

# 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 Dance 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 dance studios, gyms or clubs competing in USASF and/or IASF Worlds divisions.

Bids are awarded at The Dance Worlds qualifying events. Each event producer that hosts a Worlds bid-qualifying event has the discretion to select the processes by which the bids are awarded.

## Partial-Paid Bids

- Partial-paid bid sponsors may award up to a \$5000 maximum per team or \$325 per athlete and two coaches on a bid-winning team.
- 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 Dance 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.

## USASF Junior Dance Bid Process

**Eligibility to Qualify:** Any USASF Junior dance team interested in competing in the Junior Division at The Dance Worlds may submit one or more videos to qualify for the event.

**Division Changes in 2026:** The Junior Division will be divided into three categories: Junior Hip Hop, Junior Jazz and Junior Pom. A team can qualify for all three categories if they meet the qualifications for each.

**At-Large Bids:** Up to three U.S. teams per category may receive at-large bids in the Junior Division, with a limit of one team per club location per category. This results in a maximum of nine at-large bids awarded to U.S. teams.

**More Information:** Video qualifications and additional details can be found at [TheDanceWorlds.net/junior-dance](https://TheDanceWorlds.net/junior-dance).

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## Accepting a Bid

Once a bid is accepted, all registration materials must be submitted by the deadlines listed on page 25. 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 25.

### 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 Dance Worlds in a specific division.
- Upgrading a bid (e.g., from at-large to partial-paid): **No formal declination required.**
- Pursuing a similar bid (e.g., at-large to at-large, partial-paid to partial-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](https://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](mailto:marcy@iasfworlds.com).