Substitutes, Alternates, Reserves & Crossovers

Rostered Athletes

The roster size must match the number of athletes on the floor when the bid was earned, and it cannot be increased thereafter. The club may replace original team members with substitutes and wild card alternates, provided they adhere to these guidelines without exceeding the original team size.

On a Worlds roster, each athlete's name must be identified as either an original athlete of the team that was on the floor when the bid was received, a substitute or an alternate. All names on the team roster will be verified by the event producer who awarded the Worlds bid.

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 the bid was awarded.

Substitutes

A team may substitute up to 20 percent of the athletes per team for The Dance Worlds. A substitute must be a regular, paid athlete from another team from the same club and must have competed on the floor for that club at the same event where the bid was awarded. All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original team that received the bid.

NOTE: Percentages may be rounded up. For example: 20 percent of a team with 13 athletes is 2.6, which may be rounded up to three substitutes.

Wild Card Alternates

Of the (up to) 20 percent possible substitutes, up to three of that 20 percent may be alternates. Alternates are registered members from the same team's club. Alternates do not have to be rostered or in attendance at the Worlds bid-qualifying event where the bid was received.

Crossovers

Crossovers of athletes between dance clubs are NOT permitted at The Dance Worlds. Crossovers between The Dance Worlds and The Cheerleading Worlds are not permitted. The costs specified for hotel and commuter packages shown on page 22 include the competition fees for an athlete's first three routines. An additional fee of \$100 per routine per person will be applied for the fourth and fifth routines.

Reserves

- Alternates, substitutes and reserves on a roster will be considered a potential participant of The Dance Worlds and must pay the registration fee by the time the roster is verified.
- If, for any reason, a substitute is needed to replace an active athlete on a team roster, ONLY an athlete listed as a reserve athlete on the respective team's official Worlds roster may be used for that substitution.
- An individual attending Worlds exclusively as a reserve athlete may be included on more than one team roster within
 the same club.
- The club must notify a Worlds official of an athlete replacement (moving athlete from reserve to active) prior to the team and the athlete taking the floor.
- Please allow adequate time for a Worlds official to verify eligibility.

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