



APRIL 21-24, 2023
ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex
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Registration Information & Competition Guidelines



Welcome

to The Cheerleading World Championship 2023!

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 Cheerleading World
Championship Athletes —

Congratulations on earning
your bid to The Cheerleading Worlds
2023! You're one step closer to competing
on the most prestigious floor, among the
most skilled athletes in All Star.

We look forward to hosting you in Orlando where
the weather is warm, the sun is bright and the
excitement begins as soon as you arrive. At Worlds
you'll find the perfect place to celebrate, athleticism
and passion that we share in the All Star Cheer
community.

The USASF wishes you and your loved ones a safe and
healthy journey to Worlds. We can't wait to see you in
April!

Sincerely,



Steve Peterson

Vice President

USASF Events and Corporate Alliances

In 2023, 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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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event details are subject to change based on final registration for The Cheerleading Worlds.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

- 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.
- ICU World Cheerleading Championship* opening ceremonies take place at ESPN Wide Worlds of Sports® Complex.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

- 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.
- ICU World Cheerleading Championship continues.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

- 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.
- Prelims for SOSC, IONT-6, IOCNT-6 divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds.
- ICU World Cheerleading Championship concludes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex continues.
- The Dance Worlds at the Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center begins.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex continues.
- The Dance Worlds at the Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center continues.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex concludes.
- The Dance Worlds at the Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center concludes.
- Worlds Celebration Party at a select Walt Walt Disney World® theme park.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

- Teams depart.

* The International Cheer Union hosts the ICU Cheerleading World Championship, April 19-21, at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. Worlds Park Hoppers® may be used for spectator admission to this event.

DIVISION COMPETITION DAYS				
DIVISION	FRIDAY APRIL 21	SATURDAY APRIL 22	SUNDAY APRIL 23	MONDAY APRIL 24
SXS			semi-finals	finals
SS		semi-finals	finals	
SM		semi-finals	finals	
SL			semi-finals	finals
SXSC			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
LTD S			semi-finals	finals
LTD XSC			semi-finals	finals
LTD SC			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	prelims	semi-finals	finals	
IOCNT-6	prelims	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
U18-5		semi-finals		finals
U18SC-5		semi-finals		finals
U18LC-5		semi-finals		finals
U18NT-6			semi-finals	finals
U18CNT-6			semi-finals	finals

Schedule is subject to change based on final registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ROSTER VERIFICATION APPOINTMENTS

U.S.-BASED TEAMS / NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS

Roster verification appointments will be conducted on-site and in-person in Orlando. Please watch for more information regarding scheduling with a Worlds official.

PERFORMANCE ORDER

Performance orders for all Cheerleading Worlds divisions will be randomly selected and posted online at [USASF.net](https://usasf.net) in early to mid April 2023. Teams advancing to finals will perform in reverse-order of their performance rankings. Results will be announced following the conclusion of each division's competition round.

SCORING

Scores do not carry over from one round to the next. Senior Division teams will be scored on USASF score sheets. International Open Division teams will be scored on IASF score sheets. The Cheerleading Worlds score sheets can be found at thecheerleadingworlds.net or [IASFworlds.com](https://iasfworlds.com).

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.

FREE ACTION MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Action Moments Photography will have up to three cameras on each Worlds stage capturing hundreds of action shots of your athletes during each performance. Coaches or club owners will receive photo links via email to share with athletes and parents.

COVERAGE AND LIVE STREAMING

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

SUBMITTING VIDEOS FOR LEGALITY REVIEW

For that added confidence and to help ensure a penalty-free Worlds routine, you may submit a video of any skill for legality review. A USASF official will review each video and determine its legality. Results will be communicated to the participating club and will not be shared with other clubs or with The Cheerleading Worlds judging panel. The deadline to submit a video for review is April 7, 2023 and results will be shared by April 17, 2023. Videos submitted after the April 7 deadline will not be reviewed.

NOTE: Videos will be reviewed for potential penalties but will not preclude a team from being assessed a penalty while at The Cheerleading Worlds. USASF legality officials will be in the warm-up area 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.

TEAMS IN OPEN DIVISIONS:

Email cheer.rules@iasfworlds.com.

BOOST YOUR BID TO WORLDS!

Earn extra money for The Cheerleading Worlds with a Worlds Bid Boost! Bid boosts are CASH PRIZES that may be awarded at participating USASF Sanctioned Competitions to teams who have previously earned bids to the 2023 Cheerleading Worlds. An event producer may award up to \$100 per athlete performing on a Bid Boost winning team. Check here for [Bid Boost Events](#).



USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS

USASF CHEERLEADING WORLDS DIVISIONS 2023

LEVEL	DIVISIONS	TARGET AGE	BIRTH YEAR	FEMALES/MALES	NUMBER ON TEAM
6	Senior XSmall (SXS)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	no males	5-16 members
6	Senior Small (SS)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	no males	17-22 members
6	Senior Medium (SM)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	no males	23-30 members
6	Senior Large (SL)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	no males	31-38 members
6	Senior XSmall Coed (SXSC)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	1-2 males	5-16 members
6	Senior Small Coed (SSC)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	1-5 males	5-22 members
6	Senior Medium Coed (SMC)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	1-8 males	5-30 members
6	Senior Large Coed (SLC)	14-19 yrs	6/1/2003-2009	1-19 males	5-38 members
6	Senior Open (SO)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	no males	5-24 members
6	Senior Open Small Coed (SOSC)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	1-4 males	5-24 members
6	Senior Open Large Coed (SOLC)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	5-12 males	5-24 members

NOTES: Adult athletes are required to have current background checks with green light determinations and athlete protection training. Adult athletes are those who are 18 years and older or will turn 18 before June 1, 2023. Exceptional Athletes are excluded from this requirement.

