S.-based teams in IASF divisions may have up to 4 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.

NEW!

FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON ONLY

EXCEPTIONS TO CHEER ATHLETE BID LIMITATIONS

Due to the uncertainty and unknown surrounding COVID 19, the USASF will allow each division a specific number of athlete EXCEPTIONS to the bid limitations guideline detailed at left.

The number of athletes that previously earned a paid bid and are eligible to compete for and be awarded a paid bid on a second team and will NOT be held to compete with the second team:

- SENIOR EXTRA SMALL/COED teams may have up to 1 athlete that was previously awarded a paid bid.
- SENIOR SMALL/COED teams may have up to 2 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- SENIOR MEDIUM/COED teams may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- SENIOR LARGE/COED teams may have up to 4 athletes that were previously awarded a bid.
- SENIOR OPEN/COED teams may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- U.S.-BASED TEAMS IN IASF DIVISIONS may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the program to ensure that rosters provided at Worlds Bid Events are accurate and reflect the athletes that competed on the floor and adhere to the parameters of the Cheer Athlete Bid Limitation.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

SUBSTITUTES 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 substitutions on Day 2 of the event, they are allowed to replace a limited number of active athletes with reserve athletes for the second performance. The maximum number of substitutions allowed per team on Day 2 is limited:

- Senior Extra Small/Coed Division – 3
- Senior Small/Coed Division – 3
- Senior Medium/Coed Division – 4
- Senior Large/Coed Division – 6
- Senior Open/Coed Division – 4
- IASF Divisions – 4

NOTES:

- 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 athlete eligibility requirements to compete with the said team.
- Athletes that took the floor on Day 1 with the bid-winning team will be considered original team members on the Worlds Roster.
- Reserve athletes that took the floor on Day 2 with the bid-winning team are eligible substitutes on the Worlds Roster.

SUBSTITUTES AND ALTERNATES AT WORLDS

Each team must submit their official roster for The Cheerleading Worlds through the USASF member portal. 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. Team size may not increase after the bid was received. The program is permitted to replace original team members with substitutes and wild card alternates (reserves) so long as they do not increase the total number of athletes on the team and they follow the guidelines outlined herein.

ORIGINAL TEAM MEMBERS

Original team members are athletes that were on the floor AND included on the official team roster at the bid-winning event.

SUBSTITUTION RULE

A substitute must be a regular-paid athlete from the same program, on a different team, and have competed on the floor for that program at the same event where the bid was awarded. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as those of the original bid-winning event. The maximum number of substitutions allowed per team at The Cheerleading Worlds is limited:

- Senior Extra Small Division – 4
- Senior Small Division – 6
- Senior Medium Division – 8
- Senior Large Division – 10
- Senior Open Division – 8
- IASF Open Division – 8 (season 1 countries)*
- IASF Open Division – 12 (season 2 countries)*
- IASF Global Club Division – 8 (season 1 countries)*
- IASF Global Club Division – 12 (season 2 countries)*
- IASF Non Tumbling Division – 10 (season 1 countries)*
- IASF Non Tumbling Division – 15 (season 2 countries)*

*Refer to *IASFworlds.com* for season descriptions.

WILD CARD ALTERNATES RULE

Wild Card Alternates are additional members of the program that did not perform on the floor at the event where the bid was received. Among the maximum number of substitutions allowed per team, a limited number may be Wild Card alternates:

- Senior Extra Small Division – 3
- Senior Small Division – 4
- Senior Medium Division – 5
- Senior Large Division – 6
- Senior Open Division – 5
- IASF Divisions – 5

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.

RESERVE ATHLETES ON THE WORLDS ROSTER

If, for any reason, a substitute is needed to replace an active athlete on a USASF official roster, ONLY an athlete listed as a reserve athlete on the respective team's USASF official roster may be used for that substitution. An athlete attending The Cheerleading Worlds exclusively as a reserve athlete may be listed on more than one team roster within the same program. Once the reserve athlete is moved to active, they are no longer eligible to serve as a reserve athlete on any other team. The program must notify a USASF event official of the athlete replacement (moving athlete from reserve to active) prior to the team and the athlete taking the floor. Please allow adequate time for a USASF event official to verify eligibility.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

U.S.-BASED TEAMS COMPETING IN IASF DIVISIONS

U.S.-based teams competing in International divisions must associate their official USASF roster through their member profile to the event where they are competing to receive their Worlds bid. All U.S.-based cheer athletes (original team members, alternates, substitutes) must be USASF athlete members to join the team in the warm-up room and compete at Worlds.

NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS

All non-U.S.-based teams must submit a completed International team roster. This document is available to print at *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net* or *IASFworlds.com*.

Copies of each athlete's birth certificate or passport must be with the team coach/representative at all times and readily available upon request by a Worlds official. Copies of each athlete's proof-of-age document on a USB/zip drive are acceptable.

U.S. TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS

Athletes must be legal residents or legal student residents of the United States. Each team member must provide proof of legal residency prior to the competition through the Roster Verification Process and upon request for each athlete that is NOT a U.S. citizen. Contact Amy Clark at aclark@usasf.net with questions about this policy.

PRELIMS, SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Competition officials reserve the right to amend the order of events and/or divisions based upon final registration for The Cheerleading Worlds.

SXS, SXSC, AND SOSC DIVISIONS

- All at-large bid teams in SXS, SXSC, and SOSC divisions will compete in a preliminary round Saturday, May 8, 2021.
- The top 10 preliminary teams will advance to the semi-final round on Saturday which also will include paid-bid teams in those divisions.
- Preliminary teams advancing to Semi-Finals will be reverse-seeded and inserted in the first 10 performance slots before the paid-bid teams that move directly to Semi-Finals.
- The top 10 teams will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals.
- The performance order for Finals will be reverse-seeded based on Semi-Finals results.

NOTES:

- If 40 or more teams compete in a division's preliminary round, 15 will move to the semi-final round.
- If 40 or more teams compete in a division's semi-final round, 15 will move to the final round.

SS, SM, SL, SSC, SMC, SLC, SO, AND SOLC DIVISIONS

- All teams in SS, SM, SL, SSC, SMC, SLC, SO, and SOLC divisions must compete in a semi-final round Saturday, May 8, or Sunday, May 9, 2021.
- The top 10 teams from these divisions will progress from Semi-Finals to Finals.
- The performance order will be reverse-seeded based on Semi-Finals results.

SCORING

Scores DO NOT carry over from the preliminary to the semi-final round, nor from the semi-final to final round.

ROSTER VIOLATIONS

- It is important that rosters are true and accurate before submitting to a bid-giving event or The Cheerleading Worlds.
- Any team or program found to be in violation of roster guidelines at the bid-qualifying event is not eligible to receive a bid.
- If a bid has been awarded and the team is in violation of the rostering requirements, they will forfeit the awarded bid.
- If a team is found to have made an improper substitution/alternate assignment, or has an illegal team member/crossover, this team
 - will be disqualified;
 - may be subject to fines;
 - may be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a paid bid;
 - may be denied participation (along with the gym's entire cheer program) in future events including The Cheerleading Worlds the following year; and/or
 - may be subject to USASF membership revocation.

