

**IASF WORLDS 2023
CHEER
DIVISION LIST**



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IASF DIVISION LIST AGE ELIGIBILITY

The eligible age for an athlete is determined by the **BIRTH YEARS** column on the Age Grid. The IASF Age Grid is based on the year of Worlds. This year's Age Grid is based on 2023.

NEW IASF divisions are highlighted in yellow.

EVENT PRODUCER REQUIREMENTS

The IASF WORLDS DIVISION LIST is a list of ALL of the IASF Worlds divisions. Each event producer may choose which divisions they would like to offer. Event producers are not required to offer every division.

COED TEAMS

The maximum numbers of males on a coed team may not exceed 2/3 of the total athletes on the team.

EXAMPLE: If an **IASF Open Level 5 Coed 16** team has a total of 18 athletes competing on the floor; the maximum number of males allowed on the team would be restricted to 12.

CROSSOVERS AT WORLDS

At The Cheerleading Worlds, crossovers of participants between teams from the same program are NOT permitted. A participant may only compete on one team from a program. Crossovers of participants from other programs will not be permitted. Crossovers of participants between cheer and dance teams from the same or other programs are not permitted. In other words, a performer may represent only one program in either cheer or dance.

TIME LIMITS

IASF Open L5, L6 and L7 = Routine time limit maximum is 2:30.

IASF Non-Tumbling L6 and L7 = Routine time limit maximum is 2:00.

IASF Global Club L6 = Routine time limits are as follows:

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

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY LIMITS-EARNING MULTIPLE BIDS

Athletes within the same program are limited to the number of teams on which they are eligible to compete and earn paid or partial bids. Once an athlete has competed for a team and earned a paid or partial paid bid, they are permitted to move to another team within their program. If their second team earns a paid or partial 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 or partial paid bid.

IMAGE POLICY

All teams attending the IASF Worlds must compete in a full top uniform. Crop tops, half tops or mid-drifts will not be allowed.

BID LIMITATIONS

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

BID ROLL DOWN POLICY

Should a team already have been awarded a bid to Worlds, decline acceptance of a paid/at-large bid, or fail to accept the paid/at-large bid by the 72-hour deadline, that bid may be transferred to an alternate team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion. The sponsoring event producer may not transfer (hand down) any **at-large bids** or declined **at-large bids** after 96 hours from the end of their qualifying event.

ELIGIBLE ATHLETES , SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE SEASON START **SEASON 1 COUNTRIES***

All athletes participating on a team at The IASF Worlds must be a registered member of that team's gym during the competition season. On The IASF Cheerleading Worlds Roster, each athlete's name will have to be identified as an original participant of the team who competed on the floor where the bid was received, a substitute or an alternate. All names on the team rosters will be verified by the event producer who awarded the Worlds bid.

SEASON 2 COUNTRIES*

A minimum of 50% of the athletes participating on a team at The IASF Worlds must be a registered member of that team's gym during the competition season in which the bid was received. On The IASF Cheerleading Worlds Roster, each athlete's name of the 50% will have to be identified as an original participant of the team who competed on the floor where the bid was received, a substitute or an alternate. Names on the team rosters will be verified by the event producer who awarded the Worlds bid.

WORLDS SUBSTITUTION RULE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES:

SEASON 1 COUNTRIES*

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

The allocated maximum number of substitutions will be allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds Championship. A substitute must be a regular-paid participant from another team at the same gym and must have competed "on the floor" with that team from that gym at the same event where the bid was awarded. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original team that was awarded a bid (i.e. age, etc.).

Worlds Alternates: Of the possible substitutes, one to three may be alternates for all divisions.

Alternates are registered members of the same team's gym where the bid was received.

Alternates do not have to be rostered or in attendance at the Worlds bid qualifying event where the bid was received.

SEASON 2 COUNTRIES*

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

The allocated maximum number of substitutions will be allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds Championship. A substitute in a Season 2 country must be a regular-paid participant at the same gym. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original team that was awarded a bid (i.e. age, etc.).

