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Welcome

to The Cheerleading Worlds 2019! The United States All Star Federation (USASF) and the International All Star Federation (IASF) 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.

In 2019, an event producer may award up to \$25,000 for each team they sponsor with a paid bid to The Cheerleading Worlds. Given this, and the fact that many event producers award multiple bids, it's understandable that substantial resources will be allocated to support teams that have participated in their competitions. Event producers select teams of the highest caliber from their premier events to represent their respective companies at The Cheerleading Worlds.

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General Information

2019 VIP & Coaches Reception

Friday, April 26, 8 pm

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center

This reception is complimentary for two coaches and/or owners from each team. Extra tickets may be purchased for additional coaches and program owners. See Extra Ticket Prices on page 14.

Live Streaming & Coverage

Live streaming of all performances will be available by subscription through FloCheer.com. The Cheerleading Worlds will be nationally televised in the USA on a national network. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams or winners of all divisions will be televised. Results and behind-the-scenes coverage will be posted regularly throughout the weekend on USASF.net.

FREE Action Moments Photography

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

Attention Coaches!

All cheer teams must have at least one coach credentialed in building and at least one coach credentialed in tumbling – or one coach credentialed in both skill sets – up to the level at which their team is competing to be eligible to receive a Worlds bid. See the credentialing requirements outlined on page 8.

Attention Athletes!

Each athlete on a U.S. based team must have a government-issued photo ID – a driver's license, state ID, passport, or visa. State IDs and passports may take 6-8 weeks to obtain. Please plan accordingly.

Performance Order

Performance orders for all Cheerleading Worlds divisions will be randomly selected, recorded and posted online at USASF.net in mid-April 2019. Teams advancing to subsequent competition rounds at Cheerleading Worlds will perform in reverse-order of their performance rankings. Results will be announced following the conclusion of each division's competition round.

USASF/IASF Nations Cup Championship

The USASF/IASF will rank each country's highest scoring team in each International division final. Nations Cup trophies will be awarded to 5 top-ranking teams representing 5 different countries.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Event details and venues are subject to change

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

- Teams register with Worlds staff at host hotels to receive Worlds credentials, lanyards, Park Hopper® tickets and schedules.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Disney staff for MagicBands (room keys).
- International Cheer Union (ICU) opening ceremonies

Thursday, April 25, 2019

- Teams register with Worlds staff at host hotels to receive Worlds credentials, lanyards, Park Hopper® tickets and schedules.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Disney staff for MagicBands (room keys).
- ICU World Cheer & Dance Championships
- Program owners will meet with USASF officials by appointment for Roster Check & Compliance Review.

Friday, April 26, 2019

- Teams register with Worlds staff at host hotels to receive Worlds credentials, lanyards, Park Hopper® tickets and schedules.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Disney staff for MagicBands (room keys).
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- VIP & Coaches Reception at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 8 pm

Saturday, April 27, 2019

- Prelims (at-large bids only)
 - SXS, SXSC
 - SS, SSC
- Semi-Finals (all bids)
 - SM, SMC, SLC
 - SOSC-5, SOLC-5
 - IO-5, IO-6
 - IONT-5, IOCNT-5
 - IG-5, IGC-5
- Dance Worlds at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

Sunday, April 28, 2019

- Semi-Finals
 - SXS, SXSC, SS, SSC, SO-5 and all remaining Senior and International Divisions
- Finals & Awards
 - All divisions that had Semi-Finals on Saturday
- Dance Worlds at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

Monday, April 29, 2019

- Finals & Awards
 - All divisions that had Semi Finals on Sunday
- Dance Worlds Finals at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
- Celebration Party at Disney's Magic Kingdom® 10pm-2am

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

- Teams depart

2019 USASF/IASF Divisions

Senior Club Divisions–Level 5

Prelims, Semi-Finals & Finals

All at-large bid teams in SXS, SXSC, SS and SSC will compete in a preliminary round Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The top 10 preliminary teams will advance to Semi-Finals. The semi-final round will include the top 10 preliminary teams, plus all paid-bid teams registered in the respective divisions. Preliminary teams advancing to Semi-Finals will be reverse-seeded and inserted in the first 10 performance slots before the paid-bid teams that move directly to Semi-Finals.

The top 10 teams will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals. The performance order for Finals will be reverse-seeded based on the Semi-Final results.

NEW: In the event that there are 40 or more teams competing in a division's preliminary or semi-final round, 15 teams will advance to the next round.

SM, SMC, SL, SLC, SO, SOSC & SOLC

All teams entering these divisions must compete in the semi-final round Saturday, April 27 or Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The top 10 teams from each of these divisions, will progress from the semi-final round to the final round on the day after they compete in the semi-final round. The performance order for all divisions will be reverse-seeded based on the Semi-Finals results.

NOTE: Competition officials reserve the right to amend the order of event and/or divisions in Prelims and Semi-Finals based upon final competition registration.

U.S. Team Eligibility

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

Senior Club Division Awards

Each team will receive a participation trophy. The USASF will award the top 10 teams in each division at The Cheerleading Worlds. Teams ranking first, second, or third will receive gold, silver, or bronze medallions. First-place teams will receive a championship banner and each participant who performed on the floor will receive a Worlds Champion Ring.

Submitting a Video for Legality Review

To help ensure a penalty-free competition, we encourage each team to submit a video of their performance routine. This video should clearly show all stunts and tumbling. Routines will be reviewed by independent, neutral legality officials from the USASF Rules Committee and/or its delegates. The results of this review will be communicated only to the participating program and will not be shared with other programs or with The Cheerleading Worlds judging panel. Videos submitted after the April 12, 2019 deadline WILL NOT be reviewed. Review results will be shared with teams by April 21, 2019.

To submit a video for legality review, please use the USASF Coach App that is available on Apple and Android devices:

1. Search for **USASF Coach** in your APP store.
2. Download and install the APP.
3. Open the APP and login using your USASF membership email/username and password.
4. Follow the prompts to submit a video.

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

Score Sheets

Score sheets for The Cheerleading Worlds will be posted in January 2019 at USASF.net and IASFworlds.com.