PROGRAM RELEASE WAIVER

If a team's official roster for Worlds includes an athlete that took the floor with a team in any level from a different program (primary program), during the Worlds competition season (November 1, 2020–May 31, 2021), that athlete must have a USASF Program Release Waiver signed by the primary program owner to be eligible to compete with a secondary program at the 2021 Worlds. The USASF Program Release Waiver is found at *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net*. A copy of this form must be delivered to your USASF Regional Director on or before April 26, 2021, and the original must be brought to your Roster Verification appointment.

USASF DIVISION AWARDS

- Each team will receive a participation trophy.
- The USASF will award trophies to the top 10 teams in each division at The Cheerleading Worlds.
- Athletes on teams ranking first, second, or third will receive gold, silver, or bronze medallions.
- First-place teams in each division will receive a championship banner and each athlete who competed on the floor with that team will receive a Worlds champion ring.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

ATHLETE AND COACH ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

USASF WORLDS TEAMS/ATHLETES

- must represent a current USASF member program;
- must be active USASF member athletes;
- must meet adult athlete eligibility requirements if born in the year 2001 or earlier and participating on an Open team:
 - background check with green light determination
 - adult athlete-specific SafeSport training
- must be accompanied by an eligible USASF coach with applicable level credentialing to enter the Worlds warm-up rooms;
- may not compete in the same division at The Cheerleading Worlds and also at a 2021 end-of-season, multi-brand event; and must successfully complete a background check if 21 years of age or older on or before Dec. 31, 2021, and competing on a U.S.-based team.

USASF WORLDS TEAM COACHES

- must be a current program member of the USASF and in good standing with the USASF;
- must meet eligibility requirements for membership through their USASF member profile;
- must be credentialed in either building, tumbling, or both up to the level at which their team competed at the bid-qualifying event and will compete at The Cheerleading Worlds; and
- may not send the same team to compete in the same division at both The Cheerleading Worlds and a 2021 end-of-season, multi-brand event.

NON-COACHING PROGRAM OWNERS

- may enter the warm-up area with their team if they meet requirements for eligibility in the USASF member system and
- are accompanied by a coach who meets the above credentialing and membership eligibility requirements.

CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS AT WORLDS

All cheer teams competing at The Cheerleading Worlds 2021 are required to have a coach, or combination of coaches, with credentials in both building and tumbling through the level of the team. This may be one coach with both skill sets or a combination of coaches who have both skill sets between them. Non-tumbling teams are only required to have a coach with building credentials to the level of the team. These appropriately credentialed coach(es) must be on the roster and present in the warm-up room. In addition to the team requirements, all cheer coaches entering the warm-up room must be credentialed in either building, tumbling, or both up to the level of the team.

Coaches WITHOUT credentials prior to arriving in Orlando may be credentialed on-site by appointment.

- Contact Angela Bruno in the USASF office to schedule an appointment in advance: 888.315.9437.
- Coaches will be charged a \$500 on-site administrative fee in ADDITION to the normal credentialing fee.
- Coaches who fail to make an appointment in advance will pay a \$200 walk-up fee in ADDITION to the \$500 on-site administrative fee and normal credentialing fee.

ID CARD REQUIREMENTS

Each coach, program owner, and choreographer at The Cheerleading Worlds must have a current USASF membership ID to gain access to the warm-up rooms. Members may generate a complimentary digital ID through the USASF Coach app and/or order a physical ID card through their USASF membership profile for \$10. Only individuals with valid (unexpired) credentials who meet the following criteria will be permitted with their team in the warm-up rooms:

- must meet all eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile;
- must be listed on the Official Event Roster of the team competing at The Cheerleading Worlds;
- must be a member in good standing at the program he/she is representing;
- must understand that he/she is a representative of the event producer that awarded the team's bid to The Cheerleading Worlds; and
- agree to act with complete respect, sportsmanship, and graciousness at all times while representing the USASF event producer from whom they received a bid to The Cheerleading Worlds.

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.

IASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

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*.

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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND PAYMENT POLICIES

U.S.-based teams are required to submit registrations online. Documents requiring signatures must be mailed to the address below. Registrations received after the deadline will be accepted based on hotel availability. Hotels may fill up prior to deadline dates.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Bids received BEFORE March 8, 2021

DEADLINE

- Registration items are due April 6, 2021.
- Registrations received after April 6 from teams with early registration deadlines will be held until April 19 and processed with late registrations — regardless of the team's reason for withholding the registration.

CHANGES

Changes must be requested by April 26, 2021. For changes requested after this date, a \$200 per change fee will be charged.

CANCELLATIONS

- For cancellations received April 6-26, 2021, all monies will be refunded with the exception of the \$200 per person deposit.
- Cancellations received after April 26, 2021 will result in full forfeiture of all monies paid.

PAYMENT POLICY

Payment may be in the form of:

- Mastercard or Visa.
- Cashier's check or money order mailed to the address at right.
- No personal, program, or booster checks will be accepted.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing to the address above or by email to your registration specialist shown on page 14. Include: program/team name, reason for the refund, amount requested, and to whom and where to mail the refund check. The registration office will issue a refund after a review of your account file. All refunds will be processed AFTER the event. The average processing time for a refund is four weeks from the date the request is received.

INTERNATIONAL VISA REQUEST DEADLINE

International visa requests must be received and processed in the USASF office by March 26, 2021.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND ACCEPT THE CONTENTS OF THE REGISTRATION DEADLINES, CANCELLATION AND PAYMENT POLICIES. I ALSO HAVE ADVISED ALL ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND CHAPERONES IN MY GROUP OF THESE POLICIES.

<i>program owner/coach signature</i>		<i>date</i> / <i> </i> / <i> </i>	
1. <i>athlete name</i> / <i>parent/guardian signature</i>	13. <i>athlete name</i> / <i>parent/guardian signature</i>		
2. <i> </i> / <i> </i>	14. <i> </i> / <i> </i>		
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12. <i> </i> / <i> </i>	24. <i> </i> / <i> </i>		

LATE REGISTRATION

Bids received AFTER March 8, 2021

DEADLINE

Registration items are due by April 19, 2021.

CHANGES

Changes must be requested by April 26, 2021. For changes requested after this date, a \$200 per change fee will be charged.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations received after April 26, 2021 will result in full forfeiture of all monies paid.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

- A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is due with registration. Registrations are not approved until deposits are received. Families attending with a Worlds team will not be able to register until the team registration is approved.
- Full payment is due by **April 26, 2021**.

MAIL

CASHIER'S CHECK/MONEY ORDER TO:
USASF / The Cheerleading Worlds
Registration
6745 Lenox Center, Suite 300
Memphis, TN 38115

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

All U.S.-based teams are required to register online.

WORLDS TEAMS

USASF contracts with Varsity to manage registration and event logistics. You will need the following information to complete the registration process:

- your Varsity Connect account login that you have used for previous Varsity-sponsored event registrations (If you have never registered for a Varsity-sponsored event, contact your registration specialist for a username and password.);
- each athlete's first name, last name, gender, and birthdate; and
- rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable).

