

# BID REQUIREMENTS

## PARTIAL-PAID BIDS

Partial-paid bids are awarded to the top teams in one or more of The Dance Worlds divisions at bid-qualifying events. Each event producer that hosts a bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the processes by which the bids are awarded. Partial-paid bids sponsor \$325 per athlete plus two coaches (\$5000 maximum). Checks will be written to the USASF, mailed directly to the program and must be applied towards the cost of the team's registration package. The program is responsible for the balance of the team's competition expenses. The partial 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 Dance Worlds. NOTE: If the Dance Worlds event is cancelled for any reason, the partial 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.

## AT-LARGE BIDS

At-large bids are generally awarded to the teams scoring next highest to the partial-paid bid-winning team. Each event producer that hosts a bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and the processes by which the bids are awarded. Recipients of at-large bids are eligible to compete at The Dance Worlds, however, they must pay for their own accommodations and 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 related expenses.

## JUNIOR DIVISION BIDS

Any U.S. Junior team that would like to receive a 2021 Dance Worlds bid to compete in the Junior Division may submit a video for qualification. Up to six U.S. teams (limited to one team per program) will be selected to receive at-large bids in the Junior Division. Video qualifications and additional information is available at *TheDanceWorlds.net*.

## DEADLINE FOR BID ACCEPTANCE

Partial-paid 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 its bid, all required registration materials must be completed by the the deadlines noted on page 10 of this packet. Any team holding its registration past the deadline in hopes of receiving a partial-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.

## TEAM BID LIMITATIONS

A team may receive no more than one bid to The Dance 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 partial-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 in your USASF program membership profile.

## DIVISION AND TEAM SIZE REQUIREMENTS

A team that is awarded and accepts any type of Worlds bid must compete at The Dance Worlds in the same division, category, and team make up (i.e. Coed, etc.) in which they competed at the bid-qualifying event. See "Divisions" at *TheDanceWorlds.net* for an outline of USASF qualifying bid categories. 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.