The Cheerleading Worlds 2019 USASF Club Divisions

Level	Divisions	Age	Age as of (date)	Females/Males	Number on Team
5	Senior XSmall (SXS)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	No males	5-16 members
5	Senior Small (SS)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	No males	17-22 members
5	Senior Medium (SM)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	No males	23-30 members
5	Senior Large (SL)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	No males	31-38 members
5	Senior XSmall Coed (SXSC)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	1-2 males	5-16 members
5	Senior Small Coed (SSC)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	1-5 males	5-22 members
5	Senior Medium Coed (SMC)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	1-8 males	5-30 members
5	Senior Large Coed (SLC)	13-18 years old	August 31, 2018	1-19 males	5-38 members
5	Senior Open (SO)	14 years & older *	December 31, 2019	No males	5-24 members
5	Senior Open Small Coed (SOC)	14 years & older *	December 31, 2019	1-4 males	5-24 members
5	Senior Open Large Coed (SOLC)	14 years & older *	December 31, 2019	5-12 males	5-24 members

Background checks are required for all adult athletes, 21 years of age or older on or before 12/31/2019, competing on a U.S. based team. The background check will be initiated through the athlete member profile and must return a green light determination for an athlete to be eligible. Non-U.S. citizens on U.S. based teams are required to complete the background check process as well. Additional fees and time are required to complete the process. Please plan accordingly.

IASF/International Divisions

Competitor's Age Year of the Competition

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

- A 13-year-old athlete may participate in a 2019 Cheerleading Worlds division where the minimum age is 14 IF that athlete turns 14 on or before December 31, 2019.
- A 19-year-old athlete may participate in a 2019 Cheerleading Worlds division where the maximum age is 18 IF that athlete was 18 at any time in 2019.

NOTE: The USASF/IASF recognizes that teams and event producers from the USA must follow the current 2018-19 USASF Age Grid and Guidelines at all Worlds Bid Qualifiers. However, teams from the USA receiving The Cheerleading Worlds bids and attending the 2019 Cheerleading Worlds may use substitution/alternate athletes to form a team that matches the guidelines listed below for the 2019 Cheerleading Worlds for these select divisions. Those athletes would have to follow the same eligibility, substitution and alternate guidelines for Worlds, including the guidelines requiring a Release Waiver. These guidelines only affect those teams competing in the 2019 Cheerleading Worlds in the International Open Levels 5 & 6 divisions.

International Division Awards

Each team will receive a participation trophy.

The top three teams from each country will advance from Semi-Finals to Finals. Teams ranking first, second, or third in Finals will receive gold, silver, or bronze medallions. First-place teams will receive a championship banner and ring for each participant who performed on the floor.

Submitting a Video for Legality Review

In an effort to ensure a penalty-free competition, we encourage each team to submit a video of their performance routine. This video should clearly show all stunts and tumbling. Routines will be reviewed by independent, neutral legality officials from the IASF Rules Committee and/or its delegates. The results of this review will be communicated only to the participating program and will not be shared with other programs or with The Cheerleading Worlds judging panel.

Videos submitted after the April 12, 2019 deadline WILL NOT be reviewed. Review results will be shared with teams by April 21, 2019.

NON U.S. BASED (INTERNATIONAL) COACHES only: To submit a video for legality review, email cheer.rules@iasfworlds.com.

The Cheerleading Worlds 2019 IASF/International Divisions

Level	Divisions	Age	Age as of (date)	Females/Males	Number on Team
5	International Open Non-Tumbling (IONT)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	No males	16-30 members
5	International Open Coed Non-Tumbling (IOCNT)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	1-20 males	16-30 members
5	International Open (IO)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	No males	16-24 members
5	International Open Small Coed (IOSC)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	1-4 males	16-24 members
5	International Open Large Coed (IOLC)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	5-16 males	16-24 members
5	International Global (IG5)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	No males	16-24 members
5	International Global Coed (IGC5)	14 years & older	December 31, 2019	1-16 males	16-24 members
6	International Open (IO6)	17 years & older	December 31, 2019	No males	16-24 members
6	International Open Small Coed (IOSC6)	17 years & older	December 31, 2019	1-4 males	16-24 members
6	International Open Large Coed (IOLC6)	17 years & older	December 31, 2019	5-16 males	16-24 members

Background checks are required for all adult athletes, 21 years of age or older on or before 12/31/2019, competing on a U.S. based team. The background check will be initiated through the athlete member profile and must return a green light determination for an athlete to be eligible. Non-U.S. citizens on U.S. based teams are required to complete the background check process as well. Additional fees and time are required to complete the process. Please plan accordingly.

Bid Requirements

Paid Bids

Paid bids are awarded to the best teams in one or more of the Worlds Divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds qualifying events. Each event producer hosting a Worlds bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which bids are awarded.

All teams awarded a paid bid will be awarded, by the sponsoring event producer, up to a maximum of \$650 times the number of athletes on the floor where the bid was awarded, plus two coaches. For example, a bid-receiving team that had 31 athletes on the floor plus two coaches could be awarded up to \$21,450. This amount will be used towards the team's USASF Worlds accommodation packages and transportation to Orlando. Additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the team/program. Event producers will not be responsible for late fees if their representing team does not meet the registration deadline. Event producers will not be responsible for added change fees if their representing team has to make changes to the original registration and/or travel.

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

At-Large Bids

At-large bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or the next highest-scoring teams to the paid-bid-winning team(s). However, each event producer that hosts a Worlds bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded. Recipients of at-large bids are eligible to compete at Worlds; however they must pay for their own Worlds accommodation packages and all other related expenses.

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.

Bid Receiving Requirements

A team that receives and accepts any type of Worlds bid must compete at Worlds in the same division they competed in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded.

The number of participants competing in any division at The Cheerleading Worlds may not exceed the number of participants that performed on the competition floor at the bid-qualifying event.

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 in writing to the sponsoring event producer and/or the USASF.

Athlete Eligibility Limits-Earning Multiple Paid Bids

Athletes within the same program are limited to the number of teams on which they are eligible to compete and earn paid bids. Once an athlete has competed for a team and earned a paid bid, they are permitted to move to another team within their program. If their second team earns a paid bid, they are bound to the second team and may only compete with the second team at Worlds. They no longer are eligible to compete with the first team once the second team is awarded a paid bid.