STEP 1: Read all information pertaining to the event – hotel package, commuter package, extra ticket pricing, etc.

STEP 2: Ensure that you have your Varsity Connect account login information and personal data for each athlete (first and last name, gender, and birthdate) and coach (first and last name, gender, and email).

STEP 3: To allow for a smooth and quick registration experience, we encourage you to create or update your master roster before you register. Your master roster is a list of every potential athlete or coach from your entire program that may attend the Worlds. This is NOT the team's Official Event Roster as described on page 18.

To upload your master roster, you must create one using the template provided on the Upload People page (see link below). The birthdates must be in the specified format and you must use the drop down menu on the template to assign each person's role.

It is very important that you download and use this exact spreadsheet to ensure the data loads correctly. To create your master roster, follow this link:

- <https://www.myvarsity.com/s/master-roster>
- click Upload People

Once there, you can download instructions and the spreadsheet template. If your master roster has more than 100 people, please contact your registration specialist before trying to upload.

STEP 4: Click on the link to start the registration process and log in to your account using your Varsity Connect login.

STEP 5: Follow the instructions on each page to assign your athletes and coaches to the appropriate team(s) and create a rooming list for your team's housing (if applicable).

STEP 6: Review and submit your registration.

STEP 7: Submit your payment by:

- Mastercard or Visa. Go to My Worlds Registration and click Invoice/Payment.
- Cashier's check or money order mailed to the address at right. No personal, program, or booster checks will be accepted.

STEP 8: Print, sign, and EMAIL all required team forms to:

Grace Turner: gturner@usasf.net.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

You will need the following information to complete the registration process:

- team registration number obtained from the coach (available after team's registration has been approved) and
- rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable).

STEP 1: Go to *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net* and click on Worlds then on Registration.

STEP 2: Read all of the information pertaining to the event before you begin your registration process.

STEP 3: Click on the link to start the registration process and log in using the team registration number.

STEP 4: Follow the instructions on each page to make hotel reservations and/or order additional tickets. If applicable, you may also assign athletes and coaches that are on the team roster to your rooming list.

STEP 5: Review and submit your registration.

STEP 6: Submit your payment by:

- Mastercard or Visa. Go to My Worlds Registration and click Invoice/Payment.
- Cashier's check or money order mailed to the address below. No personal, program, or booster checks will be accepted.

MAIL

CASHIER'S CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS TO:
USASF / The Cheerleading Worlds
Registration
6745 Lenox Center, Suite 300
Memphis, TN 38115

EMAIL

SIGNED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
Grace Turner: gturner@usasf.net

A DEPOSIT OF \$200 PER PERSON IS DUE WITH REGISTRATION. REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT APPROVED UNTIL DEPOSITS ARE RECEIVED.
FAMILIES ATTENDING WITH YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER UNTIL YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION IS APPROVED.

WORLDS REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS

U.S.-BASED TEAMS PROGRAM NAMES BEGINNING:	INTERNATIONAL TEAMS NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS	REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS
A-H	Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine	Ainslie Franklin: afranklin@usasf.net
I-SS	Africa, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Wales, United Kingdom	Mendy Terrell: mterrell@usasf.net
ST-Z	Australia, Canada	Missy Miller: mmiller@usasf.net

HOTEL PACKAGE PRICING

HOTEL PACKAGES INCLUDE

- any two-, three-, or four-night hotel stay between May 4-12, 2021;
- airport transfers provided by Disney's Magical Express® Transportation;
- Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid May 4-13, 2021;
- admission to all Worlds competition venues;
- transportation to all events directly related to Worlds; and
- all taxes and gratuities.
- Prices DO NOT include airfare.

DISNEY'S ALL-STAR MOVIES RESORT

PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

people per room		2 nights	3 nights	4 nights
Quad	4	\$655	\$715	\$784
Triple	3	\$684	\$765	\$850
Double	2	\$744	\$865	\$1017
Single	1	\$955	\$1183	\$1429
Park Hopper® Ticket		2-day	3-day	3-day

DISNEY'S CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT

PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

people per room		2 nights	3 nights	4 nights
Quad	4	\$743	\$841	\$935
Triple	3	\$800	\$920	\$1065
Double	2	\$905	\$1090	\$1325
Single	1	\$1230	\$1530	\$1962
Park Hopper® Ticket		2-day	3-day	3-day

UPGRADE your Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option for the additional fee listed below.

PARK HOPPER® TICKET UPGRADE FEES

current ticket	upgrade to	additional fee
2-day	3-day	\$75
3-day	4-day	\$75
3-day	5-day	\$138

EXTRA NIGHTS may be added to your four-night hotel package. Extra nights are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.



Prices are per room per night, regardless of occupancy, and include tax.

- Disney's All-Star Resorts \$230 per room/night
- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort \$315 per room/night

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Upon your purchase of a Worlds hotel package we will send you a transportation form with important instructions for setting up your transportation to and from the airport with Disney's Magical Express® Transportation.

- Transportation between Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Walt Disney World® Resort will be provided by Disney's Magical Express® Transportation. Guests utilizing another airport will need to find alternate transportation.
- Disney's Magical Express® Transportation provides motor coach transportation to/from the Walt Disney World® Resort and special luggage delivery service.
- Disney's Magical Express® Transportation requires a reservation. Each guest must be registered at Walt Disney World® Resort prior to contacting Disney's Magical Express® Transportation.
- After registering for the event, each team will be provided with specific details to book their Disney's Magical Express® Transportation reservation.
- Reservations need to be completed 14 days prior to arrival. Guests will be asked to provide a mailing address and inbound/outbound flight information.
- Disney's Magical Express® Transportation will mail airport transportation information which includes detailed arrival instructions and special luggage tags.
- Walt Disney World® luggage tags and transfers will not be provided for guests making arrangements within 14 days of arrival.

Disney's Magical Express



FAMILY AND FRIENDS PACKAGES

- USASF offers families and friends the same great hotel packages that we offer teams.
- We recommend that you set up your own registration separate from the team's registration.
- Please designate one contact person to receive all communication and share information with the rest of the group.
- See page 14 for more details.

COMMUTER PACKAGE, COACH LANYARD AND EXTRA TICKET PRICES

COMMUTER PACKAGE \$480

Athletes and coaches NOT purchasing Worlds hotel packages are required to purchase commuter packages which include:

- athlete/coach competition registration;
- 3-Day Park Hopper® Ticket valid May 4-12, 2021;
- six days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex; and
- admission to all competition venues.

* Commuter packages do not include transportation to/from the competition venues.

WORLDS COACH LANYARD WITHOUT PARK HOPPER® TICKET \$160

Provides entry for Worlds coaches into the competition venues only. Does not include a Park Hopper® Ticket or admission to the theme parks.

Lanyards will be sold only to coaches from programs participating in Worlds who:

- are listed on a USASF Official Roster for a team attending Worlds, and
- meet the eligibility requirements for warm-up room access.