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.

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* and/or giving verbal approval to the sponsoring event producer, and
 2. completing the Worlds Bid section in your USASF club membership profile after accepting the Worlds bid.
- 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 16 of this guide. 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 by the 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 bid after 96 hours from the last day of the qualifying event.

CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS AT BID EVENTS

All cheer teams competing at The Cheerleading Worlds are required to have a coach, or combination of coaches, with credentials in both building and tumbling as follows:

- LEVEL 6 TEAMS: credentialed through Level 6 in either building, tumbling or both.
- LEVEL 7 TEAMS: credentialed through Level 7 in building and 6 in tumbling.
- NON-TUMBLING TEAMS: credentialed in building to the level of the team.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

PAID BIDS / PARTIAL-PAID BIDS

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. **Partial-paid** bid sponsors may award up to \$325 per athlete and two coaches on a bid-winning team. For example, a paid 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 (\$650 x 33). 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/club. 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 club.

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.

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 (with the exception of Limited Divisions below). 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.

USASF LIMITED DIVISIONS

The 2023 Cheerleading Worlds offers these Senior divisions:

1. Limited Small (Includes XS and Small All Girl)
2. Limited XSmall Coed
3. Limited Small Coed

Limited Divisions are reserved for clubs represented by **only one team** at The Cheerleading Worlds. A team qualifies for a Worlds bid by competing in the traditional division: XSmall (All Girl), Small (All Girl), XSmall Coed and Small Coed. However, when registering for Worlds, the team has the option to transfer to the appropriate Limited Division or remain in the traditional division in which they earned the bid.

NOTE: Limited Division options are offered exclusively at The Cheerleading Worlds, not during regular season competitions.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

TEAM BID LIMITATIONS

A team may receive no more than one bid to The Cheerleading Worlds for any given division. A team that has accepted an at-large bid is eligible to compete for a paid bid. If a team chooses to compete for a new at-large bid, they must **DECLINE** the original at-large bid **BEFORE** competing on Day 1 for the new 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 Steve Peterson, speterson@usasf.net; and
3. following confirmation of the declined bid, updating the Worlds Bid section of your USASF club membership profile.

CHEER ATHLETE BID LIMITATIONS

Athletes within the same club 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 club. 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.

Teams are allowed a limited number of athletes who previously earned paid bids that may compete for and be awarded paid bids on a second team:

- Senior Extra Small/Coed teams may have up to three athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Small/Coed teams may have up to three athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Medium/Coed teams may have up to four athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Large/Coed teams may have up to six athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Open/Coed teams may have up to four athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- U.S.-based teams in IASF divisions may have up to four athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.

EXCEPTIONS TO CHEER ATHLETE BID LIMITATIONS

Due to the uncertainty and unknown surrounding COVID, the USASF will allow each division a specific number of athlete **EXCEPTIONS** to the bid limitations guideline detailed above. With this exception, teams are allowed a limited number of athletes who previously earned paid bids that may compete for and be awarded paid bids on a second team and **NOT** be held to compete with the second team:

- Senior Extra Small/Coed teams may have no more than one athlete who was previously awarded a paid bid.
- Senior Small/Coed teams may have up to two athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Medium/Coed teams may have up to three athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Large/Coed teams may have up to four athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- Senior Open/Coed teams may have up to three athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.
- U.S.-based teams in IASF divisions may have up to three athletes who were previously awarded paid bids.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that rosters provided at Worlds Bid competitions 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 club 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 club, on a different team, and have competed on the floor for that club 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 club 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 athletes between teams from the same club are NOT permitted. Crossovers of athletes between clubs are NOT permitted. Crossovers of athletes between cheer and dance teams from the same or different clubs are NOT permitted. In other words, a performer may represent only one team in cheer or one club in dance.

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 club. Once the reserve athlete is moved to active, they are no longer eligible to serve as a reserve athlete on any other team. The club 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 Worlds bid-giving event. 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. Proof-of-age documents stored 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.

SOSC, IONT-6, and IOCNT-6 DIVISIONS

- These teams will compete in a preliminary round Friday, April 21, 2023:
 - all teams with at-large bids in SOSC divisions
 - only U.S. teams with at-large bids in IONT-6 and IOCNT-6 divisions

The top 10 preliminary teams will advance to the semi-final round on Saturday which also will include paid-bid teams in those divisions.

- Prelim teams advancing to semi-finals will be reverse-seeded and spread among the paid-bid teams within the performance order.

- Scores do not carry over from one round to the next.
- SOSC: The top 10 teams will advance from semi-finals to finals.
- IONT-6, IOCNT-6: The top three teams from each country 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.