The number of athletes 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:

- Extra Small and Small teams may have up to 3 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.
- Medium teams may have up to 4 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid. This includes all Senior Open and IASF divisions.
- Large teams may have up to 5 athletes that were previously awarded a paid bid.

Deadline for Bid Acceptance

Paid and at-large bid winners must accept the bid and complete and return the Bid Winners Acceptance Form to the sponsoring event producer that awarded the bid. The form must be returned to the sponsoring event producer within 72 hours after the last day of the event where the bid was received. This means each team will need to decide prior to the Worlds bid-qualifying event: 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.

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.

Once a team accepts its bid, all required registration materials must be completed by the the deadlines noted on page 11 of this packet. Any team holding its registration 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.

Athlete, Substitution & Alternate Requirements

Requirements at Bid-Qualifying Events

Athletes, Substitutions & Alternates

All athletes competing at a bid-qualifying event must be listed on the official roster as active athletes and compete on Day 1. Should a team need to make any substitutions on Day 2 at the bid-qualifying event, they will be allowed to replace a limited number of active athletes with reserve athletes for the second performance. The athletes that took the floor on Day 1 will be considered the original team members on the Worlds Roster. Any reserve athletes that take the floor on Day 2 will be considered eligible substitutes on the Worlds Roster.

The number of athletes that may be replaced on Day 2 is limited:

- Extra Small teams may replace up to 3 athletes.
- Small teams may replace up to 3 athletes.
- Medium teams may replace up to 4 athletes. This includes all Senior Open and IASF divisions.
- Large teams may replace up to 5 athletes.

NOTE: The team coach is responsible for communicating any replacements or substitutions from Day 1 to Day 2 to the event producer. The event producer will note any changes made from Day 1 to Day 2 on the roster that was submitted by the team. Day 2 substitutions must meet all the eligibility requirements to compete as an athlete at that particular bid qualifier representing said team.

Requirements at The Cheerleading Worlds

Original Athletes, Substitutions & Alternates

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. Athletes may not be added to the team after the bid was received. The program is permitted to replace original team members with substitutes and wild card alternates so long as they do not increase the total number of athletes on the team and they follow the guidelines outlined herein.

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.

Substitution Rule

Maximum number of substitutions allowed per team:

- Extra Small Division teams – 4
- Small Division teams – 6
- Medium Division teams – 8
- Large Division teams – 10
- International / Senior Open teams – 8

International Open/Coed - Level 6 Alternates

Teams must present a USASF roster at their bid-qualifying event that includes names of the athletes performing on the floor at that competition. Additionally, the same Open-Level 6 teams can roster up to 10 reserve athletes that will be considered eligible substitutes/alternates. These are additional members of the program that did not have the opportunity to perform on the floor at that event. Those additional athletes must follow the same eligibility, substitution and alternate guidelines for The Cheerleading Worlds, including the guidelines requiring a Program Release Waiver.

Roster Violations at Bid-Qualifying Events

Any team or program found to be in violation of roster guidelines at the bid-qualifying event is not eligible to receive a bid. If a bid has been awarded and the team is in violation of the rostering requirements, they will forfeit the awarded bid.

Any team or program found to be in violation of roster guidelines at bid-qualifying events and/or The Cheerleading Worlds is subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to: disqualification, fines, repayment of any funds received through a paid bid; denied participation in future events and/or USASF membership revocation.

The allocated maximum number of substitutions will be allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds. A substitute must be a regular-paid participant from another team at the same program and must have competed on the floor with that team from that program at the same event where the bid was awarded. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original bid-winning event.

Wild Card Alternates Rule

Of the allowable maximum number of substitutions, one to three of those may be Wild Card alternates. Wild Card alternates are registered members of the same team's program that received the bid. Wild Card alternates did not have to be rostered or in attendance at the Worlds bid-qualifying event where the bid was received.

Program Release Waiver

If a team's official roster for Worlds includes an athlete that took the floor with a team in any level from a different program (primary program), during the Worlds competition season (November 1, 2018–April 30, 2019), that athlete must have a *USASF Program Release Waiver* signed by the primary program owner to be eligible to compete with a secondary program at the 2019 Worlds. The *USASF Program Release Waiver* is found at USASF.net. This form must be sent to your Regional Director on or before April 15, 2019, and the original must be brought to your Roster Verification appointment.

Roster Violations at The Cheerleading Worlds

If a team is found to have made an improper substitution or alternate assignment, or has an illegal team member, this team:

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

Crossovers

At The Cheerleading Worlds, crossovers of participants between teams from the same program are NOT permitted. Crossovers of participants between programs are NOT 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. If a team is found to have made an improper substitution or alternate, 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 cheer program from that gym) from being eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds for the following year.

Athlete/Coach Attendance Requirements

World Teams:

- must represent a current USASF Member Program/Organization.
- must be USASF Member Athletes (registered and paid).
- must be accompanied by an eligible USASF coach with applicable level credentialing to enter the Worlds warm-up and backstage areas.
- may not compete in the same division at The Cheerleading Worlds and also at a 2019 end-of-season, multi-brand event.
- must successfully complete a background check if 21 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2019 and competing on a U.S. based team.

Coaches/Program Owners/Organizations:

- must be a current program member of the USASF and in good standing with the USASF.
- must be an eligible USASF coach (current coach member with background screening green light).
- 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. See *Deadline for Coaches Credentials*.
- Non-coaching owners may enter the warm-up area with their team if they meet requirements for eligibility in the USASF member system and they are accompanied by a coach who meets the above credentialing and professional membership requirements.
- may not send the same team to compete in the same division at both The Cheerleading Worlds and a 2019 end-of-season, multi-brand event.

Deadline for Coaches Credentials

ALL coaches must be credentialed to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds in Orlando. Coaches without credentials prior to arriving in Orlando may be credentialed on-site by appointment.