NOTE: This lanyard is NOT purchased through the Worlds registration site. You must pre-order from USASF and collect at your roster verification appointment. The deadline to pre-order is Monday, **April 26, 2021**. Purchase information will be provided at a later date.

EXTRA TICKET PRICES

MAGIC YOUR WAY TICKETS WITH PARK HOPPER® OPTION

- admission to all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks,
- six days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex, and
- admission to all Worlds competition venues.
- Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- **Tickets will NOT be sold in Orlando.**

3-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET \$401

Three days admission to Walt Disney World® Theme Parks and admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex and all Worlds competition venues.

4-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET \$476

Four days admission to Walt Disney World® Theme Parks and admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex and all Worlds competition venues.

5-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET \$539

Five days admission to Walt Disney World® Theme Parks and admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex and all Worlds competition venues.

PARK HOPPER® TICKET UPGRADES

- 3-Day Park Hopper® Tickets may be upgraded to 4-day tickets for an additional \$75.
- 3-Day Park Hopper® Tickets may be upgraded to 5-day tickets for an additional \$138.

WALT DISNEY WORLD® THEME PARKS

Magic Kingdom® Park

Epcot®

Disney's Hollywood® Studios

Animal Kingdom® Theme Park

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All tickets must be purchased in advance.
- Tickets will not be sold in Orlando.
- The Walt Disney World® Resort is operating at a limited capacity and theme park reservations will be required.
- To enter a park, both a park reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same day are required.
- Stay alert for more information on how you can receive your park ticket numbers in advance in order to book your park reservation early.

DEADLINE TO PREORDER

Park Hopper® Tickets and Daily Competition

Admission Tickets: **April 26, 2021**

Awards may be live with limited athletes and/or coaches or virtual. Continue to check *thecheerleadingworlds.net* for the most current information.

DAILY COMPETITION ADMISSION TICKETS \$25 EACH DAY

Family and friends who DO NOT purchase Worlds hotel packages or Park Hopper® Tickets may enter the competition venues with daily competition admission tickets.

- Tickets will be digital and must be ordered in advance.
- Digital ticket sales will begin approximately two weeks prior to Worlds.
- Deadline to preorder: **April 26, 2021**.
- A Worlds team customer number will be required to purchase daily admission tickets.
- Spectators will be limited to a maximum number of family and friends ONLY during each team's performance.
- We cannot guarantee at this time that sister teams will be permitted to watch (members from one Worlds team watching the performance of another Worlds team from the same program).
- Award ceremonies may be live with limited athletes and/or coaches or they may be virtual.
- Continue to check *thecheerleadingworlds.net* for the most current information.

WARM-UP ROOM ACCESS POLICY

Worlds team rosters must include: all program owners, coaches, choreographers, athletic trainers, personnel, athletes, and alternate/substitute athletes intending to enter the warm-up room specific to the team preparing to compete.

USASF CHEERLEADING WORLDS COACH CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS

- Each coach must have an active USASF coach membership.
- Each coach must complete eligibility requirements for membership through his/her USASF member profile.
- Each coach must be credentialed through Level 6 in either building, tumbling, or both.
- If coaching a Level 7 Worlds team, each coach must be credentialed through Level 7 in building and 6 in tumbling.

USASF ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Athletes must be current members of the USASF and listed on the official Worlds roster.
- Adult athletes on U.S.-based teams must have a background screening with a green light determination. Adults are athletes who are born in the year 2001 or earlier.
- Reserve athletes must be on the roster in order to be allowed in the warm-up areas. Reserve athletes must be competition-ready and in the venue where the team is competing. If an injury occurs, reserve athletes may be used, as needed, as long as they: meet eligibility requirements, are listed on the roster, and have been approved during the roster verification appointment. Reserve athletes must report, be ready to warm-up, and compete with the team, within 15 minutes of the injury.
- U.S.-based athletes must present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official. See page 18 for more details.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

One personnel member per team will be permitted in the warm-up room. This personnel member must meet all membership eligibility requirements.

PROHIBITED FROM ENTRY INTO THE WARM-UP ROOM

- Children not listed on the roster as an athlete or reserve
- VIPs
- Team photographers
- Media

EVENT VIOLATION POLICY

VIOLATION	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	TEAM PENALTY	MEMBER PENALTY
I M M E D I A T E D I S C I P L I N A R Y A C T I O N				
USASF MEMBER (OTHER THAN ATHLETE)				
In warm-up area without proper credentials and/or identification	Removed from warm-up area, name and program name documented	Membership, credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	None	Coach membership revoked for one year
Refused entry into warm-up area by USASF staff but entered anyway	Membership/credentials confiscated, removed from warm-up area, name, and program name documented: official warning	Membership/credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	6-point penalty for team	Coach and program membership revoked for one year
USASF MEMBER ATHLETE				
In warm-up area but NOT on team roster	Picture taken, documented, and removed from warm-up area	Escorted from the venue	6-point penalty for team	Ineligible for the remainder of the event
Competes but NOT listed on the team roster	Ineligible to compete	Membership revoked for one year (full season)	Team disqualified	Program membership revoked for up to two years
Under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any venue at any time during the event from arrival to departure on Tuesday	Authorities are called and athlete is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the event	Athlete membership revoked for one year (one full season)	6-point penalty per incident for team	Athlete membership revoked for up to two years, review of program membership revocation of up to two years

I HAVE REVIEWED THE WARM-UP ROOM/BACKSTAGE ACCESS AND EVENT VIOLATION POLICIES AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

_____/_____/_____
program owner/coach signature date

_____/_____/_____
coach/assistant coach signature date

OFFICIAL EVENT ROSTER AND MUSIC LICENSING VERIFICATION PROCESS

U.S.-BASED TEAMS

1. Contact your Regional Director to schedule your appointment.
2. Bring a printed copy of your Official Event Roster for The Cheerleading Worlds.
3. If you have non-U.S. citizens on your team, bring a printed copy of the International Athlete List and the appropriate ORIGINAL documentation that permits them to compete on a U.S.-based team. This form is available from your Regional Director.
4. Bring proof of licensing for all music used throughout your routine. Proof of licensing details can be found on page 21 under Music and Limitations.
5. During the verification appointment, you will meet with a USASF event official to review each team's final roster. During the review process your final roster will be checked against the roster that was certified by the event producer. Any changes must follow the rules for eligible substitutions/alternates (reserves) as outlined in the bid packet. In addition, the paperwork for any/all athletes who are not U.S. citizens, but participating on a U.S.-based team, will be reviewed.
6. Once your roster is verified by a USASF event official, it will be locked and considered your Official Event Roster for The Cheerleading Worlds and will be used during the Athlete ID Check prior to your team entering the warm-up room. Any changes made after this time must be reported to and verified by your Regional Director.

Failure to produce the proper credentials and identification will prohibit entry into the warm-up area. Unauthorized entry into the warm-up area will result in immediate disciplinary action.