SCORING

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

CLUB RELEASE WAIVER

Any athlete, including an Exceptional Athlete, who has taken the floor with an exhibition or competition team at any level from a (primary) club during the Worlds competition season (Nov. 1, 2022–April 22, 2023), must have a USASF Club Release Waiver signed by the owner of the primary club to be eligible to compete with a different (secondary) club at The 2023 Cheerleading Worlds. The *USASF Club Release Waiver* is found at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net. This form must be uploaded on the *Roster Verification Form* prior to meeting with your USASF regional director for your virtual 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.

U.S. WORLDS TRIALS

The April 22 semi-final round for IONT-6 and IOCNT-6 U.S. teams will be declared the U.S. WORLDS TRIALS. This round will include paid-bid U.S. teams and the top 10 U.S. teams from prelims, Friday, April 21.

The USASF will award U.S. WORLDS TRIALS trophies to U.S. teams placing fourth through 10th. Trophies and gold, silver and bronze medallions will be awarded to the top three U.S. teams. The top three U.S. teams in these divisions will progress to finals on Sunday, April 23, with the top three teams from other countries.

USASF WORLDS DIVISIONS (continued)

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 club 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 (with the gym's entire cheer club) in future events including The Cheerleading Worlds the following year;
 - may be subject to USASF membership revocation; and/or
 - may face other disciplinary measures as set forth by the Disciplinary Committee.

ATHLETE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

USASF WORLDS TEAMS/ATHLETES

- Athletes must be current members of the USASF and listed on the official Worlds roster.
- Athletes must be accompanied by an eligible USASF coach with applicable level credentialing to enter the Worlds warm-up rooms.
- Athletes may not compete in the same division at The Cheerleading Worlds and also at a 2023 end-of-season, multi-brand event.
- Adult athletes (those who are 18 years and older or will turn 18 before June 1, 2023) must have a current background screening with a green light determination and abuse prevention training. Exceptional athletes are excluded from this requirement.

USASF WORLDS TEAM COACHES

- Coaches must be a current club member of the USASF and in good standing with the USASF.
- Coaches must meet eligibility requirements for membership through their USASF member profile.
- Coaches 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.
- Coaches may not send the same team to compete in the same division at both The Cheerleading Worlds and a 2023 end-of-season, multi-brand event.
- Non-coaching club owners may enter the warm-up area with their team if they meet USASF membership eligibility requirements 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 2023 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.

- To schedule an appointment in advance, contact Angela Bruno, abruno@usasf.net.
- 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.

COACH ID CARD REQUIREMENTS

Each coach, club 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 \$15. 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 club 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 2023					
LEVEL	DIVISIONS	TARGET AGE	BIRTH YEAR	FEMALES/ MALES	NUMBER ON TEAM
5	IASF U18 Level 5 (U18-5) *	14-18 yrs	2004-2009	no males	10-24 members
5	IASF U18 Level 5 Coed 4 Small Coed (U18SC-5) *	14-18 yrs	2004-2009	1-4 males	10-24 members
5	IASF U18 Level 5 Coed 16 Large Coed (U18LC-5) *	14-18 yrs	2004-2009	5-16 males	10-24 members
6	IASF U18 Level 6 NT (U18NT-6)	14-18 yrs	2004-2009	no males	10-30 members
6	IASF U18 Level 6 NT Coed (U18NTC-6)	14-18 yrs	2004-2009	1-20 males	10-30 members
5	IASF Open 5 (IO 5) *	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	no males	10-24 members
5	IASF Open 5 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 5) *	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
6	IASF Open 5 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 5) *	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
6	IASF Open 6 (IO 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	no males	10-24 members
6	IASF Open 6 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
6	IASF Open 6 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
7	IASF Open 7 (IO 7)	17+ yrs	2006 or earlier	no males	10-24 members
7	IASF Open 7 Small Coed 4 (IOSC 7)	17+ yrs	2006 or earlier	1-4 males	10-24 members
7	IASF Open 7 Large Coed 16 (IOLC 7)	17+ yrs	2006 or earlier	5-16 males	10-24 members
6	IASF Open 6 Non Tumbling (IONT 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	no males	10-30 members
6	IASF Open 6 Non Tumbling Coed (IONTC 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	1-20 males	10-30 members
7	IASF Open 7 Non Tumbling (IONT 7) *	17+ yrs	2006 or earlier	no males	10-30 members
7	IASF Open 7 Non Tumbling Coed (IONTC 7) *	17+ yrs	2006 or earlier	1-20 males	10-30 members
6	IASF Global Club 6 (IG 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	no males	10-24 members
6	IASF Global Club 6 Coed (IGC 6)	15+ yrs	2008 or earlier	1-16 males	10-24 members

* USASF teams are not eligible to compete in these divisions.
 Adult athletes on U.S.-based teams must have a current background screening with a green light determination and Safe@AllStar training. Adult athletes are those who are 18 years and older or will turn 18 before June 1, 2023.

COMPETITOR'S AGE — YEAR OF COMPETITION

The age of the competitor is based on the date of birth falling during the year of the 2023 competition. Examples:

- A 13-year-old athlete may participate where the minimum age is 14 IF they turn 14 on or before Dec. 31, 2023.
- A 19-year-old athlete may participate where the maximum age is 18 IF they were was 18 at any time in 2023.

