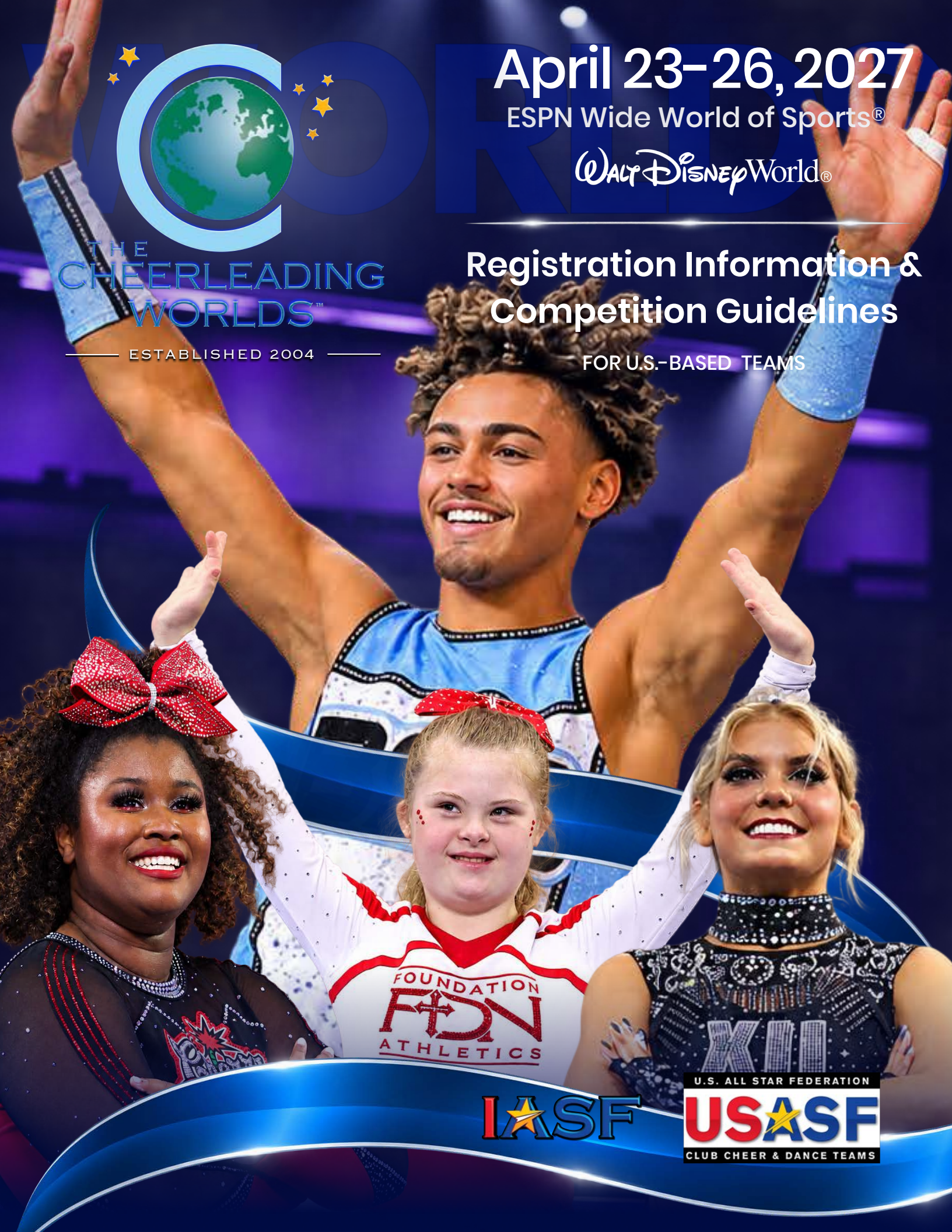

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Earned Your Bid?

START HERE! Follow these steps to go from a bid-winning moment to the Worlds stage.

1	**EARN A BID**	Compete at an approved bid-qualifying event and earn a paid, partial-paid or at-large bid to The Cheerleading Worlds.	**SEE PAGE 10** *The Bid Process*
2	**CONFIRM BID**	Your bid will automatically show as ACCEPTED in your club dashboard. **Within 72 hours**, verify the accuracy of the bid information and either leave the status as ACCEPTED or change it to DECLINE.	**SEE PAGE 11** *Accepting Bids*
3	**DESIGNATE SAFETY CHAMPION**	Each team must designate one person (other than the head coach) to be the Safety Champion to ensure that athletes, coaches and spectators follow the health and safety requirements for the event.	**SEE PAGE 48** *Safety Champion*
4	**REGISTER**	Complete your team's registration by the required deadlines and make your final payments.	**SEE PAGE 39** *Deadlines & Payment Policies*
5	**COMPLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**	Ensure coaches and athletes meet all USASF eligibility requirements, including applicable background screening and abuse prevention education, and have government-issued IDs. Cheer coaches must also meet credentialing requirements.	**SEE PAGES 18, 19** *Eligibility Requirements*
6	**FINALIZE ROSTER**	Build your Worlds roster using the team that earned the bid. Make any permitted changes and final roster updates by the deadline.	**SEE PAGE 16** *Building Your Worlds Roster*
7	**SCHEDULE ROSTER VERIFICATION**	Watch for details on scheduling your roster verification appointment in Orlando.	**SEE PAGE 21** *Roster & Music Verification*
8	**TRAVEL TO ORLANDO**	Get ready for an amazing Worlds experience!	
9	**CHECK IN AT WORLDS REGISTRATION**	Pick up your team's Worlds credentials and lanyards at your designated Worlds registration desk. If staying on a Worlds hotel package, check in at your Disney hotel lobby to receive your room key.	
10	**COMPLETE ROSTER VERIFICATION**	Attend your scheduled roster verification appointment in Orlando. All athletes and coaches will be verified for competition.	**SEE PAGE 22** *What to Expect During Your Appointment*
11	**COMPETE**	Take the floor at The Cheerleading Worlds and experience the excitement and community that make Worlds special!	

Key Dates 2027

Everything you need to know leading up to Worlds

JAN 18 2027

Worlds registration opens

FEB 8 2027

EA CheerABILITIES video submissions due

MAR 18 2027

Early registration deadline
For teams receiving bids **through** Feb. 18, 2027.

APR 6 2027

Legality video review deadline
Submit videos through the USASF Coach app.

APR 8 2027

Late registration deadline
For teams receiving bids **after** Feb. 18, 2027.

APR 15 2027

Final payment due
Last day to pre-order Worlds coach lanyards without Park Hopper tickets.
Last day to make Worlds roster changes.
Emergency roster changes will be made at your roster verification appointment.

APR 16 2027

Coach credentialing completion deadline
Worlds cheer coaches must complete credentialing requirements on or before this date in order to enter the warm-up room with their team. See page 19.

APR 21–24 2027

Roster verification appointments held in Orlando
By appointment ONLY. Watch for more information.

APR 21 2027

Discounted Park Hopper ticket deadline
Medical Release waivers and Compliance Agreements due.

APR 23 2027

You're ready for Worlds!
The Cheerleading Worlds begins.
See the following page for the Event Schedule.

Event Schedule 2027

WED
APR 21
2027

- Teams check in at host hotels.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Walt Disney World® cast members.
- ICU World Championship opening ceremonies at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex.
- Roster verification appointments 3-6 p.m.

THU
APR 22
2027

- Teams check in at host hotels.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Walt Disney World® cast members.
- ICU World Championship continues.
- Roster verification appointments 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

FRI
APR 23
2027

- Teams check in at host hotels.
- Teams on hotel packages check in with Walt Disney World® cast members.
- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex begins.
- The Dance Worlds at the Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center begins.
- ICU World Championship concludes.
- Roster verification appointments 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

SAT
APR 24
2027

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex continues.
- The Dance Worlds at Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center continues.
- Roster verification appointments 9-11 a.m.

SUN
APR 25
2027

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex continues.
- The Dance Worlds at Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center continues.

MON
APR 26
2027

- The Cheerleading Worlds at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex concludes.
- The Dance Worlds at the Coronado Springs Resort & Convention Center concludes.
- Worlds Celebration Party at EPCOT, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

TUE
APR 27
2027

- Teams depart.

Division Competition Days 2027

DIVISION		FRI | APR 23	SAT | APR 24	SUN | APR 25	MON | APR 26
Senior XSmall-6	SXS-6	Semifinals	Finals		
Senior Small-6	SS-6		Semifinals	Finals	
Senior Medium-6	SM-6		Semifinals	Finals	
Senior Large-6	SL-6			Semifinals	Finals
Senior XSmall Coed-6	SXSC-6	Semifinals	Finals		
Senior Small Coed-6	SSC-6		Semifinals	Finals	
Senior Medium Coed-6	SMC-6		Semifinals	Finals	
Senior Large Coed-6	SLC-6			Semifinals	Finals
Ltd Senior XSmall-6	LSXS-6		Prelims at-large bid U.S. teams	Semifinals	Finals
Ltd Senior Small-6	LSS-6			Semifinals	Finals
Ltd Senior XSmall Coed-6	LSXSC-6			Semifinals	Finals
Ltd Senior Small Coed-6	LSSC-6			Semifinals	Finals
IASF U18-5	U18-5			Semifinals	Finals
IASF U18 Small Coed-5	U18SC-5			Semifinals	Finals
IASF Open-5	IO-5		Semifinals	Finals	
IASF Open Small Coed-5	IOSC-5		Semifinals		Finals
IASF Open Large Coed-5	IOLC-5		Semifinals		Finals
IASF U18-6.0	IU18-6.0	Prelims at-large bid U.S. teams	Semifinals		Finals
IASF U18 Coed-6.0	IU18C-6.0	Prelims at-large bid U.S. teams	Semifinals		Finals
IASF Open-6	IO-6		Semifinals	Finals	
IASF Open Small Coed-6	IOSC-6		Semifinals	Finals	
IASF Open Large Coed-6	IOLC-6			Semifinals	Finals
IASF Open-6.0	IO-6.0		Semifinals		Finals
IASF Open Coed-6.0	IOC-6.0		Semifinals	Finals	
IASF Open-7	IO-7			Semifinals	Finals
IASF Open Small Coed-7	IOSC-7			Semifinals	Finals
IASF Open Large Coed-7	IOLC-7			Semifinals	Finals
IASF Open-7.0	IO-7.0		Semifinals		Finals
IASF Open Coed-7.0	IOC-7.0			Semifinals	Finals
EA CheerABILITIES	CA		Finals		

Schedule is subject to change based on final registration.