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

NOTE: Credentialed coaches/program owners/choreographers must have a USASF membership ID card to gain access to the warm-up room and backstage areas. Only those individuals with valid (unexpired) credentials and who meet the following criteria will be permitted with their team in the practice and backstage areas:

- must be listed as a coach of the performing team on all paperwork received by the USASF.
- must be a coach in good standing at the program he/she is representing.
- must be an eligible USASF coach (current coach member with background screening green light).
- must understand that he/she is a representative of the event producer that awarded his/her team the bid (paid/at-large) to The Cheerleading Worlds. They 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.

U.S. Based Teams Competing in International Divisions

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

International Teams (Non U.S. Based)

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

All International teams must submit a completed International Team Roster. This document is available to print at USASF.net or IASF.net.

International Visas

All visa requests must be received and processed by February 15, 2019 and team registration forms and required documents must be received by the noted deadlines on page 11.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between a travel 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:

- Athlete competition registration
- Hotel accommodations
- 24-hr airport transfers by Disney's Magical Express service
- Disney Park Hopper® tickets valid April 22–May 13, 2019
- 6-days admission to The Cheerleading/Dance Worlds
- Transportation to all Worlds events
- Celebration Party at Disney's Magic Kingdom® theme park

Commuter packages include:

- Athlete competition registration
- Disney Park Hopper® tickets valid April 22–May 13, 2019
- 6-days admission to The Cheerleading/Dance Worlds

Where will we stay?

Your team may choose accommodations at either Disney's All Star Resort or Disney's Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center. Services remain the same for each hotel. The only difference in package prices is the hotel cost. In the event that either hotel sells out before the deadline, USASF will make its best effort to make arrangements with an alternate hotel.

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

Hotels do not guarantee check in until 4 pm. However, if rooms are ready in your block, the hotel will check you in early. Please be sure to communicate this to your entire group traveling with you. Check out at the host hotels is 11 am. If you have a later flight, hotel staff will gladly store your luggage but cannot store carry-on bags, electronics, or trophies.

How many chaperones do we need?

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

Can we have five people in a room?

No. The All Star Resort and Coronado Springs Resort 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 fans sign up for the Worlds travel package?

Many coaches include parents on the travel package with their teams. However, we encourage family members and friends to register separately. See the Family & Fans section on page 13.

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 Disney Park Hopper ticket. Spectators will simply need to purchase a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket or a daily admission ticket for entry into the competitions.

What does Park Hopper® mean?

A Disney Park Hopper® ticket allows you to visit one or more theme parks on the same day. For example: You may use your Park Hopper® ticket to visit Epcot® in the morning, then Magic Kingdom® that evening and it will be considered only one day of admission. Days used do not have to be consecutive. Worlds Park Hopper® tickets are valid April 22-May 13, 2019.

Do we use our Park Hopper® tickets for competition?

Yes. Each athlete and coach will need a Park Hopper® ticket to enter the competition venue. Admission to the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex is NOT considered a theme park admission, and does not use a 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.

We are arriving in Orlando before our coach is able to pick up registration materials for our team. Can I get my athlete's Park Hopper® ticket early?

Unfortunately, no. The only way to obtain an individual athlete's Park Hopper® ticket apart from the team is to register the athlete separately from the team on a family registration.

Are discounted Park Hopper® tickets available for family and friends not on the travel package?

Yes, these discounted Park Hopper® tickets are available:

3-day Park Hopper® ticket \$335

4-day Park Hopper® ticket \$380

5-day Park Hopper® ticket \$425

Park Hopper® tickets may be ordered online for the prices listed above. They also may be purchased in Orlando at a designated Worlds registration area for \$15 more.

When will we receive our Park Hopper® tickets?

You will receive your tickets after you arrive in Orlando. Pre-ordered Park Hopper® tickets may be picked up at Celebrity Hall at the All Star Resort beginning Monday, April 22, 2019. We are unable to mail tickets to your home or program in advance of the event.

I want to make FastPass+ reservations as early as possible. May I have my Park Hopper® tickets prior to arriving in Orlando?

Unfortunately, no. Due to the discounted nature of the Worlds Park Hopper® tickets, our Worlds staff will not have access to the tickets until the week of the competition.

If we don't use all the days on our Park Hopper® ticket, may we use it next year?

No. All discounted tickets sold at Worlds are valid April 22 through May 13, 2019. These dates are printed on each ticket.

Park Hopper® tickets purchased for Worlds are NOT valid admission to cheer/dance competitions hosted by other companies and vice versa.

Do spectators have to purchase a Disney Park Hopper® ticket in order to watch the competition at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex?

No. Family and fans who DO NOT purchase Worlds travel packages or Park Hopper® tickets through the USASF may purchase daily admission tickets as described below.

Daily Admission Tickets

\$45 daily

Daily admission tickets go on sale at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex ticket window starting Friday, April 26, 2019, at 6:30 am.

I am a Walt Disney World Annual Passholder. May I use this for admission to the Worlds competitions?

No. Only Worlds Park Hopper® tickets and daily admission tickets provide entry into the cheerleading and dance competitions.

What do I need to attend the Worlds Celebration Party at Magic Kingdom®?

You must have a wristband to attend the Worlds Celebration Party. Wristbands are included in the Worlds travel packages. Wristbands are NOT included with Park Hopper® tickets purchased individually. A wristband may be purchased for \$45.

Early Registration

- All registration items are due by March 14, 2019.
- Registrations received after March 14 from teams with early registration deadlines will be held until April 5 and processed with late registrations. Any team holding its registration in hopes of receiving a paid bid at a later Worlds bid qualifier but is ultimately unsuccessful in receiving one, still will be considered a late registration and will be placed on hold.
- All changes requested after March 21, 2019 will result in a \$200 (two hundred dollars) per change fee.
- Cancellations received after March 14, 2019 will result in all monies refunded with the exception of \$200 (two hundred dollars) per person to cover hotel and entertainment guarantees.
- Cancellations received after March 21, 2019 will result in a full forfeiture of all monies paid. All cancellations must be in writing to The Cheerleading Worlds. We will not accept cancellations by phone.