U.S.-BASED TEAM ROSTER

- All teams based in the United States will submit rosters through their USASF program membership portals as they have throughout the 2020-2021 season.
- All athletes must meet all participation, substitution, and alternate guidelines. See page 8 for more information.
- All U.S. athletes listed on your official roster for The Cheerleading Worlds must be USASF member athletes and denoted as such. This includes all active and reserve athletes.
- Athletes not listed on the roster as active or reserve athletes will not be permitted to take the floor at Worlds.
- For additional instructions, please contact your Regional Director.

PROOF OF AGE – U.S.-BASED TEAMS

Each athlete on a U.S.-based roster is required to have proof of age and a current headshot uploaded to their USASF member profile.

ATHLETE PHOTO ID CHECK – U.S.-BASED TEAMS

Prior to entering the warm-up room, USASF officials will verify the identity of each athlete on your team against your Official Event Roster for The Cheerleading Worlds.

1. Athletes will line up in alphabetical order by last name (in the same order as the roster).
2. They will present the USASF official with their government-issued photo identification.
3. The USASF official will verify the name against the roster and the photo.

Acceptable forms of government-issued photo identification are:

- driver's license - state ID - military ID - passport - visa

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT

FOR THE 2021 WORLDS ONLY

We normally do NOT accept paper copies of any identification. Due to COVID, some states are unable to provide standard plastic ID cards. If you only have a paper version of you state ID and/or drivers license you will need the following documentation **in addition to** the original government-issued paper document.

A school-issued letter that includes each of the following:

- must be on the school letterhead,
- must include your photo,
- must include your full name,
- must include your birthdate,
- must show your grade, and
- must include the school principal and secretary's names and contact phone numbers.

The school-issued letter will not be accepted by itself. It is a second document that supports the paper version of the government-issued ID. The school-issued letter will ONLY be accepted for the 2021 Worlds event due to COVID. It will not be an option for future World events.

NOTES

- Each athlete must have an acceptable form of identification: a driver's license, state ID, military ID, passport, or visa. A state ID may be obtained through your local DMV office and may take as many as six to eight weeks to receive. The minimum age required for a state ID varies by state. Passports typically take six to eight weeks. Please plan accordingly.
- It is the responsibility of the program and its representatives to allocate ample time to receive acceptable forms of identification so that athletes may enter the warm-up room and compete.
- International competitors on a U.S.-based team will show their passports or visas.
- Photo IDs are not a requirement for Exceptional Athletes.

AGREEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

In an effort to maintain the integrity and professionalism of The Cheerleading Worlds, the USASF has established a code of ethics. It is our goal to offer a positive event where good sportsmanship is the major theme and all rules are followed. The USASF member event producers fervently encourage and support fairness, integrity, and sportsmanship among all athletes in all facets of cheerleading and dance, including, but not limited to team practice and performance. We strive to uphold the highest standards and promote this to the best of our abilities, and believe that coaches and program owners are instrumental in promoting and instilling this among their respective team members.

SAFETY

- *I understand that cheer is a competitive activity, which requires proper training techniques for all athletes under my direction.*
- *I attest I have been properly trained in basic cheer techniques, proper skill progression, and safety precautions.*
- *I understand it is my ethical duty to put the interest and safety of my athletes first, and not to put athletes under my direction at risk unnecessarily.*
- *I understand that only USASF coaches who meet requirements for eligibility in the USASF member system are permitted in the warm-up areas at The Cheerleading Worlds.*
- *I understand that only USASF member athletes may compete at The Cheerleading Worlds.*

SPORTSMANSHIP

- *I will support The Cheerleading Worlds outcome and represent my program with integrity, including on social media.*
- *I will display good sportsmanship and require such of my athletes and parents/families of competitors, including on social media.*
- *I understand my position as a role model for my team and will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times; and I understand that my behavior is subject to disciplinary action if it violates the USASF Professional Responsibility Code.*

HOTEL/RESORT GUIDELINES

- Smoking and/or the use of alcohol by a Worlds athlete is prohibited. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action including ineligibility for the current Cheerleading Worlds. If the violation occurs after the athlete competes, yet during the event time frame at any Worlds event location, then suspension for the following competition season will be implemented.
- Illegal substances are prohibited.
- Absolutely NO tape or paint of any kind on any walls, windows or doors. Be sure your team knows to leave the rooms as they find them (including furniture) when they check out.
- Do not prop your doors open. Travel in groups of two or more.
- Security will walk around at night and will be on patrol at all times. All athletes will have a midnight curfew and will be asked to show courtesy in keeping noise levels down.
- Buses to the events will load and unload outside your registration location. **YOU MUST WEAR YOUR LANYARD TO GET ON THE BUS.** Whether in uniform or not, you must have proof of being on a Worlds hotel package to use the buses. We do not recommend that you use Walt Disney World® Resort shuttles to competition venues because they run on Walt Disney World® time and are not set to run with the times of our events or to our venues.
- The hotel and the USASF will not be responsible for any electronics, trophies, or other items. You will need to take them with you on the bus or store them in the USASF office located at one of the host hotels.
- If a minor loses a room key, he/she must be accompanied by an adult or coach to receive a new key.
- **REQUIRED:** Every team must have at least one coach, program owner, or responsible adult for every nine athletes staying at the hotel to supervise their team members.

WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT CODE OF CONDUCT

WHILE AT THE HOTEL

- Please be respectful to those around you, not every guest is on your schedule.
- Disrespectful conduct or behavior such as vulgarity, excessive rowdiness, excessive noise, and all other actions that negatively affect other guests or cast members is not permitted.
- During the quiet hours (10 pm - 8 am), guests shall be considerate and refrain from any conduct that could disturb others in the vicinity. Voices, televisions, or other devices must be kept at a respectful low level at all times. Doors should be opened and closed quietly. Congregating or running in halls is not permitted.
- For your safety and the safety of others, please do not engage in any unsafe act or acts that may impede the operation of the resort or any associated facility. Examples include: cutting in lines and leaving laundry unattended in washers/dryers for long periods of time.
- Help keep guest rooms enjoyable for all guests and free from damages. Damages to rooms, paint, or excessive cleaning will be charged to the group or group leader. For example, do not shower with the curtain outside the tub as this can cause water damage and do not hang items from the sprinklers in the ceiling as this can trigger the sprinklers and cause flooding.

WHILE AT THE POOL

- An adult chaperone must be at the pool while minors from your group are present.
- Proper attire must be worn at all times, including at pool areas (i.e. no revealing or transparent swimwear or bathing suit thongs).
- Pools will experience a hard close every night. Please check specific pool hours at your resort hotel.

GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- The actions and conduct of your group are the responsibility of the group leader(s). Therefore, please ensure that all members of your group are in compliance with all policies and procedures established by the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including those in this document.

WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT IN FLORIDA RIGHT TO REMOVE

- Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida reserves the right to remove guests from the facility without refund and/or from future group experiences for any reason, including, without limitation, failure of the guest to comply with the Walt Disney World® Code of Conduct as outlined above or any other action deemed inappropriate by the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida.

AGREEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

1. I agree to follow all safety, sportsmanship, hotel, warm-up room, and performance rules both by the letter and spirit of the rule.
2. I agree to abide by the eligibility requirements and substitution rules as determined by the USASF and I understand that if a violation is reported, I may be required to supply eligibility verification to event officials.
3. I understand if one or more members of our team is found to be ineligible, is destructive to Walt Disney World® property or competition-related property, or behaves inappropriately, our team will: be disqualified, be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a paid bid, and will not be eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading Worlds for the following year.
4. I understand our registration will not be entered or processed without this signed form.

<i>program name</i>	<i>team name</i>	<i>city/state/country</i>
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ATHLETES: PRINT your name on the first line and SIGN your name on the second line.

<i>print name</i>	<i>sign name</i>	<i>print name</i>	<i>sign name</i>
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Cheerleading Worlds competition will follow the most recent version of the USASF General Rules and Age Grid. Refer to the *TheCheerleadingWorlds.net* website for details.

II. COMPETITION AREA

- A. Participants must start and end within the competition boundary and may line up anywhere inside the competition area to begin their routine. The competition area will be determined by the tournament director according to the size of the facility being used. Approximate floor size will be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep (9 panels). All skills must originate and be completed within the competition boundary. No lineups, skills, or transitions are allowed outside of the competition boundary. The competition boundary is defined as the actual competition floor/spring floor, the carpet bonded foam panels that connect to the spring floor, and any additional border that supports/surrounds the floor.
- B. A deduction will be assessed per occurrence for an athlete that makes contact outside the competition boundary.
NOTE: The deduction amount will be included in Worlds Score Sheets that will be posted online in early 2021.
- C. If a sign or prop is thrown outside the performing area, that team will receive a deduction for each violation. Signs or props may be placed or dropped outside the competition boundary by a team member who must remain inside the competition boundary area. All center markers are prohibited.

III. MUSIC AND LIMITATIONS

- A. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first. Timing will end with the last movement, last voice, or note of music, whichever comes last.
ROUTINE PERFORMANCE TIMES:
 1. Senior Divisions: 2:30 maximum
 2. IASF Open L5, L6 and L7: 2:30 maximum
 3. IASF Non-Tumbling L6 and L7: 2:00 maximum
 4. IASF Global Club L6:
 - a. 30 second minimum to 40 second maximum for the opening cheer portion,
 - b. 20 second maximum to move from cheer portion and set up for the music portion, and
 - c. 2:30 maximum for the music portion.
- B. All introductions (tumbling, entrances, chants, spell-outs, etc.) are considered part of the routine and are timed as part of the performance. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.
NOTE: Penalty points will be included with the Worlds Score Sheets that will be posted on the USASF website in early 2021.
- C. If a team exceeds the time limit, a penalty will be assessed.
NOTE: The point deduction amount will be posted when the Worlds Score Sheets are posted in early 2021.
- D. Because penalties are severe, it is recommended that all teams time their performance several times prior to attending the competition and leave a several second cushion to allow for variations in sound equipment.
- E. All teams at The Cheerleading Worlds may use as many songs in the musical portion of their routine as they like.
- F. Routine music used at The Cheerleading Worlds must comply with applicable copyright law. At Worlds, all teams must

provide proof of licensing. This will be reviewed during roster check appointments (see page 18). This may include:

- proof of purchase from an approved music provider.
- if using a single song, the receipt from the song's purchase.
- if using an editor, proof of purchase from an approved provider and proof of licensing for all sound effects and voice-overs included in the mix. Editors do not have to be on the preferred provider list but must be able to provide teams these required proofs of purchase and licensing.

NOTE: If you have additional questions about the music guidelines, please contact your USASF Regional Director.

- H. Teams may not use Disney themes nor costumes that resemble Disney characters. However, Disney music is acceptable if the music licensing guidelines are followed.
- I. Each team is required to assign a responsible adult who knows the routine and music to stay at the music station during the team's performance. This representative is responsible for starting the music and stopping the music in case of technical malfunction or injury. Please make sure that all devices are fully charged, placed in airplane mode, and the volume is turned up. If using a CD, make sure it is free of scratches to avoid skipping.

IV. ATHLETE BEHAVIOR

- A. Athletes of teams at The Cheerleading Worlds are expected to exhibit the utmost of sportsmanship, respect and support throughout the entire event. Periodically there were concerns that a high standard of "decorum" was not being followed consistently by all teams in the performance venue at performance time, and also by some program members/fans viewing the routine.
- B. When teams are introduced, they are expected to take the floor within a 20-second window and assume the starting position for their routine. At the conclusion of the routine, competitors are expected to exit the performance floor immediately, again within a 15-second window of time.
- C. From the time the team is announced the protocol for entering and leaving the competition floor is expected to reflect a "team" environment.
- D. Actions that exhibit excessive boasting, a delay in competition, poor sportsmanship, unprofessional behavior, etc. may be penalized for by event judges. These actions may include, but are not limited to, things such as:
 1. Taunting another team. Taunting may be defined as the use of baiting or taunting acts and/or words that engender ill will between teams.
 2. An athlete calling unnecessary attention to her/himself (i.e. high fives, chest bumps, etc.).
 3. Excessive pre- or post-competition team rituals (team bonding traditions must take place behind the stage area).
 4. Public displays of affection.
 5. Stepping outside the competition boundary to approach coaching staff, crowd members and/or other members of the audience.
 6. Excessive celebration (i.e. athletes wrapping their legs around coaches and/or each other, victory dances, etc.). Any prolonged, excessive, or premeditated celebration by individual athletes or a group of athletes while on the competition floor

7. Coaching staff, parents, fans and/or other members of the performing program entering the competition boundary before, during or after a performance (unless in direct response to an obvious athlete injury). The only people allowed on the performance floor are the competitors and competition personnel.
8. Participants collapsing to the floor following a performance when an injury does not seem apparent. It will be assumed that any athlete who is not able to maintain a standing position is in need of medical attention and will be treated as such.
9. Teams will be assessed a point penalty for exhibiting unsportsmanlike, unprofessional, disrespectful and/or unsupportive behavior. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the competition officials. Note: Penalty points will be included with the Worlds score sheets that will be posted on the USASF website by early 2021.

V. ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- A. Judges reserve the right to assess warnings and/or deductions when a team's choreography does not meet the appropriate standards.
- B. COVER UP GUIDELINES — Athletes with non-full top uniforms must wear a t-shirt or other suitable cover up over their uniforms unless they are in the warm-up area, traveling as a group directly to or from the warm up area, or on the performance stage.
- C. APPROPRIATE CHOREOGRAPHY — All facets of a performance/routine, including both choreography and music selection, should be appropriate and suitable for family viewing and listening.
- D. Examples of inappropriate choreography may include, but are not limited to movements such as hip thrusting and inappropriate touching, gestures, hand/arm movements and signals, slapping, positioning of body parts and positioning to one another.
- E. Music or words unsuitable for family listening, which includes, but is not limited, to swear words and/or connotations of any type of sexual act or behavior, drugs, explicit mention of specific parts of the body/torso, and/or violent acts or behavior. Removing improper language or words from a song and replacing with sound effects or other words may still constitute "inappropriate".
- F. Music or movement in which the appropriateness is questionable or with which uncertainty exists should be assumed by the coach to be inappropriate and removed as to not put their team in an unfortunate situation.
- G. MAKEUP — Makeup, if worn, should be uniform and appropriate for both the performance and the age of the athletes. Face/eyelid rhinestones are not allowed. False eyelashes are allowed but may not be decorated in rhinestones or additional jewelry.
- H. BOWS — Bows should not be excessive in size (acceptable bows are generally no more than 4" in width) and should not be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the athletes, should be adequately secured and should not fall over the forehead into the athlete's eyes, or block the view of the athlete while performing.
- I. GENERAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES — No risqué, sexually provocative or lingerie-looking or inspired uniform or garments allowed. All uniform pieces should adequately cover an athlete and must be secured to eliminate any possible wardrobe malfunction. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. In addition to the following guidelines, athletes also must consider that a combination of uniform pieces may also deem

a uniform appropriate or inappropriate. ALL garments must properly cover the athlete and the athlete's undergarments during the routine.

- J. UNIFORM SKIRT/SHORT GUIDELINES — When a skirt is worn as part of the uniform, briefs under the skirt are required. The skirt must fully cover the hips. The skirt must completely cover the briefs and must fall 1 inch below the briefs (regular and boy-cut briefs). When shorts are worn as part of the uniform, there must be a minimum of a 2-inch inseam.
- K. UNIFORM TOP GUIDELINES — Uniform tops must be secured by straps or material over at least one shoulder or around the neck (tube tops are not allowed).
- L. Visit USASF.net for more information about Athlete Performance Standards (APS).

VI. SPOTTER POLICY ON COMPETITION FLOORS

The Cheerleading Worlds WILL provide spotters for all competition floors for ALL divisions. All teams during this time MUST use the provided spotters on the competition floor.

VII. SPOTTER POLICY IN REHEARSAL AREAS

- A. Teams must follow the level rules and have the required team member spotters in place during the execution of skills while in the rehearsal area.
- B. The Cheerleading Worlds will have event spotters available upon request in all rehearsal areas. The Cheerleading Worlds WILL NOT require event spotters to be used in the rehearsal areas. USASF/Club division teams may choose to provide their own spotters in the rehearsal area (referred to as additional spotters), request to use The Cheerleading Worlds event spotters or elect not to use spotters in the rehearsal. The use of provided spotters or additional spotters is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the USASF division team coach or program owner. Additional spotters must meet the requirements as listed in item C4.
- C. Additional Spotters — Definition: Individuals on the rehearsal floor provided as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine during rehearsal only.

Additional spotters:

1. must meet the eligibility requirements to enter the warm-up room.
2. should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are provided by the team for added safety and should stand at the back of the floor when not spotting those sections.
3. should not touch, assist, or save skills being performed. Additional spotters should only be used to prevent a fall to the rehearsal floor.
4. should be dressed so that they are presentable, professional, and distinguishable from the performing athletes. Team-provided additional spotters should not wear clothing similar to the performing team's uniform.
5. should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
6. should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.

NOTE: To provide the safest competitive environment, teams should not attempt skills beyond their ability level.

VIII. INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

A. Unforeseen Circumstances

If, in the opinion of the competition officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the competition equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, the team affected or competition officials may stop the routine. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred. The spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials.

B. Fault of Team

In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own representative, is non-injury related, equipment and/or music related, the team must continue the routine. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials and a possible penalty will be assessed. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred. The spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials.

C. Injury

1. The only individuals that may stop a routine for injury are:
 - a. competition officials,
 - b. the program owner/head coach from the team performing, or
 - c. an injured individual.
2. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. If permitted to perform again the team must (pending the injury's impact on the routine) perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
3. If a team needs to re-perform a routine but fails to do the routine in its entirety, (example: throwing a back tuck instead of the full twist thrown in the original performance) then this team may receive a penalty at the discretion of competition officials.
4. The injured athlete that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:
 - a. The competition officials receive clearance from: first, the medical personnel attending to that athlete, the parent/guardian (if present) AND THEN the head coach/director of the competing team.
 - b. If the medical personnel do not clear the athlete, the athlete can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance signs a return to participation waiver (excluding a suspected concussion).
 - c. In the event of a suspected concussion, the athlete cannot return to perform without clearance from a licensed medical professional that has training related

to head injuries (medical doctor or designated official specifically trained in concussion management), even with a waiver from a parent or legal guardian.

- d. We encourage you to be familiar with suspected concussion laws applicable in the state where the competition is being held.

IX. HOW TO HANDLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

Any question concerning the rules or procedures of the tournament will be handled exclusively by one designated representative of the team (i.e. program owner/director, coach or captain) and will be directed only to a competition official. Such questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance. Any questions concerning the team's performance should be made to a competition official immediately after the team's performance.

X. INTERPRETATIONS AND RULINGS

Any interpretation of any aspect of these Rules and Regulations or any decision involving any other aspect of the tournament will be rendered by the Worlds Competition Rules Committee. The Worlds Competition Rules Committee will render a judgment in an effort to ensure that the tournament proceeds in a manner consistent with the general spirit and goals of the tournament. The Rules Committee will consist at minimum of the Tournament Director, Head Judge, the USASF Rules Committee Chairman and/or a tournament official designated by the Chairman. The Tournament Director may appoint additional qualified members to those listed above to be members of the Worlds Competition Rules Committee.

XI. FINALITY OF DECISIONS

By participating in this championship, each team agrees that the decisions by the judges will be final and will not be subject for review. Each team acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

XII. SPORTSMANSHIP

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the tournament. The directors, coaches and program owners of each team are responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification as explained in this document above.

XIII. DEDUCTIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any team in violation of The Cheerleading Worlds Rules and Regulations will be assessed a deduction for each violation. (A deduction is possible for athlete behavior violations as stated under section IV.) Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of the general competition rules will be disqualified from the competition and automatically forfeit the right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition. In addition, the team may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds the following year and may be responsible for repaying the entire cost of any funds received through a paid bid.

XIV. SCORES AND RANKINGS

Individual judges' score sheets are for the exclusive use of each particular judge. Each judge has the responsibility and authority to review and submit his or her final scores and rankings prior to the final tally of the scores in a particular division. Scores and rankings will be available only to program owners and coaches at the conclusion.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

- A. All USASF Senior Club divisions will NOT break ties for teams moving to the next round or FINALS placements including Bronze, Silver, and Gold.
- B. All IASF International Open divisions will NOT break ties for FINALS placements including Bronze, Silver, and Gold.
- C. All IASF International Open divisions WILL break ties for teams moving into FINALS. In such cases, these steps will be followed until the tie is broken:
 - Step 1: The team with the least amount of total performance error deductions will win the tiebreaker.
 - Step 2: The team with the highest total score adding up the stunt/pyramid score sheet and the tumbling/jump scores will win the tiebreaker.
 - Step 3: Technique-only scores (does not include combination difficulty/technique categories scores such as dance) on each score sheet will be added and the highest total will win the tiebreaker.
 - Step 4: A panel including the head judge, competition officials, etc. will review both routines and select a winner of the tiebreaker.