USASF Worlds Divisions 2027

USASF Divisions are for U.S.-based teams only.

USASF Worlds Divisions 2027

LEVEL	DIVISION	BIRTH YEAR	GENDER	TOTAL MEMBERS
6	Limited Senior XSmall (LSXS)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	5-16
6	Limited Senior Small (LSS)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	17-22
6	Senior XSmall (SXS)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	5-16
6	Senior Small (SS)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	17-22
6	Senior Medium (SM)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	23-30
6	Senior Large (SL)	6/1/2007-2013	Female Only	31-38
6	Limited Senior XSmall Coed (LXSC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-2)	5-16
6	Senior XSmall Coed (SXSC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-2)	5-16
6	Limited Senior Small Coed (LSSC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-5)	5-22
6	Senior Small Coed (SSC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-5)	5-22
6	Senior Medium Coed (SMC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-8)	5-30
6	Senior Large Coed (SLC)	6/1/2007-2013	Female/Male (1-19)	5-38
EA	EA CheerABILITIES (CA)	2021 & Before	Female/Male	5

Adult athletes are required to have current background checks with no-alert determinations and abuse prevention education. Adult athletes are those who are 18 years and older **before** June 1, 2026.

Limited Divisions

1. Limited divisions will be offered at all USASF-sanctioned competitions including The Cheerleading Worlds bid qualifiers.
2. Limited division teams are eligible to receive all bid types (AL, PP or P) at The Cheerleading Worlds bid qualifiers.
3. Clubs competing in Limited divisions will only be eligible to receive one bid (per brand, not per location) to The Cheerleading Worlds. No other cheer team from the brand will be eligible for a bid to The Cheerleading Worlds.

IASF Worlds Divisions 2027

IASF Worlds Divisions 2027

LEVEL	DIVISION	BIRTH YEAR USASF TEAMS	GENDER	TOTAL MEMBERS
DIVISIONS OPEN TO U.S.-BASED & NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS				
6	IASF Open-6 (IO-6)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female Only	16-24
6	IASF Open Small Coed-6 (IOSC-6)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (1-4)	16-24
6	IASF Open Large Coed-6 (IOLC-6)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (5-16)	16-24
7	IASF Open-7 (IO-7)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female Only	16-24
7	IASF Open Small Coed-7 (IOSC-7)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (1-4)	16-24
7	IASF Open Large Coed-7 (IOLC-7)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (5-16)	16-24
6.0	IASF U18-6.0 (IU18-6.0)	2008-2013	Female Only	16-30
6.0	IASF U18 Coed-6.0 (IU18C-6.0)	2008-2013	Female/Male (1-20)	16-30
6.0	IASF Open-6.0 (IO-6.0)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female Only	16-30
6.0	IASF Open Coed-6.0 (IOC-6.0)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (1-20)	16-30
7.0	IASF Open-7.0 (IO-7.0)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female Only	16-30
7.0	IASF Open Coed-7.0 (IOC-7.0)	5/31/2011 or earlier	Female/Male (1-20)	16-30
LEVEL 5 | NON-U.S.-BASED TEAMS ONLY The following divisions are not available to U.S.-Based teams.				
5	IASF U18-5 (U18-5)	N/A	Female Only	16-24
5	IASF U18 Small Coed-5 (U18SC-5)	N/A	Female/Male (1-4)	16-24
5	IASF Open-5 (IO-5)	N/A	Female Only	16-24
5	IASF Open Small Coed-5 (IOSC-5)	N/A	Female/Male (1-4)	16-24
5	IASF Open Large Coed-5 (IOLC-5)	N/A	Female/Male (5-16)	16-24

The maximum number of males on a coed cheer team may not exceed 2/3 of the total team members. The table above shows the allowable range of male participants (numbers in parentheses).

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

The Bid Process

USASF member event producers host sanctioned competitions and award bids to teams they select to represent them at The Cheerleading Worlds. By accepting a bid, a team's athletes and coaches also represent the event producer that awarded it and are expected to demonstrate respect, sportsmanship and graciousness throughout the event.

Bid Types

Three types of bids may be awarded to The Cheerleading Worlds:

1. **Paid Bids:** Teams are awarded sponsorship funds to help cover Worlds-related expenses. Up to $650 per athlete and per coach (maximum two coaches) may be awarded, not to exceed $25,000 per team. *Example: A team with 31 athletes and two coaches may receive up to $21,450 ($650 × 33).*
2. **Partial-Paid Bids:** Teams are awarded sponsorship funds to help cover Worlds-related expenses. Up to $325 per athlete and per coach (maximum two coaches) may be awarded, not to exceed $25,000 per team. *Example: A team with 31 athletes and two coaches may receive up to $10,725 ($325 × 33).*
3. **At-Large Bids:** Teams receiving at-large bids are responsible for the cost of their Worlds registration packages and all other related expenses.

Bids & Eligibility

Event producers must publish bid-awarding procedures prior to the start of their qualifying competition. Bids to The Cheerleading Worlds may be awarded only at approved 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 gyms, dance studios, or clubs competing in USASF and/or IASF Worlds divisions.

Funding Guidelines

Paid & Partial-Paid Bids

- Funds are not prize money; they are sponsorship funds intended to cover Worlds-related expenses such as registration, lodging and travel.
- Funding applies only to the number of athletes on the floor. Reserves are not funded. Any additional costs resulting from roster replacements after rosters and travel plans are confirmed are the club's responsibility.
- Event producers are not liable for late registration fees or change fees resulting from a team's alterations to registration or travel plans.

NOTE: If The Cheerleading Worlds is canceled, sponsorship funds must be returned to the event producer. Teams or clubs are responsible for any additional expenses.

USASF CheerABILITIES Bid Process

U.S. CheerABILITIES teams competing in an elite division may submit a video from a USASF-sanctioned competition to qualify for an **at-large bid** to the Exceptional Athlete division at The Cheerleading Worlds.

Up to five teams may receive **at-large bids**, with a maximum of one team per club location.

Video submission requirements and additional details are available at: thecheerleadingworlds.net/exceptional-athletes/.

Video Submission Deadline: February 8, 2027, noon ET

Awarding, Accepting & Upgrading Bids

Awarding Bids

Bids to The Cheerleading Worlds may be awarded only at approved qualifying events and are awarded at the sole discretion of the event producer. Event producers must publish their bid-awarding procedures before the qualifying competition begins.

- No team may receive more than one bid from the same event.
- Once a team receives a paid or partial-paid bid, it is not eligible to receive another bid with the same funding. See *How to Decline a Bid* below.
- Teams may upgrade from a **partial-paid bid to a paid bid** or from an **at-large bid to a partial-paid or paid bid** without first declining their current bid.

Accepting Bids

Before the event, the event producer will ask each team whether it would accept a Worlds bid if awarded and, if so, which bid types it would accept: at-large, partial-paid or paid.

- An awarded bid will automatically show as ACCEPTED in your club dashboard. **Within 72 hours**, verify the accuracy of the bid information and either leave the status as ACCEPTED or change it to DECLINE.
- If declining the bid, select **DECLINE** on the dashboard. See *Declining a Bid* below.
- Once a bid is accepted, all registration materials must be submitted by the deadlines listed on page 39.

Team Bid Limitations

- A USASF team may have no more than one bid to The Cheerleading Worlds.
- Teams that receive and accept a Worlds bid must compete at The Cheerleading Worlds in the same division as they did at the qualifying event.

Upgrading or Pursuing Another Bid

- Teams may upgrade from an at-large bid to a partial-paid or paid bid, or from a partial-paid bid to a paid bid, without first declining their current bid.
- To pursue another bid of the same type, teams must decline their current bid by 11 p.m. ET on the Friday before the next bid event they attend.
- Teams with a partial-paid bid must decline it before pursuing an at-large bid or another partial-paid bid.
- Teams with a paid bid are not eligible to receive an at-large or partial-paid bid.

How to Decline a Bid

1. Log in to your USASF club account at 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.

Know before you go

Teams should decide in advance whether they will accept a bid, should one be awarded, meet roster requirements and make the necessary travel arrangements. Planning ahead helps prevent costly last-minute changes and travel disruptions.

Rostering at Bid Events

Accuracy & Enforcement

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that rosters submitted at Worlds bid competitions and Worlds are true and accurate. Rosters must comply with cheer athlete bid limitations.

Violations & Consequences

- Any team or club found in violation at a bid-qualifying event will be ineligible to receive a bid.
- If a roster violation is discovered after a bid has been awarded, the bid will be forfeited.
- Ineligible rosters will result in one or more of the following non-compliance penalties:
  - Disqualification
  - Fines
  - Repayment of a full or partial-paid bid to the event producer
  - Denial of participation for the team and/or club at future events, including The Cheerleading Worlds
  - Suspension or revocation of USASF membership
  - Other disciplinary action as determined by the USASF Compliance Committee

Rosters at Bid Events

- Only teams with eligible rosters attached to the bid-earning event may be awarded a Worlds bid.
- Each team must submit their official roster for the bid-earning event through the USASF member portal.
- The roster must be accurate and include all athletes that took the floor for that team at the bid-earning event.
- The club must report roster changes to an event official and obtain approval before the team takes the floor, allowing adequate time to verify eligibility.
- A team's roster MUST be updated to reflect changes. The club and/or the Event Producer may ask for assistance from the USASF Compliance department to make the necessary changes in the member portal. The accuracy of the roster is the responsibility of the club.