PROOF OF AGE / VISA REQUEST DEADLINE

- PROOF OF AGE and passports for non-USASF athletes should remain with the team's coach/representative and be readily available upon request by a Worlds official. Proof of age documents stored on a USB/zip drive are acceptable.
- INTERNATIONAL VISA REQUESTS must be received and processed in the USASF office by March 11, 2023.

CHEER ATHLETE BID LIMITATIONS

Athletes within the same club 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 club. 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.

U.S.-BASED TEAMS

COMPETING IN IASF DIVISIONS

The USASF and IASF recognize that teams and event producers from the USA must follow the 2022-23 USASF age grid and guidelines at all Worlds bid qualifiers. Teams from the USA receiving bids and attending The Cheerleading Worlds 2023 must follow the USASF eligibility, substitutions and alternate guidelines including the guidelines requiring a release waiver.

IASF NATIONS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

In addition to the USASF/IASF awarding the top 10 in each of the IASF OPEN divisions, the IASF will rank each country's highest scoring team in each IASF OPEN division final. Nations Cup trophies will be awarded to five top-ranking teams representing five different countries.

Experience the thrill of The Cheerleading Worlds!



Since 2004 the USASF and IASF have hosted The Cheerleading Worlds exclusively at Walt Disney World® Resort. There we are able to offer the best competition experience, hotel accommodations and theme park tickets at unbeatable rates for our athletes, coaches and families. Take a look at our hotel and commuter package details below and prices on the following page.

Championship Event Experience

All competition and entry fees for athletes and coaches are included in **HOTEL** and **COMMUTER PACKAGES**. This provides premium World Championship venues, world-class judges, event staff, awards, athlete action photos, souvenir gifts and more!

Spectator Tickets

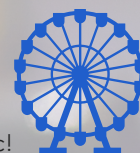
The Park Hopper® ticket included in each **HOTEL** and **COMMUTER PACKAGE** covers spectator entry into all Worlds competitions, normally \$40 and \$45 per day! This allows you to enter and exit The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds venues throughout the championship weekend!

Hotel Accommodations

HOTEL PACKAGE guests may choose between Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Disney's All Star Resort. Families may choose from a variety of arrival and departure days and room occupancies during The World Championships.

Park Hopper® Tickets

A Magic Your Way ticket with Park Hopper® Option is included for each person on a **HOTEL** and **COMMUTER PACKAGE**. This ticket allows you to visit multiple theme parks per day so you can maximize the magic!



Shuttle to Worlds-related Events

Here's another perk for those on **HOTEL PACKAGES**! We provide bus transportation to and from host hotels, competition venues and the Celebration Party.



Celebration Party

On Monday, April 24, from 10pm-2am, one of Disney's theme parks will be closed for a private party exclusively for Worlds guests! Enjoy select rides and a DJ dance party. Food at select locations will be available for purchase. Celebration Party wristbands are included in **HOTEL PACKAGES**. Commuter guests may purchase wristbands for \$45 each.



See Registration Instructions, pages 16-18.

				
THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS April 21-24, 2023 • ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex				
• A deposit of \$200 per person is due with registration. • Final payment is due April 11, 2023. • Prices include taxes and gratuities. • Prices do not include airfare nor airport shuttle service.				
	WORLDS HOTEL PACKAGE Any hotel stay between April 19–26, 2023			COMMUTER PACKAGE \$500
	4-NIGHTS	3-NIGHTS	2-NIGHTS	
Who may purchase	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches
Athlete/Coach competition participation fee	√	√	√	√
Admission to The Cheerleading Worlds / ICU ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex	√	√	√	√
Admission to The Dance Worlds Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center	√	√	√	√
Admission to ICU World Cheerleading Championship	√	√	√	√
Park Hopper®Ticket valid April 9-26, 2023	3-day	3-day	2-day	3-day
Bus transportation to/from Worlds-related events	√	√	√	
Celebration Party April 24, 10 pm-2 am	√	√	√	
Hotel guest parking	√	√	√	
DISNEY'S ALL STAR SPORTS & MUSIC RESORTS <i>(value option)</i>				
Quad (4 per room) price per person	\$825	\$745	\$675	
Triple (3 per room) price per person	\$890	\$795	\$705	
Double (2 per room) price per person	\$1065	\$895	\$765	
Single (1 per room) price per person	\$1495	\$1225	\$995	
Extra night per room/per night April 19, 20, 26, 27 — first come, first served	\$215	n/a	n/a	
DISNEY'S CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT <i>(moderate option)</i>				
Quad (4 per room) price per person	\$975	\$880	\$763	
Triple (3 per room) price per person	\$1105	\$960	\$820	
Double (2 per room) price per person	\$1385	\$1150	\$925	
Single (1 per room) price per person	\$2040	\$1630	\$1270	
Extra night per room/per night April 19, 20, 26, 27 — first come, first served	\$310	n/a	n/a	
PARK HOPPER®TICKET UPGRADE FEES Upgrade the Park Hopper®Ticket included in your hotel or commuter package.		CURRENT TICKET	UPGRADE TO	ADDED FEE
		2-day	3-day	\$75
		3-day	4-day	\$75
		3-day	5-day	\$138

DISCOUNTED PARK HOPPER® TICKETS

- 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.
- Advance purchase required.
- **PARK HOPPER® tickets will NOT be sold in Orlando.**
- Deadline to order is **April 7, 2023.**
- Tickets are valid April 9-26, 2023.