- All registration items are due by April 5, 2019.
- All changes requested after April 12, 2019 will result in a \$200 (two hundred dollars) per change fee.
- Cancellations received before/on April 12, 2019 will result in all monies refunded with the exception of \$200 (two hundred dollars) per person to cover hotel and entertainment guarantees.
- Cancellations received after April 12, 2019 will result in a full forfeiture of all monies paid. All cancellations must be in writing to The Cheerleading Worlds. We will not accept cancellations by phone.

USASF
The Cheerleading Worlds Registration
6745 Lenox Center, Suite 300
Memphis, TN 38115

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Register online @ USASF.net

Online Registration Instructions

All U.S. based teams are required to submit all registration materials and reservations online.

Worlds Teams

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

- Your Varsity Connect account login that you have used for previous Varsity-sponsored event registrations. If you have never registered for a Varsity-sponsored event, contact your registration specialist for log in credentials.
- Each athlete's first name, last name, gender, and birthdate.
- Rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable).

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

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

Step 3: To allow for a smooth and quick registration experience, we encourage you to create or update your Master Roster before you register. Your Master Roster is a list of every potential athlete or coach from your entire program that may travel to Worlds. This is NOT the team's Official Event Roster as described on page 16.

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

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

- <https://varsity1.secure.force.com/portal/EditMasterRoster>
- click **Upload People**

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

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

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

Step 6: Review and submit your registration.

Step 7: Submit your payment by either:

- **Credit Card** – American Express, Discover, Mastercard or Visa. Go to **My Worlds Registration**, click **Invoice/Payment**.
- **Cashier's check or money order** mailed to the address at the bottom of this page. No personal checks or program/booster checks will be accepted.

Registrations are not approved until deposits are received. Families attending with your team will not be able to register until your registration is approved.

Step 8: Print and mail all required team forms to the address at the bottom of this page.

Family & Fans

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

- Team Registration Number (this may be obtained from the coach once they have registered the team and the registration has been approved).
- Rooming list/housing assignments (if applicable).

Step 1: Go to **USASF.net**, click **Worlds**, then **Registration**

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

Step 3: Click on the link to start the registration process and log in using the Team Registration Number.

Step 4: Follow the instructions on each page to make hotel reservations and/or order additional tickets. If applicable, you may also assign participants 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:

- **Credit Card** – American Express, Discover, Mastercard or Visa. Go to the **My Worlds Registration** and click **Invoice/Payment**.
- **Cashier's check or money order** mailed to the address at the bottom of this page. No personal checks or program/booster checks will be accepted.
- Registrations are not approved until deposits are received.

Mailing Address

The Cheerleading Worlds Registration
6745 Lenox Center, Suite 300
Memphis, TN 38115

U.S. Based Teams program names beginning with...	International Teams non-U.S. based teams	Registration Specialists
A–Fc	Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain	Jennifer Herbert jherbert@usasf.net
Fd–O	Africa, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Mexico	Mendy Terrell mterrell@usasf.net
P–Sp	Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia	Missy Miller mmiller@usasf.net
Sq–Z	Costa Rica, Italy, Jamaica, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Kingdom	Jennifer Burnett jburnett@usasf.net

Hotel Package Prices

Registration instructions are on page 12 and at USASF.net.

All hotel packages include:

- Any two, three, four or five nights between April 26 and May 1
- Round-trip airport transfers provided by Disney's Magical Express service
- Disney Park Hopper® tickets valid April 22-May 13, 2019
- 6-days admission to The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds venues
- Transportation to all events that are directly related to Worlds
- Celebration Party at Disney's Magic Kingdom® theme park
- All taxes and gratuities
- Prices DO NOT include airfare

Disney's All Star Resort package price per person

room	per room	2 nights	3 nights	4 nights	5 nights
Quad	4	\$570	\$620	\$699	\$749
Triple	3	\$599	\$670	\$770	\$857
Double	2	\$659	\$770	\$937	\$1054
Single	1	\$870	\$1088	\$1349	\$1570
Park Hopper® ticket		3-day	3-day	4-day*	5-day

*A 4-day Park Hopper® ticket may be upgraded to a 5-day for an additional \$45 if preordered online or an additional \$60 if purchased at the event.

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort package price per person

Quad	4	\$623	\$691	\$795	\$843
Triple	3	\$670	\$760	\$910	\$998
Double	2	\$759	\$885	\$1135	\$1237
Single	1	\$1041	\$1279	\$1672	\$1906
Park Hopper® ticket		3-day	3-day	4-day*	5-day

*A 4-day Park Hopper® ticket may be upgraded to a 5-day for an additional \$45 if preordered online or an additional \$60 if purchased at the event.

Extra Nights

Extra nights may be added to five-night hotel packages. Extra nights are limited and offered on a first come, first service basis.

- Wednesday, April 24, 2019
- Thursday, April 25, 2019
- Monday, April 29, 2019
- Tuesday, April 30, 2019

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

- **Disney's All Star Resort \$210** per room/night
- **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort \$292** per room/night

Family & Fans Packages

USASF offers families and fans the same great hotel packages above that we offer teams. We recommend that you set up your own registration. Please designate one contact person to receive all communication and share information with the rest of the group. Complete registration materials are available at USASF.net.

Airport Transportation

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

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



Commuter Package Prices for Athletes and Coaches only

Complete registration materials are available at USASF.net.

Athletes and coaches NOT purchasing hotel packages are REQUIRED to purchase Commuter Packages. Admission to the Worlds Celebration Party is sold separately. Commuter packages do not include transportation to/from the competition venues.

3-Day package \$395 3-day Disney Park Hopper® ticket that also provides athlete's entry into The Worlds competition venues.

4-Day package \$425 4-day Disney Park Hopper® ticket that also provides athlete's entry into The Worlds competition venues.

5-Day package \$455 5-day Disney Park Hopper® ticket that also provides athlete's entry into The Worlds competition venues.

Worlds Celebration Party Wristband \$45

Private Celebration Party at Disney's Magic Kingdom® theme park, Monday, April 30, 2019. Transportation not included.