Clubs have 72 hours to verify the accuracy of a bid-receiving team's roster in the member portal. Any discrepancies must be reported to compliance@usasf.net within the 72-hour verification period so corrections can be made to the roster.

Division & Team Size Requirements

- Teams accepting any type of Worlds bid must compete in the same division in which the bid was earned.
- Teams may not compete at Worlds with more athletes than took the floor when the bid was earned.
- Teams must meet the division requirements to compete at Worlds.

Original Team Members

Athletes on the floor for **the team's first performance** at the bid-earning event are designated as original team members. Original team members may be replaced in subsequent performances at the bid-earning event or when the team builds its roster for Worlds. Limits apply to the number of replacements allowed both at the bid-earning event and on the team's final Worlds roster.

Athlete Bid Limitations

Athletes competing for second bid with a second team

- Once an athlete has competed with a team and earned a paid or partial-paid bid, they may join a second team within their club.
- If the second team earns a paid or partial-paid bid, the athlete is **bound to that second team for The Cheerleading Worlds** and may no longer compete with the first team. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be granted at any time.

Additionally, teams are allowed a limited number of athletes who have previously earned paid or partial-paid bids to compete for and be awarded a bid on a second team:

Team Division	Maximum Athletes with a prior funded bid who may compete on a second team seeking a bid
Senior Extra Small/Coed	3
Senior Small/Coed	3
Senior Medium/Coed	4
Senior Large/Coed	6
IASF Divisions	4

Replacements at Bid Events

All USASF athletes who will take the floor in any of the team's performances at a bid-qualifying event must be listed on the official roster as **active athletes**. If an athlete must be replaced after the team's first performance:

- only a limited number of active athletes may be replaced; and
- any replacement must be updated on the team's official roster.

Official roster updates are recorded in the USASF system so the roster accurately reflects the athletes who competed in each performance at the bid-qualifying event.

Team Division	Maximum Replacements at Bid Events
Senior Extra Small/Coed	3
Senior Small/Coed	3
Senior Medium/Coed	4
Senior Large/Coed	6
IASF Divisions	4

Reminders

- The club must notify the event producer of any replacements.
- All roster changes must meet eligibility requirements and follow the guidelines/limitations outlined in this section.

ROSTER TERMS

Active athletes: Athletes listed on the team's official roster who take the floor during any of the team's performances.

Reserve athletes: Athletes listed on the team's roster who may replace an original or active team member on that same roster.

First performance: A team's initial performance, which begins once the team takes the floor and any of its routine music has played.

Original team members: Athletes who took the floor for the team's first performance.

Replacement athletes: Any athlete who replaces an active athlete.
Replacements when building a Worlds roster fall into two categories:

- **Eligible substitutes:** USASF athlete members from another team in the same club who competed at the same bid-earning event and meet the event's eligibility requirements.
- **Wildcards:** Club members who did not take the floor at the event where the team earned its bid.

Bid Event Replacement Scenarios

The following sample scenarios illustrate how USASF determines original team members and eligible substitutes from a bid-earning roster. These examples are not intended to cover every possible replacement scenario. If you have questions about how athlete replacements at a bid-earning event may affect your Worlds roster, please contact compliance@usasf.net.

SCENARIO 1

Athlete replaced during first performance

A team takes the floor for its first performance. An athlete is injured, resulting in routine stoppage. The team replaces the injured athlete with another available, eligible athlete and performs the routine again. The injured athlete who began the first performance is considered an **original team member**. The replacement athlete who completes the routine in the second performance is considered an **eligible substitute**.

Injured athlete who began performance	→	**Original team member** counts toward maximum Worlds roster size
Replacement athlete who finishes routine in second performance	→	**Eligible substitute** but is not considered an original team member

SCENARIO 2

Team continues with fewer athletes

A team takes the floor for its first performance. An athlete is injured, resulting in routine stoppage. With no eligible replacement available, the team adjusts its routine and performs again with one fewer athlete than listed on the roster. The injured athlete who began the first performance is still considered an **original team member** and counts toward the maximum allowable size of the team's Worlds roster.

Injured athlete who began performance	→	**Original team member** counts toward maximum Worlds roster size
No replacement available	→	**Team returns with one fewer athlete** to complete its routine in second performance

SCENARIO 3

Athlete replaced on Day 2

A team takes the floor and competes on Day 1. On Day 2, the team replaces one or more athletes for any reason, such as injury, illness or absence. Athletes who competed on Day 1 are considered **original team members**. Athletes who replace them on Day 2 are considered **eligible substitutes**.

Day 1 athletes complete first performance	→	**Original team members** count toward maximum Worlds roster size
Day 2 replacement athletes compete in second performance	→	**Eligible substitutes**

Maximum allowable team size at Worlds remains the same as original team size at bid event in all scenarios.

Building Your Worlds Roster

Each team must submit their official roster for The Cheerleading Worlds through the USASF member portal.

- The team's first performance roster from the bid-earning event will be used to build your Worlds roster.
- The team's maximum roster size is determined by the number of active athletes that took the floor in the first performance at the bid-earning event. The number of active athletes on the Worlds Roster may not exceed this number.
- Original team members may be replaced with eligible substitutes and wildcard athletes provided the replacements do not increase the team's maximum roster size and meet all replacement guidelines outlined in this section.
- The club must notify an event official of any replacement before the team takes the floor. All replacements must be approved by a USASF official before the athlete may compete. Please allow adequate time for eligibility verification.
- A team may compete at Worlds with fewer athletes than competed when the bid was earned provided the team still meets the minimum athlete requirement for its division.

Original Team Members

Original team members are athletes listed on the official roster who took the floor and competed in the team's first performance at the bid-earning event. If an injury causes the routine to stop during the first performance, only athletes who took the floor before the stoppage are considered original team members. See *Bid Event Replacement Scenarios* on the previous page for additional details.

Replacing Original Team Members

The number of active athletes on a team's Worlds roster may not exceed the number who competed on the floor during the team's first performance at the bid-earning event. Clubs may replace original team members with eligible substitutes or wildcard athletes provided the roster size does not increase and all guidelines are followed. Each team at The Cheerleading Worlds is allowed a limited number of replacements as shown:

Team Division	Maximum Replacements at Worlds
Senior Extra Small/Coed	5
Senior Small/Coed	6
Senior Medium/Coed	8
Senior Large/Coed	10
IASF Open Divisions U.S.-Based Teams	8
IASF Non-Tumble Divisions U.S.-Based Teams	10

Building Your Worlds Roster *Continued*

Eligible Substitutes

Eligible substitutes are USASF athlete members from the same club who meet the event's eligibility requirements and qualify through one of the following circumstances:

- **Competed on another team:** The athlete was listed on another team's roster within the same club and took the floor at the same bid-earning event.
- **Replaced an original team member:** The athlete was from the same club and replaced an original team member after the bid-earning team's first performance, while meeting the event's replacement guidelines.

Exception for Level 7 Teams

Level 7 teams may list up to 10 reserve athletes on their roster at bid-earning events. These athletes qualify as eligible substitutes and may replace original team members at Worlds, even if they did not attend or participate in the bid-earning event. However, they must have been active, eligible members of the club at the time of the event. The number of replacements permitted at Worlds remains subject to the division's maximum replacement limits. **This exception applies only to Level 7 teams.**

Wildcard Athletes

Wildcard athletes are club members who did not take the floor with any team from the club at the bid-earning event. Of the maximum number of replacements permitted on a team's Worlds roster, only a limited number may be wildcard athletes.

Team Division	Maximum Wildcard Athletes at Worlds
Senior Extra Small/Coed	3
Senior Small/Coed	4
Senior Medium/Coed	5
Senior Large/Coed	6
IASF Divisions	5

Reserves

- Only reserve athletes listed on the Worlds roster may replace active athletes. All Worlds roster replacement rules apply.
- An athlete attending Worlds exclusively as a reserve may be listed on multiple team rosters within the same club.
- An athlete listed as an active athlete on any Worlds roster **may not serve** as a reserve for another team.
- Once activated, a reserve athlete may no longer serve as a reserve for any other team.

The club must notify an event official of any replacement before the team takes the floor. Replacements must be approved by a USASF official before the team takes the floor. Please allow adequate time for eligibility verification.

Crossovers

At The Cheerleading Worlds, athletes may not crossover between teams, clubs or between cheer and dance. In other words, a performer may represent only one team in cheer or one club in dance.

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.

Eligibility Requirements *Continued*

Coach Eligibility

Coaches must:

- be current USASF members and in good standing with the USASF.
- complete all membership eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile.
- collectively meet the building and tumbling credentialing requirements for the level at which their team competed at the bid-earning event and will compete at The Cheerleading Worlds. See *Coach Credentialing Requirements* below.

Coach Credentialing Requirements

All coaches must complete credentialing requirements on or before April 16.
All USASF cheer teams competing at The Cheerleading Worlds must have a coach, or combination of coaches, credentialed in building and tumbling through the required levels:

- Level 6 teams: Building and tumbling through Level 6.
- Level 7 teams: Building through Level 7 and tumbling through Level6.
- Non-Tumble teams: Building through the team's competition level.

Coaches who collectively meet these requirements must be listed on the team's official Worlds roster and physically present with the team in the warm-up rooms at all times. Only coaches who meet the applicable credentialing requirements and are listed on the official Worlds roster may enter the warm-up rooms.

NOTE: Non-coaching club owners without the required credentials are prohibited from coaching in the Worlds warm-up rooms.

Need Credentialing?
Contact credentialing@usasf.net for guidance on your next steps and available options.

Non-Coaching Club Owner Eligibility

Non-coaching club owners may enter the warm-up area with their team, provided they meet the following requirements.

Non-coaching club owners must:

- hold current USASF membership in good standing.
- complete all membership eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile.
- have an acceptable government-issued photo ID.
- be included on the Worlds team roster.
- be accompanied by a coach who meets the credentialing and membership eligibility requirements as described above.