3-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET **\$425**

4-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET **\$504**

5-DAY PARK HOPPER® TICKET **\$570**

WORLDS CELEBRATION PARTY WRISTBAND \$45

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 10 PM-2 AM @ A SELECT WALT DISNEY WORLD THEME PARK

NOTE: Worlds Celebration Party wristbands are included in Worlds hotel packages. Worlds shuttles provided for families on hotel packages. Complimentary parking for commuters with Worlds Celebration Party wristbands.

WATER PARK TICKET \$45

MEAL VOUCHER \$17

Includes one entrée and beverage at select counter service restaurants. To be collected at registration in Orlando.

WORLDS COACH LANYARD WITHOUT PARK HOPPER® TICKET

- 4-day (April 21-24): **\$80**
- 8-day (April 17-24): **\$160** (*suggested for coaches attending ICU or practices at the ESPN Wide Worlds of Sports® Complex prior to April 21*)
- Provides entry to all Worlds competition venues for commuter coaches rostered on Worlds teams.
- Does not include a Park Hopper® ticket or admission to the theme parks.
- Lanyards will be sold only to coaches from clubs participating in Worlds who:
 - are listed on a USASF Worlds Team Roster for a team attending Worlds; and
 - meet the eligibility requirements for warm-up room access.

HOW TO PURCHASE

- Go to: thecheerleadingworlds.net > COACH HUB > COACH LANYARD.
- This lanyard is NOT purchased through the Worlds registration site.
- You must pre-order from USASF and collect in Orlando.
- The deadline to pre-order is Monday, April 17, 2023.

DAILY COMPETITION ADMISSION TICKETS

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

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS

- **\$40** daily ticket on Friday
- **\$45** daily ticket on Saturday, Sunday or Monday
- Available for purchase online only at least a week prior to the event. Watch for more details.

THE DANCE WORLDS

- **\$40** daily wristband | **\$100** three-day wristband
- On sale starting Wednesday, APRIL 19, 2023 @ 9 am
- Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center-North Registration Desk.
- On-site purchase only.



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Airport transportation is not included in hotel packages. You must arrange your own transportation to and from the airport. We encourage you to plan in advance. Here's a convenient option to consider: **Mears Connect** who will offer a discount to Worlds guests. Please watch for more details.

PARK RESERVATIONS

- Park attendance is managed via the Disney Park Pass reservation system. To enter a park, both a park reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same date are required for Guests ages 3 and up. It's possible that some parks may reach capacity so we strongly recommend you register and pay early so you may book your reservations.
- **Once you register and pay in full**, you will receive a ticket order confirmation number via email in 7-10 business days. The confirmation will include instructions on how to link your ticket confirmation number to your My Disney Experience account so that you can make your park reservations.
- To make theme park reservations, you will need a My Disney Experiences account and valid theme park admission linked to it. Then, simply log into your account and select the dates and theme parks you wish to visit. To enter a theme park, both a reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same date are required. Please note that reservations are limited in capacity, subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed.
- If your top choice park reaches capacity, you can make a reservation for another park and then "hop" to your top choice after 2 pm that day.
- Please note that NO changes or upgrades are possible after ticket orders have been placed. And remember, no Disney Park Hopper tickets will be sold on-site at Worlds.
- Even if you do not plan to visit the theme parks, you must link your ticket in the app to enter ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE WHEN PURCHASING THEME PARK TICKETS:** The reselling or the transferring of theme park tickets in the state of Florida is a crime as described under Florida state laws; [Florida Statutes s. 817.361](#) and [Florida Statutes s. 817.36](#).

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Please refer to [Disney's current COVID-19 health and safety protocols](#). We will continue to update information on this page as available.

SAFETY CHAMPION

- Each team, whether on a hotel travel package or commuter package, **MUST** designate one person (other than the head coach) to be the Safety Champion. This person must be over 18 years of age and willing to participate in additional safety training from the Walt Disney World Resort prior to the event. A club bringing multiple teams must designate a different individual for each team.
- Each Safety Champion will be confirmed upon registration in Orlando. Their responsibilities will include (but are not limited to) ensuring the team's athletes, coaches and spectators follow the health and safety requirements for the event.

SPECTATOR VIEWING

- At this time, spectator viewing is not limited.

FACE COVERINGS

- **FACE COVERINGS** are optional for Guests in both outdoor and indoor locations, as well as Disney transportation. It is recommended Guests who are not fully vaccinated continue wearing face coverings in all indoor locations, including indoor attractions and theaters and on enclosed transportation. Please note, face coverings are not permitted while experiencing water slides or in the water. To learn more, please visit <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/experience-updates/>.

EARLY REGISTRATION

TEAMS RECEIVING BIDS THROUGH FEB. 20, 2023

DEADLINE:

- Registration items are due March 14, 2023.
- Registrations received after March 14 from teams with early registration deadlines will be held until April 4 and processed with late registrations regardless of the team's reason for withholding the registration.