XV. TOURNAMENT FACILITY

The competition is scheduled to be held at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The tournament officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to final registration, inclement weather, facility problems, television production requirements, or any other situation deemed by the tournament officials to be essential to the success of the championship.

XVI. TELEVISION COVERAGE

The Cheerleading Worlds may be nationally televised. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams will be shown on the telecast.

XVII. APPEARANCES, ENDORSEMENTS, AND PUBLICITY

All teams winning titles, awards or prizes agree to have all appearances, endorsements, and publicity approved through the USASF office.

XVIII. USASF LOGO USAGE

Teams will not be allowed to use the USASF logo or The Cheerleading Worlds logo on items or apparel including banners, rings, bows, t-shirts, etc.

XIX. GENERAL SAFETY RULES AND ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

The Cheerleading Worlds follows USASF and/or IASF Cheerleading Rules and Guidelines, depending upon the division. Rules clarifications MAY be made during the season. The Cheerleading Worlds 2021 will follow the most recent posting of the USASF and IASF rules. Please refer to USASF.net and IASFworlds.com for any changes.

XX. PENALTIES

A penalty will be assessed at the discretion of competition officials to any team violating any of the specific rules as stated at USASF.net. This deduction does not apply to violations mentioned above that are designated a lesser point value. If you have any questions concerning the legality of a skill, please visit USASF.net or IASFworlds.com.

XXI. COVID-19 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety is our priority for your competition experience. We are deeply committed to the safety and well-being of our athletes, coaches and spectators. We are prepared to administer a competition that will meet the state and local guidelines related to COVID-19 at the time of the event. While the final details and schedule of any competition could require up-to-the-day adjustments, and all guidelines are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), federal, state, local and venue guidance, please be assured that the USASF is committed to delivering the same quality of competition experience for which we are known. We appreciate your understanding of the flexibility this will require.

By accepting the RULES AND REGULATIONS as the authorized person from my program I agree and acknowledge that (i) I am the owner/coach of the program/team (ii) I have read and understand the foregoing, (iii) I will be solely responsible for communicating the foregoing to all coaches in my program that will coach teams at The Cheerleading Worlds, (iv) I will ensure that my team(s) will comply with all rules and regulations at all times, and (v) my team(s) will support the results of the competition, as I am a role model for my program. I hereby accept and agree to abide by The Cheerleading Worlds 2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

program name

city/state/country

division

event where bid was received

program owner's signature

coach's signature

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between a hotel package and a commuter package?

All athletes competing at The Dance Worlds must purchase either a Worlds hotel package OR commuter package.

WORLDS HOTEL PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- athlete competition registration;
- hotel accommodations at either Disney's All-Star Movies Resort or Disney's Coronado Springs Resort;
- 24-hr airport transfers by Disney's Magical Express Transportation;
- Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid May 4-13, 2021;
- admission to The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds competition venues; and
- transportation to all Worlds events.

COMMUTER PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- athlete/coach competition registration;
- Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid May 4-13, 2021; and
- admission to The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds competition venues.

What happens if rooms at the host hotels sell out?

In the event of a sell out before the deadline at either host hotel, the USASF will make its best effort to make arrangements with an alternate hotel.

What are the hotel check-in and check-out times?

Hotels guarantee check-in at 4pm. If rooms are ready in your block, the hotel may allow you to check-in early. Check-out at the host hotels is 11am. Please communicate this to your entire group traveling with you.

How many chaperones do we need?

One program owner/coach or responsible adult (21 years of age or older) for every nine athletes is required.

Can we have five people in a room?

No. Disney's resorts do not allow more than four people to a room. Rollaway beds are not available.

We have an uneven number of athletes. Can we pay the quad rate for three athletes in a room?

No. The travel package prices have been calculated according to how many people are in each room.

Can family and friends sign up for the Worlds hotel package?

Many coaches include parents on the hotel package with their teams. However, we encourage family members and friends to register separately. See the FAMILY AND FRIENDS section on page 14.

What if we are NOT purchasing a Worlds hotel package?

Each coach and athlete will need to purchase a commuter package which includes competition registration and a Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option. Spectators will simply need to purchase a Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option or purchase a daily admission ticket for entry into the competitions.

What does Park Hopper® mean?

A Magic Your Way Ticket with Park Hopper® Option allows you to visit one or more theme parks on the same day and will be considered only one day of admission. Days used do not have to be consecutive. Worlds Park Hopper® Tickets are valid May 4-13, 2021. To enter a park, both a park reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same day are required.

Do we use our Park Hopper® Tickets for competition?

Yes. Each athlete and coach will need a Worlds Park Hopper® Ticket to enter the competition venue. This will NOT be considered a theme park admission and will not use a theme park day on your Park Hopper® Ticket. Park Hopper® Tickets purchased for Worlds are NOT valid admission to cheer/dance venues hosted by other companies and vice versa.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (continued)

Are Magic Your Way Tickets with Park Hopper® Options available for family and friends not on the hotel package?

Yes, these discounted Park Hopper® Tickets are available:

3-day Park Hopper® Ticket \$401

4-day Park Hopper® Ticket \$476

5-day Park Hopper® Ticket \$539

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will NOT be sold in Orlando.

DEADLINE TO PREORDER: **April 26, 2021**

When will we receive our Park Hopper® Tickets?

Stay alert for more information on how you can receive your park ticket numbers in advance in order to book your park reservation early.

I am a Walt Disney World® annual passholder. May I use this for admission to the Worlds competitions?

No. Only a Worlds Park Hopper® Ticket or daily admission ticket will provide entry into the Worlds competitions.

Do spectators have to purchase a Worlds Park Hopper® Ticket in order to watch the competition?

No. Family and friends who DO NOT purchase Worlds hotel packages or Park Hopper® Tickets may enter the competition venues with daily competition admission tickets as described below.

DAILY COMPETITION ADMISSION TICKETS \$25 EACH DAY

- Tickets will be digital and must be ordered in advance.
- Digital ticket sales will begin approximately two weeks prior to Worlds.
- Deadline to preorder: **April 26, 2021**.
- A Worlds team customer number will be required to purchase daily admission tickets. Your coach will have this number.
- Spectators will be limited to a maximum number of family and friends ONLY during each team's performance.
- We cannot guarantee at this time that sister teams will be permitted to watch (members from one Worlds team watching the performance of another Worlds team from the same program).
- Award ceremonies may be live with limited athletes and/or coaches or they may be virtual.
- Continue to check thecheerleadingworlds.net for the most current information.

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- All tickets must be purchased in advance.
- Tickets will not be sold in Orlando.
- The Walt Disney World® Resort is operating at a limited capacity and theme park reservations will be required.
- To enter a park, both a park reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same day are required.
- Stay alert for more information on how to receive your park ticket numbers in advance in order to book your park reservation early.

DEADLINE TO PREORDER

Park Hopper® Tickets and Daily Competition Admission Tickets: **APRIL 26, 2021**.