Non-Coaching Representative (NCR) Eligibility

NCRs are non-coaching team parents and assistants. Only one NCR per team may enter the warm-up room.

NCRs must:

- hold current USASF membership in good standing.
- complete all membership eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile.
- have an acceptable government-issued photo ID.
- be included on the Worlds team roster.

Identification Requirements

All **athletes**, **coaches, owners** and **non-coaching representatives** listed on a team's official Worlds roster must present a government-issued photo ID to enter the warm-up room.
Exception: Photo IDs are not required for Exceptional Athletes.

Acceptable Forms of Photo ID

- Driver's license
- State ID
- Military ID
- Passport
- Visa

ID Verification at Worlds

Before entering the warm-up room, a USASF official will verify each participant's identity against the official Worlds roster. To expedite the process:

- Have athletes line up in roster order.
- Have all participants ready to present their government-issued photo IDs.
  Exception: Photo IDs are not required for Exceptional Athletes.

NOTE: If an athlete arrives without proper ID, a Worlds official will photograph the athlete and the team may warm up and compete as scheduled. Proper identification must be provided within one hour after the performance or the team will be disqualified.

Plan Ahead

State IDs are available through local DMV offices, and minimum age requirements vary by state. Obtaining a state ID or passport may take longer than expected, sometimes six weeks or more. Clubs and their representatives are responsible for ensuring athletes obtain acceptable identification in time for warm-up room access and competition.

Roster & Music Verification

Scheduling

Appointment times:

- Wednesday, April 21, 3-6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 22, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, April 23, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 24, 9-11 a.m.

Teams arriving prior to April 21 that want to receive their lanyards to attend the ICU competition may request an early appointment.

Watch for more information on how to schedule an appointment with a Worlds official. Appointments must be scheduled by April 3.

Roster Verification
Appointment Dates

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Appointment Locations

USASF Teams

Appointments will be held primarily at the Coronado Springs resort for all U.S.-based teams. Teams staying at All Star Resort may request to have their appointment on-site at Celebrity Hall. Appointments will be limited, but all teams will be accommodated.

Who Must Attend

A club owner, coach or other representative authorized to sign off on the accuracy of the team's final Worlds roster must attend the roster and music verification appointment.

What to Expect During Your Appointment

What to Bring

Bring printed copies of these documents to your appointment:

- Worlds Team Roster
- Compliance Cover Sheet
- Club Release Waivers if applicable
- Music licenses/receipts

What Officials Will Review

Your roster will be checked against the roster that was certified by the bid-awarding event producer. Additionally, the following areas will be reviewed:

Athletes

During roster verification, officials will confirm that:

1. all athletes are listed on the official Worlds roster;
2. the number of female and male athletes meets division requirements;
3. reserve athletes are listed on the roster and meet the substitution rules outlined on pages 14-17;
4. athletes who are not U.S. citizens competing on USASF teams have been approved for participation. For questions on the approval process, contact compliance@usasf.net;
5. athletes have the required photo IDs to present before entering the warm-up room (see page 21); and
6. **Club Release Waivers** have been obtained for any athlete who has taken the floor with an exhibition or competition team with another club during the Worlds competition season (Nov. 1, 2026–April 22, 2027).

Music Verification

The music verification process requires that you:

1. complete a form confirming that your routine music complies with copyright requirements;
2. present all applicable music licenses and receipts for your routine; and
3. show all applicable licenses and receipts as they pertain to your routine music.

Coaches & Club Owners

During roster verification, officials will confirm that:

- all coaches and club owners are listed on the official Worlds roster.
- a coach or combination of coaches holds the required credentials for the team's competition level:
  - Level 6 teams: building and tumbling through Level 6.
  - Level 7 teams: building through Level 7 and tumbling through Level 6.
  - Non-tumble teams: building through the team's competition level.
- club owners who do not hold the required credentials are accompanied by credentialed coaches and understand they may not coach in warm-up or backstage areas.

Non-Coaching Representatives (NCR)

Only one NCR per team may enter the warm-up room. During roster verification, officials will confirm that the NCR is listed on the official Worlds roster.

After Roster Verification

- The roster will be locked and considered your official Worlds roster and will be used during the athlete ID check prior to your team entering the warm-up room.
- Any changes made after roster verification must be reported to and verified by a Worlds official as soon as possible, before warm-up room check-in.

Legality Video Review

Video Submission Deadline: April 6

Submit skills for legality review by **April 6, 2027**. Reviews will be completed by a USASF or IASF official, with results provided to your club by **April 15. Submissions received after April 6 are not guaranteed to receive a response before Worlds.**

USASF Teams: Submit through the USASF Coach app.
IASF Teams: Email cheer.rules@iasfworlds.com.

NOTE: Video reviews are intended to identify potential legality concerns but do not guarantee a penalty-free performance. Legality officials also will be available in the warm-up area at Worlds.

Warm-up Room, Backstage Access Policy

- Only individuals listed on a team's official roster may enter the warm-up room: club owners, coaches, non-coaching representatives, athletes and reserves. Proper credentials and identification are required for entry.
- Unauthorized entry into the warm-up area will result in immediate disciplinary action.
- To maintain a focused and secure environment for athletes, children not on the roster, VIP guests, photographers and media are not permitted in the warm-up room.

Athletes

Active athletes must:

- hold current USASF athlete memberships.
- be registered and paid participants of The Cheerleading Worlds.
- be included on the official Worlds team roster.
- present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official.

Reserve athletes must:

- hold current USASF athlete memberships.
- be registered and paid participants of The Cheerleading Worlds.
- be included on the official Worlds team roster and verified for eligibility at roster verification.
- present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official.
- be competition-ready and present at the venue where their team is competing.
- report and be ready to warm up and compete within 15 minutes of an athlete's injury.

NOTE: If an athlete arrives without proper ID, a Worlds official will photograph the athlete and the team may warm up and compete as scheduled. Proper identification must be provided within one hour after the performance or the team will be disqualified.

Coaches

Coaches must:

- hold current USASF coach memberships.
- meet all eligibility requirements through their USASF member profile.
- be registered and paid participants of The Cheerleading Worlds.
- be included on the official Worlds team roster.
- present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official.
- wear the Worlds coach lanyard at all times.
- be physically present in the warm-up room with their team at all times.
- collectively meet the following credentialing requirements:
  - Level 6 teams: Building and tumbling through Level 6.
  - Level 7 teams: Building through Level 7 and tumbling through Level 6.
  - Non-Tumble teams: Building through the team's competition level.

See page 19 for more information.

Non-Coaching Representatives (NCRs)

Only one NCR per team may enter the warm-up room.

NCRs must:

- meet all membership eligibility requirements.
- be included on the official Worlds team roster.
- present a photo ID for verification by a USASF official.
- wear the Worlds lanyard at all times.
- have a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket or admission ticket for venue entry.

Representing Your Event Producer

Athletes, coaches and non-coaching representatives represent the event producer that awarded their team's bid and are expected to demonstrate respect, sportsmanship and graciousness at all times while competing and/or participating at The Cheerleading Worlds.

How Teams Advance

Competition officials reserve the right to amend the order of events and/or divisions based upon final registration for The Cheerleading Worlds.

1 Prelims

Only U.S.-based teams with **at-large bids** in these divisions will compete in Prelims as follows:

Friday, April 23
U18NT-6.0
U18CNT-6.0
IOCNT-6.0
LSXSC-6

Saturday, April 24
LSXS-6

ADVANCEMENT

Top 10

teams advance to Semifinals, joining paid-bid teams.

EXCEPTION:
40+ TEAMS IN A DIVISION ROUND
Top 15 teams advance to Semifinals.

2 Semifinals

Teams advancing from Prelims will be reverse-seeded and distributed among paid-bid teams in the performance order.

ADVANCEMENT
USASF Divisions

Top 10

teams advance to Finals.

EXCEPTION
40+ TEAMS IN A DIVISION ROUND
Top 15 teams advance to Finals.

IASF Divisions

Top 3

teams from each country advance to Finals.

3 Finals

Finalists compete for division titles, with performance order reverse-seeded based on results from the previous round.

Awards

- Teams finishing 1st receive a banner, trophy, gold medallions and rings.
- Teams finishing 2nd or 3rd receive silver or bronze medallions, respectively, and trophies.
- Teams finishing 4th–10th receive trophies.

SCORES DO NOT CARRY OVER BETWEEN ROUNDS.

Worlds Trials

1 When does a Worlds Trial occur?

A Worlds Trial occurs when 14 or more teams from the same country compete in an individual IASF division. The semifinal round becomes a Worlds Trial.

2 Semifinals

Teams from all countries compete and receive an overall division ranking.

Country Rankings
Teams are then ranked within their respective countries to determine awards and advancements.

Worlds Trial Awards
- Teams placing 1st-3rd within each country receive gold, silver or bronze medallions and trophies.
- Teams placing 4th-10th within each country receive trophies.

ADVANCEMENT

Top 3 per country

The three highest-ranked teams from each country advance to Finals.

All teams from countries with three or fewer teams advance to Finals.

Teams ranked 4th or lower within their country do not advance to Finals.

3 Finals

The three highest ranked teams from each country compete with finalists from all countries for the division title.

Awards

- Teams finishing 1st receive a banner, trophy, gold medallions and rings.
- Teams finishing 2nd or 3rd receive silver or bronze medallions, respectively, and trophies.
- Teams finishing 4th–10th receive trophies.

SCORES DO NOT CARRY OVER BETWEEN ROUNDS.

Performance Orders, Scoring & Awards

Performance Order

Performance orders for all divisions will be randomly selected and posted online at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net or IASFworlds.com in early to mid-April 2027. Teams advancing to Finals will perform in reverse-order of their performance rankings. Results will be announced following the conclusion of each division's competition round.

Scoring

Scores do not carry over between rounds. Worlds score sheets can be found at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net.