Worlds Coach Lanyard **without** Disney Park Hopper® Ticket \$150

Provides entry into the Worlds competition venues only. Does not include a Park Hopper® or provide access to the amusement parks. Lanyards will be sold only to coaches from programs participating in Worlds who:

- are listed on a USASF Official Roster for a team attending Worlds
- meet the credentialing requirements for warm-up room access

NOTE: This lanyard is NOT purchased through the Worlds registration processing center. It is purchased directly from the USASF and may be picked up at your roster check appointment. Pre-ordering is required. The deadline to purchase is Monday, April 15, 2019. To purchase, visit the Worlds Information Center in the USASF online community -- *The USASF Connection* -- accessible through your coach membership account.

Extra Ticket Prices

Park Hopper® tickets may be ordered online or purchased at the Worlds Registration desks at our host hotels throughout the event. Disney Park Hopper® tickets provide: admission to Disney's Magic Kingdom®, Epcot®, Hollywood Studios®, and Animal Kingdom® theme parks; six days admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex; and admission to all Cheerleading and Dance Worlds venues.

3-Day Park Hopper® Ticket \$335 / \$350 if purchased in Orlando

3 days at Disney theme parks + 6 days at The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds venues

4-Day Park Hopper® Ticket \$380 / \$395 if purchased in Orlando

4 days at Disney theme parks + 6 days at The Cheerleading Worlds and Dance Worlds venues

5-Day Park Hopper® Ticket \$425 / \$440 if purchased in Orlando

5 days at Disney theme parks + 6 days at The Cheerleading Worlds and Dance Worlds venues

The last day to pre-order
Park Hopper® tickets is
April 16, 2019

Water Park \$45

1 day at any Disney water park

Service Meal Voucher \$17

1 entrée and beverage per \$17 voucher at designated theme park dining locations, lunch/dinner only (dessert not included)
Not sold in Orlando.

Worlds Celebration Party Wristband \$45 (Worlds Celebration Party wristbands included in Worlds hotel packages)

Monday, April 29, 2019, 10pm-2am

Disney's Magic Kingdom® theme park

Attractions: Astro Orbiter, Space Mountain, Tomorrowland Speedway, Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin, Seven Dwarves Mine Train, Mad Tea Party, Big Thunder Mountain, Splash Mountain, and Haunted Mansion (subject to change)

DJs at Castle Stage (Pop, Top 40), Frontierland (Club, Pop, Top 40) and TBD (club music for those 17+)(subject to change)

2019 VIP & Coaches Reception \$120

Friday, April 26, 8 pm

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center

Complimentary for two coaches and/or owners from each team / \$120 for each additional coach/program owner

Warm-up Room/Backstage Access Policy

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

Cheer Coach credential requirements

- Current USASF coach membership
- Current professional membership (NCSI background screening with green light determination)
- Credentialed through Level 5 in either building, tumbling or both
- Credentialed through Level 6 if coaching a Level 6 team

Athlete membership requirements

- All athletes must be current members of the USASF and listed on the official Worlds roster.
- Adult athletes (21 years on or before Dec. 31, 2019 on U.S. based teams must have a background check with a green light determination.
- Alternate and substitute athletes must meet the age grid criteria for that specific team and each roster is limited to 10 reserve athletes.
- Alternate and substitute athletes must be in uniform and on the roster in order to be allowed in the warm-up/backstage room. Reserve athlete(s) must be competition-ready and in the venue where the team is competing. If an injury occurs, alternate and substitute athlete(s) may be used, as needed, as long as they meet eligibility requirements and have been approved during the roster verification appointment. Alternate and reserve athlete(s) must report, ready to warm-up and compete with the team, within 15 minutes of the injury.
- All U.S. based athletes must present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official. See page 16 for more details.

Allowed entry into the warm-up room with background screening green light and paid auxiliary membership

- One personnel member per team

Prohibited from entry into the warm-up room

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

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

Event Violation Policy

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	Team Penalty	Member Penalty
USASF Member (other than athlete)				
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				
In warm-up area without proper credentials	Removed from warm-up area and name and program name documented	Membership/credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	None	Career 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 and name and program name documented: official warning	Membership/credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	6-point penalty for the team	Career and program membership revoked for one year
USASF Member Athlete				
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				
In warm-up area but NOT on the team roster	Picture taken and documented, removed from warm-up area	Escorted from the venue	6-point penalty for the team	Ineligible for the remainder of the event
Competes but NOT listed on the team roster	Ineligible to compete	Immediate membership revocation for one year (one full season)	Team disqualified	Program membership revoked for up to two years
Under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any venue at any time during the event from arrival to departure on Tuesday.	Authorities are called and athlete is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the event	Athlete membership revocation for one year (one full season)	6-point penalty per incident for the team	Athlete membership revoked for up to two years. Review of program membership revocation of up to two years.

I have reviewed the Warm-up Room/Backstage Access & Event Violation Policies as outlined above.

head coach/program owner signature

assistant coach/program owner signature

REQUIRED DOCUMENT: This document requires a signature and is available to print at USASF.net.

Worlds Team Roster and Music Licensing Verification Process

U.S. Based Teams

- All teams based in the United States will submit rosters through their USASF profiles as they have throughout the 2018-2019 season.
- All athletes must meet all participation, substitution and alternate guidelines. See page 7 for more information.
- All athletes must be listed on your official roster for The Cheerleading Worlds. This includes all active, alternate, and substitute athletes.
- Athletes not listed on the roster as active, alternate, or substitute athletes, or without a paid membership, will not be permitted to take the floor at Worlds.
- For assistance, please contact your USASF Regional Director.

Submitting U.S. Based Team Rosters

All rosters for U.S. based teams attending The Cheerleading Worlds must be submitted through the USASF program member portal. For additional instructions, please contact your Regional Director.

Roster and Music Licensing Verification Process

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

1. Contact your Regional Director to schedule your appointment.
2. Bring a printed copy of your Official Event Roster for The Cheerleading Worlds.
3. If you have non-U.S. citizens on your team, bring a printed copy of the *International Athlete List* and the appropriate ORIGINAL documentation that permits them to compete on a U.S. based team. This form is available from your Regional Director.
4. Bring proof of licensing for all music used throughout your routine.
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 as outlined in the bid packet. In addition, the paperwork for any/all athletes who are not U.S. citizens, but participating on a U.S. based team, will be reviewed.
6. Once your roster is verified by a USASF event official, it will be locked and considered your Official Event Roster for The Cheerleading Worlds and will be used during the Athlete ID Check prior to your team entering the warm-up room. Any changes made after this time must be reported to your Regional Director and verified.

