

ATHLETE, SUBSTITUTION AND ALTERNATE REQUIREMENTS

ROSTERED ATHLETES

Each team must submit their official roster for The Dance 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 so long as they do not increase the total number of athletes on the team and they follow the guidelines outlined herein.

On a Worlds roster each athlete's name will have to be identified as either an original athlete of the team that was on the floor when the bid was received, a substitute, or an alternate. All names on the team roster will be verified by the event producer who awarded the Worlds bid.

Athletes may not compete in more than one routine in the same category and division. For example: an athlete may not compete in two Senior Large Jazz routines, but may compete in a Senior Large Jazz routine and a Senior Small Jazz routine.

All athletes on a Worlds team must be a USASF athlete member and a registered member of that team's program during the 2020-2021 competition season.

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.

SUBSTITUTIONS

A team may substitute up to 20% of the athletes per team for The Dance Worlds. A substitute must be a regular, paid athlete from another team at the same program and must 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 the original team that received the bid (i.e. age, etc.).

NOTE: Percentages may be rounded up. For example: 20% of a team with 13 athletes is 2.6, which may be rounded up to 3 substitutes.

WORLDS WILD CARD ALTERNATES RULE

Of the (up to) 20% possible substitutes, one to three of that 20% may be alternates. Alternates are registered members of the same team's program. Alternates do not have to be rostered or in attendance at the Worlds bid-qualifying event where the bid was received.

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 Dance Worlds exclusively as a reserve athlete may be listed on more than one team roster within the same program.
- The program must notify a USASF event official of an 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.

CROSSOVERS

At The Dance Worlds, an athlete may perform up to five times and must represent the same program. Crossovers of athletes between dance programs are NOT permitted at The Dance Worlds. **NEW FOR THE DANCE WORLDS AND THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS 2021:** Crossovers of athletes between dance and cheer teams are permitted.

ROSTER VIOLATIONS

It is important to ensure your roster is true and accurate before submitting it to the bid-giving event or Worlds. If a team is found to have made an improper substitution or alternate assignment, or has an illegal team member, this team:

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

PROGRAM RELEASE WAIVER

Any athlete that has exhibited or competed on the floor with a team in any level from a (primary) program during the Worlds competition season (November 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021), must have a USASF Program Release Waiver signed by the owner of the primary program to be eligible to compete with another (secondary) program at The 2021 Dance Worlds. The USASF Program Release Waiver is found at *TheDanceWorlds.net*. This form must be sent to your Regional Director on or before April 26, 2021, and the original must be brought to your Roster Verification appointment.

U.S. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

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.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

USASF Worlds teams:

- must represent a USASF program;
- must be accompanied by an eligible USASF coach to enter the Worlds warm-up areas; and
- may not compete in the same division at The Dance Worlds and also at a 2021 end-of-season, multi-brand event.