Division Awards

- Each team will receive a participation trophy.
- The top 10 teams in each division will receive trophies.
- Athletes on teams placing first, second or third will receive gold, silver or bronze medallions.
- Teams finishing first in each division will receive a championship banner and each athlete who competed on the floor with that team will receive a Worlds champion ring.

IASF Nations Cup Championship

In addition to the awards presented to the top 10 teams in each Open division, the IASF will rank each country's highest-scoring team in each IASF division final. Nations Cup trophies will be awarded to the top five teams in this ranking, each representing a different country.

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I. General Guidelines

The Cheerleading Worlds competition will follow the most recent version of the USASF and IASF general rules and age grids. Refer to USASF.net/rules or IASFworlds.com for details.

II. Competition Area

- Participants must begin and end their routine within the competition boundary.
- Teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area to begin their routine.
- The competition area will be determined by the event director according to facility size. Approximate floor size will be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep (9 panels).
- All skills must originate and be completed within the competition boundary. Lineups, skills or transitions are not permitted outside the competition boundary.
- The competition boundary includes the competition floor/spring floor, the carpet-bonded foam panels connected to it and any additional border supporting or surrounding the floor.
- A deduction will be assessed each time an athlete makes contact outside the competition boundary.

III. Music and Limitations

A. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first. Timing will end with the last movement, last voice, or note of music, whichever comes last.

B. Routine performance times:
   1. Senior Divisions: 2:30 maximum
   2. IASF U18 L5, Open L5, L6 and L7: 2:30 maximum
   3. IASF Non-Tumble L6 and L7: 2:00 maximum

C. All introductions (tumbling, entrances, chants, spell-outs, etc.) are considered part of the routine and are timed as part of the performance. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.

D. If a team exceeds the time limit, a penalty will be assessed.

G. Routine music used at The Cheerleading Worlds must comply with applicable copyright law. At Worlds, all teams must provide proof of licensing. This will be reviewed during roster check appointments (see page 21). This may include:
   1. proof of purchase from an approved music provider.
   2. if using a single song, the receipt from the song's purchase.
   3. if using an editor, proof-of-purchase from an approved provider and proof of licensing for all sound effects and voice-overs included in the mix. Editors do not have to be on the preferred provider list but must be able to provide teams these required proofs of purchase and licensing.

H. Teams may not use Disney themes nor costumes that resemble Disney characters. However, Disney music is acceptable if the music licensing guidelines are followed.

I. Each team is required to assign a responsible adult who knows the routine and music to stay at the music station during the team's performance. This representative is responsible for starting the music and stopping the music in case of technical malfunction or injury. Please make sure that all devices are fully charged, placed in airplane mode, and the volume is turned up.

IV. Athlete Behavior

A. Athletes participating in The Cheerleading Worlds are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect and support throughout the event, including before, during and after their performances. These same standards apply to club members and fans while watching teams compete.

B. Teams are expected to take the floor and assume their starting positions within 30 seconds of being introduced. At the end of the routine, athletes are expected to exit promptly, clearing the performance floor within 30 seconds.

C. From the time the team is announced the protocol for entering and leaving the competition floor is expected to reflect a team environment.

D. Actions that demonstrate excessive boasting, delay competition or reflect poor sportsmanship or unprofessional behavior may result in penalties assessed by event judges. Examples include, but are not limited to:
   1. **Taunting another team** — verbal or physical actions that bait or engender ill will between teams.
   2. **Drawing unnecessary attention to oneself** — such as exaggerated celebrations, high fives, or chest bumps.
   3. **Excessive team rituals** — pre/post-competition team bonding activities must take place offstage, not on the competition area.
   4. **Public displays of affection** while on the competition floor.
   5. **Stepping outside the competition boundary** to approach coaching staff, crowd members and/or other members of the audience.
   6. **Excessive celebrations** — prolonged, premeditated or overly physical displays (e.g., athletes jumping on or wrapping legs around others, victory dances, etc.).
   7. **Unauthorized floor access** — coaching staff, parents, fans and/or other non-competitors entering the competition boundary before, during or after a performance (unless in response to an obvious injury). Only competing athletes and competition personnel are allowed on the floor.
   8. **Collapsing on the floor without injury** — athletes must remain standing at the conclusion of a routine unless medical attention is clearly required.

E. Teams will be assessed a point deduction for any unsportsmanlike, unprofessional, disrespectful and/or unsupportive behavior. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the competition officials. **NOTE:** Deduction values can be found on TheCheerleadingWorlds.net.

V. Athletic Performance Standards

A. **Appropriate Choreography** — Judges reserve the right to assess warnings and/or deductions when a team's choreography does not meet the appropriate standards.
   1. All facets of a performance/routine, including both choreography and music selection, should be appropriate and suitable for family viewing and listening.
   2. Examples of inappropriate choreography may include, but are not limited to: mocking the use of a gun to display violence against a person/people and/or the promotion of gun violence of any type; movements such as hip thrusting and inappropriate touching, gestures, hand/arm movements and signals; slapping; positioning of body parts; and positioning to one another.

B. **Music Guidelines** — Music must be suitable for family listening. Inappropriate content includes, but is not limited to, profanity, references to sexual acts or behavior, drugs, explicit references to body parts and violent acts or behavior. Replacing inappropriate language with sound effects or other words may still leave the content unsuitable.

C. **Appropriateness of music or movement** — If coaches are unsure whether music or choreography is appropriate, they should consider it inappropriate and remove it to avoid placing their team in an unfortunate situation.

D. **Makeup** — If worn, makeup should be uniform and appropriate for both the performance and the age of the athlete. Face/eyelid rhinestones are not allowed. False eyelashes are allowed but may not be decorated in rhinestones or additional jewelry.

E. **Bows** — Bows should not be excessive in size (acceptable bows are generally no more than 4" in width) and should not be a distraction to the performance. Bows should be worn in a manner to minimize risk for the athletes, should be adequately secured and should not fall over the forehead into the athlete's eyes, or block the view of the athlete while performing.

F. **General Uniform Guidelines** —
   - Risqué, sexually provocative or lingerie-like or lingerie-inspired uniforms and garments are prohibited.
   - All uniform pieces should adequately cover the athlete and must be secured to prevent wardrobe malfunctions.
   - Appropriate undergarments must be worn and remain covered throughout the routine.
   - In addition to meeting guidelines G-I below, uniform pieces must be considered together, as their combined appearance may make a uniform appropriate or inappropriate.

   Visit USASF.net for more information about Athlete Performance Standards (APS).

G. **Uniform Skirt/Bottom Guidelines** — Uniform skirts must fully cover the hips and extend at least 1 inch below the required briefs, whether regular or boy-cut. Shorts worn as part of the uniform must have a minimum 2-inch inseam.

H. **Uniform Top Guidelines** — Uniform tops must be secured with straps or material over at least one shoulder or around the neck. Tube tops are not allowed.

I. **Cover-up Guidelines** — Athletes with non-full top uniforms must wear t-shirts or other suitable cover ups over their uniforms unless they are in warm-up areas, traveling as a group directly to or from warmups, or on the performance stage.

VI. Spotter Policy on Competition Floors

The Cheerleading Worlds WILL provide spotters for all competition floors for ALL divisions. All teams during this time MUST use the provided spotters on the competition floor.

VII. Spotter Policy in Rehearsal Areas

A. Teams must follow the level rules and have the required team member spotters in place during the execution of skills while in the rehearsal area.

B. **USASF/Club Divisions** — The Cheerleading Worlds will have event spotters available upon request in all rehearsal areas. The Cheerleading Worlds WILL NOT require event spotters to be used in the rehearsal areas. USASF/Club division teams may choose to provide their own spotters in the rehearsal area (referred to as additional spotters), request to use The Cheerleading Worlds event spotters or elect not to use spotters in the rehearsal. The use of provided spotters or additional spotters is not mandatory and will be at the discretion of the USASF division team coach or club owner. Additional spotters must meet the requirements as listed in item VII D below.

C. **IASF Divisions** — The Cheerleading Worlds will provide spotters in the rehearsal areas, upon request, for all teams competing in the International Level 5, 6 and 7 divisions. Teams may also elect to use additional spotters. Additional spotters must meet the requirements as listed in item VII D3 below. Teams are required to confirm the request for spotters and/or confirm their own spotters in the registration form.

D. **Additional Spotters** — Team-provided individuals who serve as a safety precaution on the rehearsal floor **in the warm-up room only**. Additional spotters:

1. must meet the eligibility requirements for warm-up room entry.
2. should be used only during stunt, pyramid and/or basket toss sections and stand at the back of the floor when not spotting.
3. should intervene only to prevent a fall to the rehearsal floor, not to touch, assist or save skills being performed.
4. should wear presentable, professional attire that clearly distinguishes them from the athletes and does not resemble the team's uniform.
5. should not dress or act in a way that distracts from the athletes or their performance.
6. should be at least 18 years old and familiar with spotting the team's skills.

NOTE: To provide the safest competitive environment, teams should not attempt skills beyond their ability level.

VIII. Interruption of Performance

A. Unforeseen Circumstances

If competition officials determine that a routine is interrupted by equipment failure, facility issues or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, either the team or competition officials may stop the routine. Officials will assess the interruption and its impact to determine whether the team may perform again. If approved, the team will repeat its entire routine but will be evaluated **only from the point of interruption.** Competition officials have sole discretion over when the team performs again.

B. **Fault of Team**
   1. If a routine is interrupted by an error by the team's representative, an issue with the team's equipment or music, or another non-injury-related issue attributable to the team, the team must continue the routine.
   2. Competition officials will assess the interruption and its impact, determine whether a penalty applies and decide whether the team may perform again. If approved, the team will repeat its entire routine but will be evaluated **only from the point of interruption.** Competition officials have sole discretion over when the team performs again.

