Bid Requirements & Limitations

Teams that receive and accept a Worlds bid must compete at The Dance Worlds in the same division and category as they did at the qualifying event.

Team Size Requirements

- 1. The number of athletes competing on any team at Worlds cannot exceed the number of athletes who participated in the qualifying event.
- 2. For categories with both Small and Large divisions, teams must meet the minimum size requirements for their qualified division. Failure to do so will result in a 5.0-point penalty to the final score.
- 3. If a team uses alternates to meet the division size requirements but still does not meet the minimum, a 3.0-point penalty will be applied. Alternate athletes used to fulfill size requirements must actively participate in the routine. See page 5 for full size requirements.
- 4. **NEW:** Dancers must participate in the performance to be counted toward the athlete head count. Dancers may not bug on stage.
- 5. Both male and female dancers must perform in order for a routine to be considered Coed. Dancers who make up a coed composition must be rostered AND take the competition floor. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a deduction

Athlete Bid Limitations

- 1. Athletes may not compete in more than one routine in the same category and division. For example: an athlete may not compete in two Senior Small Jazz routines, but may compete in a Senior Small Jazz routine and a Senior Large Jazz routine.
- 2. An athlete may perform up to five times and must represent the same club.

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