CHANGES: Changes must be requested by March 14, 2023. For changes requested after this date, a \$200 per change fee will be charged.

CANCELLATIONS:

- For cancellation requests received March 14-April 4, 2023, all monies will be refunded with the exception of the \$200 per person deposit.
- Cancellations received after April 4, 2023 will result in full forfeiture of all monies paid.

LATE REGISTRATION

TEAMS RECEIVING BIDS AFTER FEB. 20, 2023

DEADLINE: Registration items are due by April 4, 2023.

CHANGES: Changes must be requested by April 11, 2023. For changes requested after this date, a \$200 per change fee will be charged.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation requests received after April 11, 2023 will result in full forfeiture of all monies paid.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

To cancel a team registration, **contact your Registration Specialist**, found on page 17. To cancel individuals on a registration, submit a change request through your online account. Refunds on accounts with a credit balance will be issued after the event is over and in the same form of the original payment method. The average processing time for a refund is four weeks from the last day of the event.

PAYMENT POLICY

Payment may be in the form of:

- Mastercard or Visa.
- Cashier's check/money order mailed to the address below.
- No personal, club or booster checks will be accepted.

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable 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.

FULL PAYMENT

Full payment is due by **April 11, 2023**.

MAIL

CASHIER'S CHECK/MONEY ORDERS TO:
THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS REGISTRATION
711 N Front Street
Memphis, TN 38107

BRING

All required signed documents to the Worlds registration desk in Orlando.

WORLDS TEAMS REGISTRATION

USASF contracts with Varsity to manage registration and event logistics. If you are an international program, please contact your registration specialist to begin your registration.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Coaches and athletes must be listed on the team roster in order to register individually and may select housing OR commuter.
- Roster Template: In order to upload your master roster during registration, please use this [template](#).
- You will need your MyVarsity 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.);
- Please have applicable rooming lists/housing assignments convenient.

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

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

STEP 3: We encourage you to compile your master roster before you register. Your master roster is a list of every potential athlete or coach from your club that may attend the Worlds. This is NOT the *Worlds Team Roster* as described on page 19.

To upload your master roster, use the template provided on the **UPLOAD PEOPLE** page (see link below). 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 upload your master roster, follow this link:

- <https://www.myvarsity.com/s/master-roster> > **UPLOAD PEOPLE**
- download instructions and the spreadsheet template. If your master roster has more than 100 people, contact your registration specialist before uploading.

STEP 4: Follow the instructions to make hotel reservations, order available extras or to upgrade your hotel package ticket. If you need additional park tickets, you must order them separately using the *Extra Ticket* link on the registration page.

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

STEP 6: Review and submit your registration.

STEP 7: Submit your payment as shown at right.

STEP 8: Print, sign and **BRING** all required registration documents to the Worlds registration desk in Orlando.

DEPOSIT

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MAIL

CASHIER'S CHECK/MONEY ORDERS TO:

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS
REGISTRATION
711 N Front Street
Memphis, TN 38107

BRING

All required signed documents to the Worlds registration desk in Orlando.

Please contact your registration specialist for questions only. All registration changes must be requested through the link on your MyVarsity account. Changes will be processed in the order they are received.

WORLDS REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS

U.S.-BASED TEAMS		INTERNATIONAL NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS	REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS
U.S. TEAM NAMES BEGINNING	A-E / Numeric	Africa, Estonia, Thailand, Wales, UK	NICOLE BLOHM nblohm@usasf.net
	F-J	Belgium, Brazil, Czech, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Spain	JAYDEN BALLARD jballard@usasf.net
	K-P	Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Mexico	KEOSHA LIPSEY klipsey@usasf.net
	Q-T	Canada, Australia, Japan	ERICA DICKEY edickey@usasf.net
	U-Z	Argentina, Austria, China, Costa Rica, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine	LAUREN HARRISON lharrison@usasf.net

FAMILY & FRIENDS REGISTRATION

ASSOCIATED WITH WORLDS TEAMS

You will need your team's REGISTRATION NUMBER to begin. Your coach can provide you with this number. Be sure to enter the entire number and no spaces before it, for example: *L0010671027*

PLEASE NOTE:

- Spectators cannot register as *commuters*. If you do not need hotel reservations, do not register through this link. Go back to the main registration page and register under DISCOUNTED TICKETS (SPECTATORS).
- If your athlete is NOT registering with the team, you may register them here if they are commuting or if they need hotel reservations. If they need hotel reservations, you will be able to add family members to your reservation when you manage the people you are registering.

STEP 1: Go to TheCheerleadingWorlds.net > Event Details > Registration.

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

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

STEP 4: Follow the instructions 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, club, or booster checks will be accepted.

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable 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.

PAYMENT POLICY

Payment may be in the form of:

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FULL PAYMENT

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THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS REGISTRATION
711 N Front Street
Memphis, TN 38107

WORLDS FAN REGISTRATION

NOT ASSOCIATED WITH WORLDS TEAMS

Please email a Worlds Registration Specialist for registration information.

Please contact your registration specialist for questions only. All registration changes must be requested through the link on your MyVarsity account. Changes will be processed in the order they are received.