C. **Injury**
   1. The only individuals that may stop a routine for injury are: competition officials, the club owner/head coach from the team performing, or an injured individual.
   2. Competition officials will determine whether the team may perform again and have sole discretion over when the re-performance takes place. If approved, the team must repeat its entire routine, subject to the injury's impact, but will be evaluated **only from the point of interruption**.
   3. A team that does not repeat its routine in full, including the skills originally performed, may receive a penalty at the discretion of competition officials. For example, performing a back tuck in place of the original full twist may result in a penalty.
   4. An injured athlete may return to the competition floor only under the following conditions:
      a. Competition officials must receive clearance first from the medical personnel attending to the athlete, then from the parent/guardian (if present) and finally from the team's head coach/director.
      b. If medical personnel do not clear the athlete, a parent or legal guardian in attendance must sign a return-to-participation waiver. **This option does not apply to a suspected concussion.**
      c. An athlete with a suspected concussion may return only with clearance from a licensed medical professional trained in head injuries, such as a medical doctor or designated official specifically trained in concussion management. A parent or guardian waiver does not replace this clearance. Teams are encouraged to familiarize themselves with applicable concussion laws in the state where the competition is held.

IX. How to Handle Procedural Questions

Any question concerning the rules or procedures of the championship will be handled exclusively by one designated representative of the team (i.e. club owner/director, coach or captain) and will be directed only to a competition official. Such questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance. Any questions concerning the team's performance should be made to a competition official immediately after the team's performance.

X. **Interpretations and Rulings**

Any interpretation of any aspect of these Rules & Regulations or any decision involving any other aspect of the championship will be rendered by the Worlds Competition Rules Committee. The Worlds Competition Rules Committee will render a judgment in an effort to uphold the general spirit and goals of the competition. The Rules Committee will consist at minimum of the Event Director, Head Judge, the USASF Rules Committee Chair and/or a competition official designated by the Chair. The Event Director may appoint additional qualified members to those listed above to be members of the Worlds Competition Rules Committee.

XI. **Finality of Decisions**

By participating in this championship, each team agrees that the decisions by the judges will be final and will not be subject to review. Each team acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

XII. **Sportsmanship**

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the competition. The directors, coaches and club owners of each team are responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliated with the team conducting themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification as explained in this document above.

XIII. **Deductions and Disqualifications**

Any team violating The Cheerleading Worlds Rules & Regulations will incur a deduction for each infraction (including athlete behavior violations as outlined in Section IV). Teams failing to follow competition rules will be disqualified, forfeiting eligibility for prizes or awards. Additionally, they may forfeit the opportunity to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds the following year and may be required to repay any funds received through a 2027 bid.

XIV. **Scores and Rankings**

A. Individual judges' score sheets are for the exclusive use of each particular judge. Each judge has the responsibility and authority to review and submit their final scores and rankings prior to the final tally of the scores in a particular division. Scores and rankings will be available only to club owners and coaches at the conclusion of each division.

B. **In the event of a tie**

1. **USASF Senior Divisions** will NOT break ties for teams advancing to the next round or final placements, including Bronze, Silver and Gold. Instead, the placement will reflect the tie. For example, if two teams are tied for 2nd place, the standings will be listed as: 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd.
2. If **USASF Senior Division** teams are tied when moving on to the next round or the Finals, they will perform in the opposite order from their previous round performance.
3. **IASF International Open Divisions** will NOT break ties for Finals placements including Bronze, Silver and Gold.
4. **IASF International Open Divisions** WILL break ties for teams advancing to Semifinals or Finals. In such cases, these steps will be followed until the tie is broken:
   Step 1: The team with the least amount of total performance error deductions will win the tiebreaker.
   Step 2: The team with the highest total score adding up the stunt/pyramid score sheet and the tumbling/ jump scores will win the tiebreaker.
   Step 3: Technique-only scores (does not include combination difficulty/technique categories scores such as dance) on each score sheet will be added and the highest total will win the tiebreaker.
   Step 4: A panel including the head judge, competition officials, etc. will review both routines and select the winner of the tiebreaker.

XV. Competition Facility

The competition is scheduled to be held at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The competition officials shall have the right to alter the time and location of the competition in the event changes become necessary due to final registration, inclement weather, facility problems or other situation deemed by the competition officials to be essential to the success of the championship.

XVI. Appearances, Endorsements, Publicity

All teams winning titles, awards or prizes agree to have all appearances, endorsements, and publicity approved through the USASF office.

XVII. USASF Logo Usage

Teams will not be allowed to use the USASF logo or The Cheerleading Worlds logo on items or apparel including banners, rings, bows, t-shirts, etc.

XVIII. General Safety Rules and Routine Requirements

The Cheerleading Worlds follows USASF and/or IASF cheerleading rules and guidelines, depending upon the division. Rules clarifications MAY be made during the season. The Cheerleading Worlds 2027 will follow the most recent posting of the USASF and IASF rules. Please refer to USASF.net or IASFworlds.com for any changes.

XIX. Penalties

A penalty will be assessed at the discretion of competition officials to any team violating any of the specific rules as stated at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net. This deduction does not apply to violations mentioned above that are designated a lesser point value. If you have any questions concerning the legality of a skill, please visit USASF.net or IASFworlds.com.

Worlds Event Violation Policy

USASF officials will evaluate each situation and the following penalties may be assessed.

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	Team Penalty	Member Penalty
IMMEDIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION				
USASF Member other than athlete				
In warm-up area without proper credentials and/or identification	Removed from warm-up area, name, club name documented	Membership, credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	None	Coach membership revoked for one year
Refused entry into warm- up area by USASF staff but entered anyway	Membership/ credentials confiscated, removed from warm-up area, name and club name documented: official warning	Membership/ credentials confiscated, escorted from venue	6-point penalty for team	USASF membership revoked for one year
USASF Member Athlete				
In warm-up area but NOT on team roster	Picture taken, documented and removed from warm-up area	Escorted from the venue	6-point penalty for team	Ineligible for the remainder of the event
Competes but NOT listed on the team roster	Ineligible to compete	Membership revoked for one year (full season)	Team disqualified	Club membership revoked for up to two years
Under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any venue at any time during the event from arrival to departure on Tuesday	Authorities and parent/ guardians are called and athlete is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the event	Athlete membership revoked for one year (one full season)	6-point penalty per incident for team	Athlete membership revoked for up to two years, review of club membership revocation of up to two years

Event Coverage & Media Policy

Event Coverage

Results will be posted on TheCheerleadingWorlds.net and behind-the-scenes USASF coverage will be posted regularly throughout the weekend on the USASF Instagram page.

Live Streaming

Live streaming of performances from The Cheerleading Worlds will be available throughout the event. Streaming details, including how to watch, will be announced closer to the event.

Complimentary Action Moments Photography

Action Moments Photography will have up to three cameras on each Worlds stage capturing hundreds of action shots of your athletes during each performance. Coaches will receive photo links via email to share with their team.

Media Policy

Media Guidelines

- Media passes will be issued to working journalists from media outlets such as television stations, newspapers, magazines and recognized industry websites with the purpose of producing editorial coverage of Worlds.
- Media passes grant entry into all cheer and dance performance venues. Journalists may sit in any available spectator seat.
- Designated seating near the stage is reserved only for official event photographers and partners and requires a separate credential.
- Media credentials must be worn at all times while in venues.
- Media passes are nontransferable, and may only be used by the person to whom they were granted.
- USASF/IASF has the exclusive right to approve, deny and distribute Worlds media credentials and does so at their discretion.

Photography & Recording

- Commercial photography, videography and audio recording are strictly prohibited throughout Disney property — this includes event venues, hotels, restaurants, pools and surrounding areas.
- Personal photography using phones or tablets is allowed and may be shared publicly.
- Cameras with extended lenses are prohibited.
- Short video clips (up to 15 seconds, no audio) of performances may be posted on social platforms or websites.

Music & Copyright

- Recording, posting or broadcasting music from performances is not permitted due to copyright laws.

Live Streaming

- Commercial and personal live streaming of performances — full or partial — is prohibited on all platforms, including but not limited to Facebook Live, Instagram Live, TikTok and YouTube.

For more information about media guidelines, visit the Worlds Media Center at TheCheerleadingWorlds.net.

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS™

WORLDS 2027

Registration & Travel

Plan your stay. Prepare your registration.
Find package and ticket options, registration deadlines, payment policies and travel information in this section.

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2027 Worlds

Before You Register

Have these details ready before you begin registration.

- [ ] **ACCEPTED WORLDS BID**
  Review your accepted bid and bid-earning event roster in your club dashboard to confirm all information is accurate. See page 11.

- [ ] **CHECK YOUR DEADLINES**
  Review *Registration Deadlines & Payment Policies* on page 39 before submitting your registration.

- [ ] **DIVISION & TEAM NAME**
  Confirm your bid-awarded division and enter your team name exactly as it should appear in event programs and schedules. **NOTE:** Your club and team names must match those in your USASF member profile.

- [ ] **ANTICIPATED ROSTER COUNT**
  Know how many athletes and coaches you expect to register.

- [ ] **GATHER ATHLETE INFORMATION**
  Have each athlete's full name, date of birth, phone number and email address ready.

- [ ] **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DATES**
  Plan your stay around competition and the required roster verification appointment. See pages 6 and 21.

- [ ] **HOTEL OR COMMUTER STATUS?**
  Choose your Worlds hotel package or commuter option as detailed on page 41.
  - **Hotel packages** include hotel accommodations, Park Hopper® tickets, Celebration Party entry, event shuttle and competition registration.
  - **Commuter packages** include Park Hopper® tickets and competition registration for athletes and coaches
  - If choosing the commuter option, Worlds coaches may purchase coach lanyards without Park Hopper® tickets.

- [ ] **PAYMENT METHOD**
  Have your payment method ready. A non-refundable deposit of $200 per person is required at registration. Registrations are not approved until deposits are received. Families will not be able to register until team registration is approved. See page 39.

Deadlines & Payment Policies

Key Dates at a Glance

MAR 18 2027
Early Registration deadline

APR 8 2027
Late Registration deadline

APR 15 2027
Final payment due

APR 22 2027
Due online:
Medical Release Waivers
Agreement of Compliance

Which Registration Deadline Applies to You?

