Eligibility Requirements

Team Eligibility

USASF Teams

- must represent a USASF member club;
- must be comprised of USASF athlete members; and
- must be accompanied by an eligible USASF member coach with the required credentials.

Athlete Eligibility

The following requirements apply to all Worlds athlete types: original team members, eligible substitutes and wildcards.

Before Worlds, every athlete must:

- hold a current USASF membership in good standing.
- be on the official Worlds roster.
- meet division requirements.
- meet residency requirements or have approval to participate as a non-U.S. athlete.
- obtain acceptable government-issued photo ID. See page 21.

Adult Athletes

Athletes who turned 18 **before** June 1, 2026, must have a current background check with a no-alert determination and complete abuse prevention education.

Exception: Exceptional Athletes are exempt from these requirements.

Club Release Waiver

USASF Teams

Any USASF athlete who has taken the floor with an exhibition or competition team at any level from a primary club during the Worlds competition season (Nov. 1, 2026–April 22, 2027) must obtain a *USASF Club Release Waiver* to compete with a different (secondary) club at The Cheerleading Worlds. The waiver must be signed by the owner of the primary club.

The *USASF Club Release Waiver* is found at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net and must be uploaded on the *Roster Verification Form* and pre-approved before you build your roster.