Athlete Photo ID Check

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

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

Acceptable forms of government-issued photo identification include:

- driver's license
- state ID
- passport

NOTE:

- Each athlete must have an acceptable form of identification: a driver's license, state ID or passport. A state ID may be obtained through your local DMV office and may take as many as 6-8 weeks to receive. The minimum age required for a state ID varies by state. Passports typically take 6-8 weeks. Please plan accordingly.
- International competitors on a U.S. based team will show their passports or visas.

IMPORTANT:

It is the responsibility of the program and its representatives to allow ample time to receive acceptable forms of identification so that each athlete may enter the warm-up room and compete.

Agreement of Compliance

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

Safety

- I understand that cheerleading is a competitive activity, which requires the proper training techniques for all athletes under my direction.
- I attest I have been properly trained in basic cheerleading 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 cheerleaders under my direction at risk unnecessarily.
- I understand that only USASF credentialed coaches who meet requirements for eligibility in the USASF member system are permitted in the practice area and backstage at The Cheerleading Worlds.
- I understand that only USASF member athletes may compete at The Cheerleading Worlds.

Sportsmanship

- I will support The Cheerleading Worlds outcome and represent my program with integrity, including on social media.
- I will display good sportsmanship and require such of my cheerleaders, parents/family of performers, including on social media.
- I understand my position as a role model for my team and will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times; and I understand that my behavior is subject to disciplinary action if it violates the USASF Professional Responsibility Code.
- Smoking and/or the use of alcohol by an athlete is prohibited at any Worlds event location. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action including ineligibility for the current Cheerleading Worlds. If the violation occurs after the athlete competes, yet during the event timeframe at any Worlds event location, then suspension for the following competition season will be implemented.

Hotel/Resort Guidelines

- 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.
- Smoking and/or the use of alcohol by an athlete is prohibited. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action including ineligibility for the current Cheerleading Worlds. If the violation occurs after the athlete competes, yet during the event timeframe at any Worlds event location, then suspension for the following competition season will be implemented.
- 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 participants 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 HAVE YOUR NAME TAG TO GET ON THE BUS. Whether in uniform or not, you must have proof of being on our travel package to use the buses. We do not recommend that you use Disney transportation to competition venues because they run on Disney time and are not set to run with the times of our events or 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, he/she must be accompanied by an adult or coach to receive a new key.
- REQUIRED: Every team must have at least one coach, program owner or responsible adult for every nine participants 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. Televisions, voices or other devices must be kept at a respectful low level at all times; doors should be opened and closed quietly; and no congregating or running in halls.
- For your safety and the safety of others, please do not engage in any unsafe act or other act that may impede the operation of the resort or any associated facility. Examples include: leaving laundry in washers and dryers for long periods of time; and cutting in lines.
- 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 cause the sprinklers to go off 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.

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Agreement of Compliance (continued)

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.

The Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida Right to Remove

- The 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 Disney Code of Conduct as outlined above or any other action deemed inappropriate by the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida.

This document requires signatures from all coaches/owners and athletes.

program name team name city state/country

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 Disney property and/or competition-related property, or behaves inappropriately, our team will:
 - be disqualified.
 - be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a paid bid.
 - 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/processed without this signed form.

head coach/program owner date assistant coach/program owner date

Athlete signatures

PRINT your name on the first line and SIGN your name on the second line

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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 the USASF.net website for details. For dance teams, refer to The Dance Worlds Information & Registration Packet or USASF.net.

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 January 2019.
- 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. Routine performance time may not exceed 2:30. 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. Please note that IASF Non Tumbling and Global Divisions have different time routine/music allowances. Visit IASFworlds.com for routine time specifics.
- 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.
- C. There is no buffer when competing at The Cheerleading Worlds. It is our suggestion to have your routine time at 2:28 or under so you do not incur an overtime penalty. Each routine is timed live during the performance by a minimum of three time keepers and/or methods of timing. The lowest time of these three time keepers will be used to give the team the benefit of the doubt. If a routine is deemed to be over time, the head judge or a competition official will then go to the video and manually time the routine again. If the routine is still overtime, a penalty will be assessed. **NOTE:** Penalty points will be included with the Worlds Score Sheets that will be posted on the USASF website in January 2019.
- D. 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 January 2019.
- E. 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.

- F. All teams who advance to The Cheerleading Worlds may use as many songs in the musical portion of their routine as they like.
- G. 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 16). This may include:
 - o proof of purchase from a USA Cheer preferred provider.
 - o if using a single song, the receipt from the song's purchase.
 - o if using an editor, proof of purchase from a preferred provider and proof of licensing for all sound effects and voiceovers 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.If you have additional questions about the music guidelines, please contact your USASF Regional Director.
- H. Teams may not use Disney themes nor costumes that resemble Disney characters. However, Disney music is acceptable if the music licensing guidelines are followed.
- I. Each team is required to assign a responsible adult who knows the routine and music to stay at the music station during the team's performance. This representative is responsible for starting the music and stopping the music in case of technical malfunction or injury. Please make sure that all devices are fully charged, placed in airplane mode, and the volume is turned up. If using a CD, make sure it is free of scratches to avoid skipping.

