

The Bid Process

Bids & Eligibility

Event producers must publish bid-awarding procedures prior to the start of their qualifying competition. Bids may be awarded only at approved Cheerleading Worlds qualifying events, and no team shall receive more than one bid or type of bid from the same event. Eligible teams must represent registered and insured All Star gyms, dance studios, or clubs competing in USASF and/or IASF Worlds divisions.

Paid Bids, Partial-Paid Bids

- Paid Bids: Up to \$650 per athlete and two coaches, not to exceed \$25,000 per team.
- Partial-Paid Bids: Up to \$325 per athlete and two coaches. For example: A team with two coaches and 31 athletes may receive up to \$21,450 ($\650×33).
- Funds are not prize money; they are intended to cover Worlds-related expenses such as registration, lodging and travel. Only athletes competing on the floor are funded; reserves or substitutes are not. Additional costs for substitutions after rosters and travel plans are confirmed are the club's responsibility.

NOTE: If The Cheerleading Worlds is canceled, sponsorship funds must be returned to the event producer. Teams or clubs are responsible for any additional expenses. Event producers are not liable for late registration fees or change fees resulting from team alterations to registration or travel plans.

At-Large Bids

At-large bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or teams scoring next highest to the paid-bid-winning team(s). Recipients of at-large bids must pay for their own Worlds registration packages and all other related expenses.

Receiving a Bid

Bid winners must confirm acceptance within 72 hours of the event's conclusion. Teams should decide in advance whether they will accept a bid, finalize rosters and plan travel. This short window helps prevent costly, last-minute changes and travel disruptions.

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Accepting a Bid

Once a bid is accepted, all registration materials must be submitted by the deadlines listed on page 32. Registrations and hotel assignments are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Waiting to register in hopes of earning a different bid at a later qualifier could result in a team not securing its preferred hotel..

USASF Teams

- Before the event, the event producer will ask whether a team intends to accept a Worlds bid and, if awarded, which type (at-large, partial-paid, or full-paid).
- If a bid is awarded, it will automatically show as **accepted** on the Club's member account dashboard **within 72 hours** of the event's completion. No further action is required by the team to confirm acceptance.
- Once a bid is accepted, all registration materials must be submitted by the deadlines listed on page 32.

IASF Teams

To accept, the club must return the *Bid Winners Acceptance Form* or give verbal approval to the sponsoring event producer **within 72 hours** of the final day of the bid-receiving event. Bids not accepted or declined by the deadline may be transferred to another team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion. At-large bids cannot be transferred more than 96 hours after the final day of the qualifying event.

Declining a Bid to Compete for Another

- A team may accept only one bid for The Cheerleading Worlds in a specific division.
- Upgrading a bid (e.g., from at-large to paid): **No formal declination required.**
- Pursuing a similar bid (e.g., at-large to at-large, paid to paid): The original bid **must be declined by 11 p.m. EST** on the Friday before the next bid event. See instructions below.

How to Decline a Bid

USASF Teams

1. Log in to your USASF club account at usasfmembers.net.
2. On the profile dashboard, click DECLINE next to the awarded Worlds bid.
3. If the bid is not declined by the deadline, the team becomes ineligible to compete for a new bid.

IASF Teams

1. Write to the sponsoring event producer and
2. Email the IASF Director, Marcy Kuzemchak, marcy@iasfworlds.com.

Division & Team Size Requirements

USASF Teams

- Teams accepting any type of Worlds bid must compete in the same division in which the bid was earned.
- The maximum number of active athletes is locked to the number who competed on the floor at the qualifying event; rosters may not expand beyond that size.

Bid Limitations

Team Bid Limitations

A USASF team may receive no more than one bid to The Cheerleading Worlds for any given division. See *Declining a Bid to Compete for Another*, page 8, for more information.

USASF Athlete Bid Limitations – Paid/Partial-paid Bids

- Once an athlete has competed with a team and earned a bid, they may join a second team within their club.
- If the second team earns a bid, the athlete is **committed to that second team for The Cheerleading Worlds** and may no longer compete with the first team. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be granted at any time.

Additionally, teams are allowed a limited number of athletes who have previously earned paid or partial-paid bids to compete for and be awarded a bid on a second team:

Teams	Maximum athletes with previous awarded paid/partial-paid bids who may compete on a second team for a second bid
Senior Extra Small/Coed	3
Senior Small/Coed	3
Senior Medium/Coed	4
Senior Large/Coed	6
IASF Divisions	4