WORLDS REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS

U.S.-BASED TEAMS		INTERNATIONAL NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS	REGISTRATION SPECIALISTS
U.S. TEAM NAMES BEGINNING	A-E / Numeric	Africa, Estonia, Thailand, Wales, UK	NICOLE BLOHM nblohm@usasf.net
	F-J	Belgium, Brazil, Czech, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Spain	JAYDEN BALLARD jballard@usasf.net
	K-P	Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Mexico	KEOSHA LIPSEY klipsey@usasf.net
	Q-T	Canada, Australia, Japan	ERICA DICKEY edickey@usasf.net
	U-Z	Argentina, Austria, China, Costa Rica, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine	LAUREN HARRISON lharrison@usasf.net

WARM-UP ROOM & BACKSTAGE ACCESS POLICY

WORLDS TEAM ROSTERS MUST INCLUDE all participants who plan to enter the warm-up room with a team preparing to compete: club owners, coaches, choreographers, athletic trainers, personnel, athletes and alternate/substitute athletes.

PROHIBITED FROM ENTRY INTO THE WARM-UP ROOM: • Children not rostered as athletes or reserves • VIPs • Team photographers • Media

FAILURE TO PRODUCE 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 TEAMS

- Athletes must be current members of the USASF and listed on official Worlds roster.
- Adult athletes must have current background screenings with green light determinations and abuse prevention education. Adult athletes are those who are 18 years and older or will turn 18 before June 1, 2023. Exceptional Athletes are excluded from this requirement.
- Alternate and substitute athletes (reserves) must meet the age grid criteria for the teams on which they are serving as reserves.
- 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.
- Athletes must present photo IDs for verification by a USASF official. See page 21.
- ALL athletes on U.S.- based Open teams (*any division that does not have a top age*) must complete abuse prevention education.

WORLDS CHEERLEADING COACHES (U.S. BASED-TEAMS)

- Coaches must have active USASF coach memberships and meet all eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile.
- Coaches must present USASF ID cards, either digital or plastic.
- Coaches must wear the Worlds coach lanyard at all times.
- Additionally, Cheerleading Worlds teams must have coaches who are credentialed 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. Please see page 10 for more information.

PERSONNEL (U.S. BASED-TEAMS)

- Personnel must meet all membership eligibility requirements.
- Personnel must present a USASF ID card, either digital or plastic.
- Personnel must present a Worlds Park Hopper or admission ticket.
- One personnel member per team will be permitted in the warm-up room.

HOW TO CREATE COACH/PERSONNEL ID CARDS (U.S. BASED-TEAMS)

DIGITAL ID CARD - no cost

- **COACH/OWNER:** Create digital ID through the USASF COACH app. Show a screen capture and QR code at warm-ups.
- **PERSONNEL:** Owners must create digital IDs for personnel through the club profile:
 1. Click PERSONNEL tab > REGULAR PERSONNEL > Place check by individual's name > PERSONNEL ID CARD tab.
 2. Follow prompts to confirm info, upload photo and preview card. **DO NOT make payment.**
 3. Return to PERSONNEL tab > DIGITAL ID CARD.
 4. Place check by individual's name > click SEND DIGITAL ID CARD tab.
 5. Individual will receive an email with digital ID to print or screen capture.

PLASTIC ID CARD - \$15

- **COACH/OWNER:** Purchase plastic ID through the USASF coach membership profile.
- **PERSONNEL:** Owners must purchase plastic ID for personnel through the club profile. Follow steps 1-3 above and continue through payment prompts.

NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS

- Each non-U.S.-based team must have an official team roster, verified during the scheduled roster verification appointment in Orlando and signed by the team coach and a Worlds official.
- Each athlete must present a photo ID (passport/visa) to a Worlds official to enter the warm-up area.
- Alternate and substitute athletes (reserves) must meet the age grid criteria for the rostered team.
- Reserve athletes must be on the official roster to be allowed in the warm-up room. 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.

EVENT VIOLATION POLICY

USASF officials will evaluate each situation and the following penalties may be assessed.

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, club 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 club name documented: official warning	Membership/credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	6-point penalty for team	Coach and club 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	Club 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 and parent/guardians 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 club membership revocation of up to two years

WORLDS TEAM ROSTER & MUSIC LICENSE VERIFICATION PROCESS

ROSTER AND MUSIC VERIFICATION PROCESS

All U.S.-based teams attending Worlds will go through an on-site roster verification once they arrive in Orlando.

1. Contact your USASF regional director to schedule your appointment.
2. Bring a printed copy of your *Worlds Team 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 USASF regional director.
4. Bring proof-of-licensing for all music used throughout your routine. Proof-of-licensing details can be found on page 24 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 this guide. 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 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 USASF regional director.

U.S.-BASED TEAM ROSTER

- All teams based in the United States will submit rosters through their USASF club membership portals as they have throughout the 2022-2023 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 USASF regional director.

ALL athletes on U.S.- based OPEN teams (divisions that do not have a top age) must complete abuse prevention education.

ATHLETE PHOTO ID CHECK — U.S.-BASED TEAMS AND NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS

Prior to entering the warm-up room, USASF officials will verify the identity of each athlete on your official event roster for The Cheerleading Worlds.

1. Athletes will line up in the same order as on the roster.
2. They will present the USASF official with their government-issued photo identification.
3. A USASF official will use the ID to verify the athlete on the verified official worlds roster.

