

USASF Worlds Divisions

USASF Worlds Divisions 2026			The Dance Worlds™
DIVISION/CATEGORY	BIRTH YEARS	GENDER	TOTAL MEMBERS
Senior Small Hip Hop (SSHH)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female Only	4-14
Senior Large Hip Hop (SLHH)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female Only	15+
Senior Small Coed Hip Hop (SSCHH)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	4-14
Senior Large Coed Hip Hop (SLCHH)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	15+
Senior Small Jazz (SSJ)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	4-14
Senior Large Jazz (SLJ)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	15+
Senior Small Pom (SSP)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	4-14
Senior Large Pom (SLP)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	15+
Senior Small Contemporary/Lyrical (SSCL)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	4-14
Senior Large Contemporary/Lyrical (SLCL)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female/Male	15+
Senior Kick (SK)	6/1/06-12/31/13	Female Only	4+
NOTE: Adult athletes are required to have current background checks with no-alert determinations and complete abuse prevention education. Adult athletes are those who are 18 years and older before June 1, 2025.			

USASF Category Descriptions

Hip Hop: A Hip Hop routine can incorporate any street style movement that has evolved from the hip hop culture. Emphasis is placed on the execution of authentic style(s), originality, control, musicality, intricacy, uniformity and may incorporate purposeful elements and skills.

Jazz: A Jazz routine can encompass any range of jazz movement including traditional jazz, commercial jazz, musical theater, jazz funk or stylized, hard-hitting jazz. Movement is crisp and/or aggressive in approach and can include moments of softness while complementing musicality. Emphasis is placed on style, body alignment, extension, control, uniformity, technical elements and communication.

Pom: A Pom routine contains important characteristics such as strong pom quality of movement (clean, precise, sharp motions), synchronization, visual effects and may incorporate purposeful pom elements (i.e. pom passes, jump sequences, leaps/turns, kick lines, etc). Poms should be used throughout the routine. Inadequate use of poms may also affect the panel judges' overall impression and/or score of the routine.

Contemporary/Lyrical: A Contemporary or Lyrical routine uses organic, expressive, pedestrian and/or traditional modern and/or ballet vocabulary as it complements the lyric, mood and/or rhythmic value of the music. Emphasis is placed on control, expressive movement, dynamics, alignment, use of breath, uniformity, communication and may incorporate purposeful elements and skills.

Kick: A kick routine emphasizes control, height uniformity, extension, alignment, upper body and lower body placement, proper preparation and hook up/arm connection, timing and creativity of a variety of kick series and patterns. A kick is defined as one foot remaining on the floor while the other foot lifts with force. Kicks should be performed throughout the routine while maintaining stamina.

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DIVISION/CATEGORY	BIRTH YEAR USASF TEAMS	GENDER	TOTAL MEMBERS
Open Hip Hop (OHH)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female Only	6-30
Open Coed Hip Hop (OCHH)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female/Male	6-30
Open Male Hip Hop (OMHH)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Male Only	6-30
Open Jazz (OJ)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female Only	6-30
Open Coed Jazz (OCJ)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female/Male	6-30
Open Pom (OP)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female Only	6-30
Open Coed Pom (OCP)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female/Male	6-30
Open Open (Contemporary/Lyrical) (OOCL)	12/31/2010 or earlier	Female/Male	6-30
Junior Hip Hop (U16)	2009-2014	Female/Male	6-30
Junior Jazz (U16)	2009-2014	Female/Male	6-30
Junior Pom (U16)	2009-2014	Female/Male	6-30

Non-U.S.-Based Teams: Refer to age requirements for IASF teams found at iasfworlds.com.

IASF Category Descriptions

Hip Hop: A Hip Hop routine incorporates authentic street style-influenced movements with groove and style. An emphasis is placed on group execution, including synchronization, uniformity and spacing. The choreography of a dynamic and effective routine utilizes musicality, staging, complexity of movement and athleticism. Distinctive clothing and accessories reflecting the Hip Hop culture must be worn.

Jazz: A Jazz routine incorporates traditional or stylized dynamic movements with strength, continuity, presence and proper technical execution. An emphasis is placed on group execution including synchronization, uniformity and spacing. The choreography of a dynamic and effective routine utilizes musicality, staging and complexity of movement and skills. The overall impression of the routine should be lively, energetic and motivating, with the understanding that the dynamics of movement may change to utilize musicality. Costuming should reflect the category style.

Pom: A Pom routine incorporates the use of proper pom motion technique that is sharp, clean and precise while allowing for the use of concepts from jazz, hip hop and high kick. An emphasis is placed on group execution including synchronization, uniformity and spacing. The choreography of a dynamic and effective routine focuses on musicality, surprising and innovative pom pictures, staging of visual effects through fluid and creative transitions, levels and groups, along with complexity of movement and skills.

Open Open: Performances in Open Open incorporate organic, pedestrian and/or traditional modern or ballet vocabulary as it complements the lyrics and/or rhythmic value of the music. An emphasis is placed on group execution, including synchronization, uniformity and spacing. The choreography of a dynamic and effective routine utilizes musicality, staging and complexity of movement and skills. Costuming should reflect the category style.