Worlds Alternates: Of the possible substitutes, one to three may be alternates for all divisions.

Alternates are registered members of the same team's gym where the bid was received.

CONSEQUENCES

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

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

***SEASON 1 COUNTRIES** = COUNTRIES WHOSE SEASON INCLUDES JAN., FEB., AND MARCH IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR OF THE FOLLOWING WORLDS (i.e. Canada's season starts in November and goes through April)

SEASON 2 COUNTRIES = COUNTRIES WHOSE SEASON ENDS IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING WORLDS (i.e. Australia's season ends in November)

IASF 2023 WORLDS CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION/LEVEL	BIRTH YEARS	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	NUMBER
<u>IASF U18 LEVEL 5</u>				
IASF U18 Level 5	2004 - 2009	14-18 Years Old	No Males	10 - 24 members
IASF U18 Level 5 Coed 4 (Small Coed)	2004 - 2009	14-18 Years Old	1 - 4 Males	10- 24 members
IASF U18 Level 5 Coed 16 (Large Coed)	2004 - 2009	14-18 Years Old	5-16 Males	10 - 24 members
<u>IASF U18 NON-TUMBLING LEVEL 6</u>				
IASF U18 Level 6NT	2004-2009	14-18 Years Old	No Males	10 - 30 Members
IASF U18 Level 6NT Coed	2004-2009	14-18 Years Old	1-20 Males	10 - 30 Members
<u>IASF OPEN LEVEL 5</u>				
IASF Open Level 5	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 24 members
IASF Open Level 5 Coed 4 (Small Coed)	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	1 - 4 Males	10- 24 members
IASF Open Level 5 Coed 16 (Large Coed)	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	5-16 Males	10 - 24 members
<u>IASF OPEN LEVEL 6</u>				
IASF Open Level 6	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 24 members
IASF Open Level 6 Coed 4 (Small Coed)	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	1 - 4 Males	10 - 24 members
IASF Open Level 6 Coed 16 (Large Coed)	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	5-16 Males	10 - 24 members
<u>IASF OPEN LEVEL 7</u>				
IASF Open Level 7	Born in 2006 or earlier	17 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 24 members
IASF Open Level 7 Coed 4 (Small Coed)	Born in 2006 or earlier	17Yrs & Older	1 - 4 Males	10 - 24 members
IASF Open Level 7 Coed 16 (Large Coed)	Born in 2006 or earlier	17 Yrs & Older	5-16 Males	10 - 24 members
<u>IASF NON-TUMBLING LEVEL 6</u>				
IASF Open Level 6NT	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 30 Members
IASF Open Level 6NT Coed	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	1-20 Males	10 - 30 Members
<u>IASF NON-TUMBLING LEVEL 7</u>				
IASF Open Level 7NT	Born in 2006 or earlier	17 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 30 Members
IASF Open Level 7NT Coed	Born in 2006 or earlier	17 Yrs & Older	1-20 Males	10 - 30 Members
<u>IASF GLOBAL CLUB LEVEL 6</u>				
IASF Global Club Level 6	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	No Males	10 - 24 Members
IASF Global Club Level 6 Coed	Born in 2008 or earlier	15 Yrs & Older	1-16 Males	10 - 24 Members

BENEFITS OF NON-TUMBLING DIVISIONS:

The Non-Tumbling divisions offer two benefits.

- 1) These divisions allow gyms to retain athletes who are not natural tumblers but want to stay in Cheerleading or athletes that started cheerleading at a later age.
- 2) This allows countries without tumbling resources an avenue to reach success at Worlds without being disadvantaged.

BENEFITS OF GLOBAL CLUB DIVISIONS

The USA has a built-in training system when it comes to National Teams competing with the ICU.

Hundreds of thousands of young adults cheer at their schools each year which is automatic training for the National Team. The Global Club Divisions will give each country a training ground for athletes for their National Teams.