IV. Athlete Behavior

- A. Athletes of teams at The Cheerleading Worlds are expected to exhibit the utmost of sportsmanship, respect and support throughout the entire event. Periodically there were concerns that a high standard of "decorum" was not being followed consistently by all teams in the performance venue at performance time, and also by some program members/fans viewing the routine.
- B. When teams are introduced, they are expected to take the floor within a 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 5s, chest bumps, etc.).
 - 3. Excessive pre- or post-competition team rituals (team bonding traditions must take place behind the stage area).
 - 4. Public displays of affection.
 - 5. Stepping outside the competition boundary to approach coaching staff, crowd members and/or other members of the audience.
 - 6. Excessive celebration (i.e. athletes wrapping their legs around coaches and/or each other, victory dances, etc.). Any prolonged, excessive, or premeditated celebration by

individual athletes or a group of athletes while on the competition floor

7. Coaching staff, parents, fans and/or other members of the performing program entering the competition boundary before, during or after a performance (unless in direct response to an obvious athlete injury). The only people allowed on the performance floor are the competitors and competition personnel.
8. Participants collapsing to the floor following a performance when an injury does not seem apparent. It will be assumed that any athlete who is not able to maintain a standing position is in need of medical attention and will be treated as such.
9. Teams will be assessed a point penalty for exhibiting unsportsmanlike, unprofessional, disrespectful and/or unsupportive behavior. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the competition officials. Note: Penalty points will be included with the Worlds score sheets that will be posted on the USASF website by January 2019.

V. Image Guidelines

- 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 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 3" in width) and should not be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the participants, should be adequately secured and should not fall over the forehead into the participant's eyes, or block the view of the participant 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" 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 uniform guidelines.

VI. Spotter Policy on Main Competition Floors

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

VII. Spotter Policy in Rehearsal Areas

- A. **Senior Divisions** —The Cheerleading Worlds WILL NOT provide spotters in the rehearsal areas. Senior Division teams may provide their own spotters in the rehearsal area or elect not to use spotters. The use of additional spotters is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the Senior Division team coach or program owner. USASF will have spotters available upon request in all rehearsal areas.
- B. **International Open Divisions** — The Cheerleading Worlds WILL provide spotters in the rehearsal areas for teams competing in the International Open and International Open Coed Level 5 and Level 6 divisions.
- C. **Additional Spotters** — Definition: Individuals on the rehearsal floor provided as a safety precaution to spot certain elements of a routine. Additional spotters:
 1. must be USASF Member Athletes or USASF Credentialed Coaches with professional membership.
 2. should only be used during the stunt, pyramid, and/or basket toss sections. Additional spotters are provided 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. Program-provided additional spotters should not wear clothing similar to the performing team's uniform.
 5. should not dress or act in a manner that distracts from the athletes and their performance.
 6. should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the skills of the performing team.

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

VIII. Interruption of Performance

A. Unforeseen Circumstances

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

B. Fault of Team

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

C. Injury

1. The only individuals that may stop a routine for injury are:
 - a) competition officials, b) the program owner/head coach from the team performing or c) an injured individual.
2. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. If permitted to perform again the team must (pending the injury's impact on the routine) perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
3. If a team needs to re-perform a routine but fails to do the routine in its entirety, (example: throwing a back tuck instead of the full twist thrown in the original performance) then this team may receive a penalty at the discretion of competition officials.
4. The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:
 - o The competition officials receive clearance from: first, the medical personnel attending to that participant, the parent/guardian (if present) AND THEN the head coach/director of the competing team.
 - o If the medical personnel do not clear the participant, the participant can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance signs a return to participation waiver (excluding a suspected concussion).
5. In the event of a suspected concussion, the participant 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.
6. We encourage you to be familiar with suspected concussion laws applicable in the state where the competition is being held.

IX. How to Handle Procedural Questions

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

X. Interpretations and Rulings

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

XI. Finality of Decisions

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

XII. Sportsmanship

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

XIII. Deductions and Disqualifications

Any team in violation of The Cheerleading Worlds Rules & 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 teams and procedures of the General Competition Rules will be disqualified from the competition and automatically forfeit the right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition. In addition, the team may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds the following year and may be responsible for repaying the entire cost of any funds received through a paid bid.

XIV. Scores and Rankings

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

Ties will not be broken, except in some cases to determine the set number moving into Semi- Finals/Finals and or gold, silver and bronze places in 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.

Step 2: The team with the highest total score adding up the Stunt/Pyramid score sheet and the Tumbling/Jump scores will win.

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.

Step 4: A panel including the head judge, competition officials, etc. will review both routines and select a winner.

XV. Tournament Facility

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

XVI. Television Coverage

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

XVII. Appearances/Endorsements/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 2019 will follow the most recent posting of the USASF and IASF. Please refer to USASF.net and IASFworlds.com for any changes.

XX. Penalties

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

I hereby accept and agree to abide by The Cheerleading Worlds 2019 Rules & Regulations.

team name

city/state/country

division

event where bid was received

coach's signature

program owner's signature

REQUIRED DOCUMENT: This document requires a signature and is available to print at USASF.net.

Practice Floor Rental

The USASF offers on-property practice floor rentals for cheer and dance teams attending Worlds. Both commuters and teams staying on-property may rent practice space. A USASF Safety Judge will be available for questions regarding rules and legalities.

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Friday, April 26, 2019

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center

Cheer Practice Floors

- 6 practice floors available
- Floor specs: standard 54'x42' spring floor
- Sound system provided
- Athletic trainers on-site

Dance Practice Floors

- 6 practice floors available
- Floor specs: 53.7 x 50' Marley
- Sound system provided
- Athletic trainers on-site

Pricing

Teams staying at the All Star Resort on Worlds resort packages (transportation provided)

\$350 per time slot or \$600 for 2 consecutive time slots

Teams staying at Disney's Coronado Springs and Commuters (transportation not provided)

\$300 per time slot or \$500 for 2 consecutive time slots

- Time slots available on the hour, between 8 am-10 pm each day.
- Each time slot is 55 minutes.
- Each team may reserve up to 2 consecutive time slots per day.
- Sharing of floors is permitted. A maximum of 2 teams may share the rented space.
- Teams on the commuter package must provide their own transportation to and from the Coronado Springs Resort.
- Reservations required.
- Floor assignments will be made based on reservation date.
- All rental fees must be paid in full on or before April 14, 2019. Deposits are non-refundable.

How to reserve a practice floor

All reservations must be made online.

1. Go to USASF.net.
2. Go to the WORLDS menu.
3. In the drop down menu click REGISTRATION/EVENT INFO for the Worlds event you are attending.
4. Click on the RESERVE PRACTICE FLOOR link.
5. Complete the online application and pay the \$100 deposit required to reserve a practice floor.



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