Acceptable forms of government-issued photo identification are:

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

Each athlete must have an acceptable form of identification as shown above. 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 club 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 may show passports or visas. Photo IDs are not a requirement for Exceptional Athletes.

**DON'T
DELAY!**

GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDS REQUIRED FOR ALL WORLDS ATHLETES.

Be sure to allow ample time to process and receive acceptable forms of ID. Exceptional Athletes excluded.

AGREEMENT of COMPLIANCE

In an effort to maintain the integrity and professionalism of The Cheerleading Worlds, the USASF has established a code of conduct. 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 dance and cheerleading, 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/club owners are instrumental in promoting and instilling this among their respective team members.

SAFETY

- I understand that cheerleading 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 club 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 Code of Conduct.

HOTEL/RESORT GUIDELINES

- Smoking and/or the use of alcohol by a World's athlete is prohibited. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action which may include ineligibility for the current Cheerleading and/or Dance Worlds. If the violation occurs after the athlete competes, yet during the event time frame at any Worlds event location the incident will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee and may result in but not limited to restriction of membership or participation in future USASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds.
- 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.
- Illegal substances are prohibited.
- 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 to the bus with you or store them in the USASF office located at one of the host hotels.
- If a minor loses a room key, they must be accompanied by an adult or coach to receive a new key.
- REQUIRED: Every team must have at least one coach, club 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. Therefore, 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.

THIS DOCUMENT REQUIRES SIGNATURES. Bring signed documents to the Worlds registration desk in Orlando.

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 stipulations 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 partial-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.

club name

team name

city|state|country

ATHLETES: PRINT your name on the first line and SIGN your name on the second line.

print name	sign name	print name	sign name
1. _____	_____	20. _____	_____
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19. _____	_____	38. _____	_____

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Cheerleading Worlds competition will follow the most recent version of the USASF General Rules and Age Grid. Refer to [USASF.net/rules](https://usASF.net/rules) 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 2023.
- 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 thecheerleadingworlds.net in early 2023.
- 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 2023.
- 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 21). 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.

- G. Teams may not use Disney themes nor costumes that resemble Disney characters. However, Disney music is acceptable if the music licensing guidelines are followed.
- H. 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.

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 club members/fans viewing the routine.
- B. When teams are introduced, they are expected to take the floor within a 30-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 30-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 club 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 thecheerleadingworlds.net by early 2023.

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. USASF/Club Divisions — 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 club owner. Additional spotters must meet the requirements as listed in item IV D4 on page 26.
- C. IASF Divisions — The Cheerleading Worlds will provide spotters in the rehearsal areas, upon request, for all teams competing in the International Level 5, 6 and 7 divisions. Teams may also elect to use additional spotters. Additional spotters must meet the requirements as listed in item IV D3 on page 26. Teams will required to confirm the request for spotters and or confirm their own spotters in the registration form.

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SPOTTER POLICY IN REHEARSAL AREAS (*continued*)

- D. 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 club 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. club 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 Chair and/or a tournament official designated by the Chair. 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 club 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 club 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 or 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 2023 will follow the most recent posting of the USASF and IASF rules. Please refer to [USASF.net](https://usASF.net) or 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 thecheerleadingworlds.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](https://usASF.net) or IASFworlds.com.

THIS DOCUMENT REQUIRES SIGNATURES. Bring signed documents to the Worlds registration desk in Orlando.

I HEREBY ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS 2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

club name

city/state/country

division

event where bid was received

club owner's signature

coach's signature

FAQ

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

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

WORLDS HOTEL PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- any two-, three-, or four-night hotel stay between April 19-26, 2023;
- Magic Your Way ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid April 9-26, 2023;
- admission to the Worlds and ICU competitions;
- admission to the Worlds Celebration Party April 24;
- transportation to all events directly related to Worlds; and
- all taxes and gratuities.

Prices DO NOT include airfare nor airport transportation.

COMMUTER PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- athlete|coach competition registration;
- Magic Your Way ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid April 9-26, 2023; and
- admission to the Worlds and ICU competitions.

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

How many chaperones do we need?

One club 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 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 18.

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 or wristband for entry into the competitions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (continued)

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 April 9-26, 2023. 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.

Are Park Hopper® Tickets available for family and friends not on the hotel package?

Yes, these discounted Park Hopper® Tickets are available:

3-day Park Hopper® ticket **\$425**

4-day Park Hopper® ticket **\$504**

5-day Park Hopper® ticket **\$570**

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tickets will NOT be sold in Orlando.

DEADLINE TO PREORDER: **April 7, 2023**

When will we receive our Park Hopper® tickets?

You will receive ticket confirmation numbers when full payment is received. You will be able to use the confirmation numbers to link your tickets and make park reservations.

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?

- Available for purchase online only at least a week prior to the event. Watch for more details.

THE DANCE WORLDS

\$40 daily wristband | **\$100** three-day wristband

On sale starting Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 9 am

Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center-North Registration Desk

On-site purchase only.

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS

- **\$40** daily ticket on Friday
- **\$45** daily ticket on Saturday, Sunday or Monday
- Available for purchase online only at least a week prior to the event. Watch for more details.