RECEIVED YOUR BID
THROUGH FEB. 18, 2027

EARLY REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: MARCH 18, 2027

Registrations received after March 18 will be held until April 9 and processed as late registrations.

CHANGE REQUESTS
- Must be submitted by March 18, 2027.
- After March 18: $200 per change fee.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS
- Received by April 8: Refundable, less the $200 per-person nonrefundable deposit.
- Received after April 8: Full forfeiture of all monies paid.

RECEIVED YOUR BID
AFTER FEB. 18, 2027

LATE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: APRIL 8, 2027

CHANGE REQUESTS
- Must be submitted by April 15, 2027.
- After April 15: $200 per change fee.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS
- Received by April 8: Refunded, less the $200 per-person nonrefundable deposit.
- Received after April 15: Full forfeiture of all monies paid.

Payment

$200 DEPOSIT
per person, nonrefundable, required with registration.

Registrations are not approved until deposits are received. Families cannot register until team registration is approved.

FULL PAYMENT
due Apr 15.

PAYMENT ACCEPTED
- American Express, Mastercard or Visa.
- Cashier's check/money order mailed to:

  The Cheerleading/Dance Worlds Registration
  711 N Front Street, Suite 100
  Memphis, TN 38107

- No personal, club or booster checks will be accepted.

Sign Online by April 22

- Medical Release Waivers
- Agreement of Compliance

Who Needs Which Ticket or Package?

Choose the option that fits your role and travel plans.

Who	Options	Is competition admission included?	Is Disney theme park admission included?
Athletes	Worlds hotel package	Yes	Yes
	Commuter package	Yes	Yes
Coaches	Worlds hotel package	Yes	Yes
	Commuter package	Yes	Yes
	Coach lanyard without Park Hopper®	Yes	No
Non-Coaching Representatives	Worlds hotel package	Yes	Yes
	Worlds Park Hopper® ticket purchased separately	Yes	Yes
	Daily competition tickets/wristband	Yes	No
Spectators (3 years & older)	Worlds hotel package	Yes	Yes
	Worlds Park Hopper® ticket purchased separately	Yes	Yes
	Daily competition tickets/wristband	Yes	No

Coach Lanyard without Park Hopper® Eligibility

Available only to commuter coaches listed on an official Worlds roster who meet warm-up room eligibility requirements.

Reminders

- Spectators do not purchase commuter packages.
- Tickets purchased from any other source, including Walt Disney World® annual passes, will not be considered valid admission to the competitions.

Package Pricing

Hotel & Commuter Package Details

	Worlds Hotel Package			Commuter Package
	4 Nights	3 Nights	2 Nights	
Who may purchase	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches • Family/Fans	• Athletes • Coaches
Athlete/Coach competition fee	✓	✓	✓	✓
Admission to all competition venues	✓	✓	✓	✓
Admission to ICU World Championships	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shuttles to/from Worlds-related events	✓	✓	✓	—
Celebration Party April 26, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.	✓	✓	✓	—
Hotel guest parking	✓	✓	✓	—
Park Hopper® Ticket	3-day	3-day	2-day	2-day
Disney's All Star Sports Resort (value option)				$615
Quad (4 per room) per person	$987	$962	$832	
Triple (3 per room) per person	$1,052	$1,012	$862	
Double (2 per room) per person	$1,227	$1,117	$922	
Single (1 per room) per person	$1,662	$1,452	$1,152	
Extra night per room/per night first come, first served	$268	$268	$268	
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort (moderate option)				
Quad (4 per room) per person	$1,157	$1,057	$940	
Triple (3 per room) per person	$1,287	$1,137	$992	
Double (2 per room) per person	$1,572	$1,332	$1,097	
Single (1 per room) per person	$2,237	$1,817	$1,442	
Extra night per room/per night first come, first served	$400	$400	$400	

Registration Info

- Prices include taxes and gratuities.
- A $200 per-person nonrefundable deposit is due with registration.
- Final payment is due April 15, 2027.
- All Disney accommodations on the Worlds Hotel Package will be fully confirmed. Individual hotel confirmation numbers are not available due to the size of the travel group and the ages of some participants.
- One chaperone age 21 or older — a club owner, coach or other responsible adult — is required for every nine athletes.

Extra Ticket Pricing

Upgrade Park Hopper® included in hotel or commuter package

Current Ticket	Upgrade to 3-day	Upgrade to 4-day	Upgrade to 5-day
2-day	$160	$312	$356
3-day	-	$152	$196
4-day	-	-	$44

Discounted Park Hopper® Tickets

- Admission to all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks.
- Six days admission to all Worlds competition venues.
- Park Hopper® Ticket valid April 15-28, 2027.
- Advance purchase required.
- Deadline to order is **April 21, 2027**.

- 2-day ticket **$482**
- 3-day ticket **$642**
- 4-day ticket **$794**
- 5-day ticket **$838**

Worlds Celebration Party Wristbands

$65

Disney's EPCOT® Theme Park

Monday, April 26 | 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

- Celebration Party wristbands included in Worlds hotel packages.
- Shuttles provided for Worlds hotel package guests.
- Complimentary parking for commuters with Celebration Party wristbands.

Featuring

- DJ
- Cultural Exchange
- Attractions include:
  - Soarin'®
  - Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind®
  - Mission: SPACE®
  - Test Track®
  - Journey into Imagination with Figment
  - Living with the Land®
  - Spaceship Earth®

Meal Voucher

$19

Includes one lunch or dinner entrée and beverage at select counter service restaurants.
Pick up from Registration in Orlando.

Water Park Ticket

$60 per day

Daily Competition Admission Tickets

Spectators who DO NOT purchase Worlds hotel packages or Park Hopper® tickets through the Worlds registration portal may enter the competition venues with daily competition admission tickets. Online sales open approximately one week prior to the event. Watch for more details.

- **The Cheerleading Worlds** daily ticket **$55**
- **The Dance Worlds** daily wristband **$50** | four-day wristband **$160**

Tickets purchased from any other source, including Walt Disney World® annual passes, will not be considered valid admission to the competitions.

Worlds Coach Lanyard
without Park Hopper® Ticket

Commuter coaches may purchase coach lanyards without Park Hopper tickets.

- Lanyards provide admission to competition venues only.
- Available only to coaches listed on an official Worlds roster who meet warm-up room eligibility requirements.

> **4-day (April 23-26) $90**
> **8-day (April 19-26) $180** (suggested for those also attending ICU)

How to Purchase

- Go to: TheCheerleadingWorlds.net > COACH HUB > COACH LANYARD.
- This lanyard is NOT purchased through the Worlds registration site.
- You must pre-order from USASF/IASF and collect in Orlando.
- The deadline to pre-order is Thursday, **April 15, 2027**.

Registration Instructions

The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds contract with Varsity to manage registration and event logistics.

Before You Begin

1. Make sure your team rosters are complete and personnel are assigned to each team.
2. The coach or program director should create their MyVarsity account and set up their teams.
3. Send the provided team links to the appropriate parents so they can create their accounts and add their participants to the team rosters.
4. Once all team rosters are complete, you are ready to begin registration.

Step 1: Select Your Event and Sessions

1. Select the event you are registering for.
2. Select CHEER as the session you will attend.

Step 2: Select Your Teams and Divisions

1. Select the teams and any alternates (reserves) you are registering. If you selected multiple sessions, be sure to toggle between each session at the top to select the appropriate teams.
2. Select the **DIVISION** in which each team will compete.
3. Select your attending support staff.
4. Designate a **SAFETY CHAMPION** for each team and include that individual as Personnel during registration.

Step 3: Select Housing or Commuter

Choose the appropriate option, Housing or Commuter, for everyone that will be included on your registration.

If Selecting Housing

1. Select your **HOTEL TIER**.
2. Select your group's **ARRIVAL** and **DEPARTURE DATES**. If someone is arriving earlier or staying longer, you can adjust their individual dates after assigning them to a room.
3. Click **ADD ROOM** and **SAVE**.
4. Each room accommodates up to four people. You may assign one, two, three or four people per room.
5. Assign participants to rooms by either:
   - selecting each person's name and then selecting the room, or
   - dragging and dropping each person into the room.
6. Once your rooming list is complete, click **SAVE**.

If Selecting Commuter

If everyone is commuting, select **ALL** and move everyone to the commuter option.

Adding Family Members

- Parents listed on your program roster should appear in the ***Family*** section of the rooming page.
- To add a family member who is not listed, click **ADD FAMILY**.

Once everyone on your registration has been assigned housing or commuter status, click **SAVE** and **CONTINUE** to proceed to the ***Add-Ons*** section.

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Step 4: Select ADD-ONS

- Anyone assigned housing or commuter status on your registration can upgrade the ticket included with their package or purchase available add-ons.
- To purchase a ticket for a family member who is not listed on your registration:
  1. Select the ticket you want to purchase.
  2. Click **ADD MEMBER**.
  3. Enter the family member's name and birthdate.
- Once you have completed the ***Add-Ons*** section, continue to the ***Summary*** page.

Step 5: Review and Submit Your Registration

1. Review your registration details on the ***Summary*** page.
2. **PAY** the required $200 per-person deposit to secure your rooms. Registrations will remain on hold until the $200 per-person deposit is received. Rooms may become unavailable while your registration is on hold.

Payment Options

- American Express, Mastercard or Visa.
- Cashier's check/money order mailed to:

  The Cheerleading Worlds Registration
  711 N Front Street, Suite 100
  Memphis, TN 38107
- No personal, club or booster checks will be accepted.

3. **SUBMIT** your registration.

Step 6: Manage Your Registration

After submitting your registration, you can manage and update your information through the tabs on your ***Manage Registration*** dashboard.

1. **Sign Your Waiver:** A *Worlds Event Release Waiver* and a *Varsity Spirit Waiver* will appear in your ***To-Do List***. All parents and coaches must review and sign the *Worlds Event Waiver* only.
2. **Manage Your Registration:** Use your dashboard to update your roster, make payments, update rooming lists, request changes and generate invoices as needed.

Final Payment Due : April 15, 2027

Registration Specialists

USASF Cheer Teams

CHEER TEAM STATE	ZIP CODES ENDING	SPECIALIST	EMAIL ADDRESS
Alabama (East)	350-351, 357-363, 368	Makayla McGlothlen	mmcglothlen@worldsevents.net
Alabama (West)	352-356, 364-367, 369	Tyra Johnson	tjohnson@worldsevents.net
Alaska	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
Arizona	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
Arkansas	All	Lauren Meadows	lmeadows@worldsevents.net
California	940-952, 954-965	Kim Foster	kfoster@worldsevents.net
California	917-928	Rachael Alexander	ralexander@worldsevents.net
California	900-916, 930-939, 953	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson	ewilson@worldsevents.net
Colorado	All	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson	ewilson@worldsevents.net
Connecticut	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Delaware	All	Madison Toone	mtoone@worldsevents.net
District of Columbia	All	Susan Hunter	shunter@worldsevents.net
Florida (East)	320-322, 327-330,333-334, 338, 347, 349	Lisa Ward	lward@worldsevents.net
Florida (West)	323-326, 331-332, 335-337, 341-342, 339, 344, 346	Tyra Johnson	tjohnson@worldsevents.net
Georgia	304, 310, 312, 317, 398	Uriel Cabanillas	ucabanillas@worldsevents.net
Georgia	300, 301, 302, 303, 307, 318, 319	Makayla McGlothlen	mmcglothlen@worldsevents.net
Hawaii	All	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson	ewilson@worldsevents.net
Idaho	All	Rachael Alexander	ralexander@worldsevents.net
Illinois	All	Nicole Blohm	nblohm@worldsevents.net
Indiana	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Iowa	All	Monica Munoz	mmunoz@worldsevents.net
Kansas	All	Alexis Totten	atotten@worldsevents.net
Kentucky	All	Madison Toone	mtoone@worldsevents.net
Louisiana	All	Jabria Johnson	jjohnson@worldsevents.net
Maine	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Maryland	All	Susan Hunter	shunter@worldsevents.net
Massachusetts	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Michigan	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Minnesota	All	Monica Munoz	mmunoz@worldsevents.net
Mississippi	All	Uriel Cabanillas	ucabanillas@worldsevents.net

Registration Specialists

USASF Cheer Teams

CHEER TEAM STATE	ZIP CODES ENDING	SPECIALIST	EMAIL ADDRESSES
Missouri	All	Nicole Blohm	nblohm@worldsevents.net
Montana	All	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson	ewilson@worldsevents.net
Nebraska	All	Alexis Totten	atotten@worldsevents.net
Nevada	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
New Hampshire	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
New Jersey	All	Madison Toone	mtoone@worldsevents.net
New Mexico	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
New York	All	Ginger Watkins	gwatkins@worldsevents.net
North Carolina	All	Danielle Staley	dstaley@worldsevents.net
North Dakota	All	Monica Munoz	mmunoz@worldsevents.net
Ohio	All	Susan Hunter	shunter@worldsevents.net
Oklahoma	All	Gregoria Rodriguez	grodriguez@worldsevents.net
Oregon	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
Pennsylvania	All	Reymi Vargas	rvargas@worldsevents.net
Rhode Island	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
South Carolina	All	Lisa Ward	lward@worldsevents.net
South Dakota	All	Monica Munoz	mmunoz@worldsevents.net
Tennessee	All	Chelsea Miller	cmiller@worldsevents.net
Texas (West)	762-764, 769, 885, 790-799	Ericka Severs	esevers@worldsevents.net
Texas (Central)	733,758,765-768,776-778, 786-787	Gregoria Rodriguez	grodriguez@worldsevents.net
Texas (Houston)	770-775	Sierra Triplett	striplett@worldsevents.net
Texas (North East)	750, 752-756	Jerika Walker	jwalker@worldsevents.net
Texas (North Central & South)	751, 757, 759-761, 779-785, 788-789	Melanie Chaney	mchaney@worldsevents.net
Utah	All	Rachael Alexander	ralexander@worldsevents.net
Vermont	All	Mendy Terrell	mterrell@worldsevents.net
Virginia	All	Susan Hunter	shunter@worldsevents.net
Washington	All	Keosha Lipsey	klipsey@worldsevents.net
West Virginia	All	Reymi Vargas	rvargas@worldsevents.net
Wisconsin	All	Monica Munoz	mmunoz@worldsevents.net
Wyoming	All	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilson	ewilson@worldsevents.net

Preparing for Travel

Park Reservations

- To help manage park capacity, the Walt Disney World® Resort uses the Disney Park Pass service for theme park reservations. To make theme park reservations, you will need a My Disney Experience account and valid theme park admission linked to it. **Visit: How to make** Theme Park Reservations
- After paying in full, expect a Worlds Registration email with a ticket confirmation order number within three (3) business days. Create a My Disney Experience account, then choose dates and theme parks for your visit. Remember, a reservation and valid admission for the same park on the same date are necessary for park entry.
- Reservations are limited in capacity, subject to availability and are not guaranteed until confirmed.
- Park availability is limited and USASF cannot assist with park reservations.
- Walt Disney World visitors may hop from park to park with no time restrictions. All-day park hopping access is back, allowing guests with valid park hopper tickets to freely visit any of its four theme parks at any time during normal operating hours. However, you still need a theme park reservation for the first park you plan to visit. Once you've visited that park, you can hop to another park anytime during the day without needing an additional reservation.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: The reselling or the transferring of theme park tickets in the state of Florida is a crime as described under Florida state laws; Florida Statutes s. 817.361 and Florida Statutes s. 817.36.

Prepare Before You Go

We encourage you to refer to Getting Ready for Your Visit to Walt Disney World Resort for helpful information regarding:

- park reservations
- My Disney Experience mobile app
- health and safety
- property rules

Airport Transportation

Airport transportation is not included in hotel packages. You must arrange your own transportation to and from the airport. Here's a convenient option to consider: Mears Connect who will offer a discount to Worlds guests. Reserve at Mears Airport Transportation.

Safety Champion

Each team, regardless of travel package, must designate a Safety Champion who is at least 18 years old and is not the head coach. Clubs bringing multiple teams must designate a different Safety Champion for each team.

Safety Champions must complete additional Walt Disney World Resort safety training before the event. They will be confirmed at registration in Orlando and are responsible for the team's compliance with event health and safety requirements.

NOTE:

- Safety Champions must be registered as personnel in the event registration system.
- They are not required to be listed on the official Worlds roster in the USASF member portal or accompany the team into warm-ups.
- A team's allowed non-coaching representative (NCR) does not have to be its Safety Champion.
- Safety Champions may enter warm-ups only if listed on the official Worlds roster as the team's allowed NCR.

Agreement of Compliance

REQUIRED: *Bring this signed document to your roster verification appointment/event check in to collect your team's event lanyards.*

In an effort to maintain the integrity and professionalism of The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds, USASF and IASF have established a code of conduct. Our goal is to provide a positive event experience grounded in good sportsmanship, fairness, integrity and respect for the rules. These standards extend to all aspects of cheer and dance, including team practices and performances. Coaches and club owners play an important role in setting expectations and promoting these standards among their team members.

HOTEL & RESORT GUIDELINES

Athlete Conduct

- Smoking and/or the use of alcohol by a Worlds athlete is prohibited. An athlete in violation of this rule is subject to immediate disciplinary action which may include ineligibility for the current Worlds competition. If the violation occurs after the athlete competes, yet during the event time frame at any Worlds event location the incident will be reviewed by the USASF Compliance Committee and may result in but not limited to restriction of membership or future participation in The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds.
- Illegal substances are prohibited.
- Travel in groups of two or more.
- All athletes have a midnight curfew. Security will patrol the resort throughout the night. Please be courteous to other guests by keeping noise levels down.
- Do not prop your doors open.

Room Decorating

- Tape, paint, chalk pens, adhesive decorations and other materials that may damage or leave residue on walls, windows, doors or other surfaces are prohibited. Magnets for doors and suction cups for windows are recommended instead.
- Furniture may not be removed from rooms or moved between rooms.
- Rooms must be left as they were found, with all furniture in its proper location. Any adhesive or residue remaining after check-out will result in a cleaning fee being applied to the reservation.

Food & Beverage Policy

- Outside food and beverages may not be served in resort food courts. Disney is also unable to provide plates, cups, utensils or other service ware for outside food and beverages.

Hotel Package Guests

- **Transportation:** Buses to Worlds events will load and unload outside your registration location. You must wear your lanyard to board the bus. Whether in uniform or not, you must have proof that you are on a Worlds hotel package to use Worlds transportation. We do not recommend using Walt Disney World® Resort transportation to competition venues, as its schedules are not coordinated with Worlds competition times or venues.
- **Personal Belongings:** The hotel and the USASF/IASF will not be responsible for any electronics, trophies, or other items. You will need to take them to the bus with you or store them in the USASF office located at one of the host hotels.
- **Lost Room Keys:** Minors who lose a room key must be accompanied by an adult or coach to receive a new key.
- **Required Adult Supervision:** Every team must have at least one coach, club owner, or responsible adult for every nine athletes staying at the hotel to supervise their team members.

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WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT CODE OF CONDUCT

While at the hotel

- Please be respectful to those around you, not every guest is on your schedule.
- Disrespectful conduct or behavior such as vulgarity, excessive rowdiness, excessive noise and all other actions that negatively affect other guests or cast members is not permitted.
- During the quiet hours (10 p.m.-8 a.m.), guests shall be considerate and refrain from any conduct that could disturb others in the vicinity. Voices, televisions, or other devices must be kept at a respectful low level at all times. Doors should be opened and closed quietly. Congregating or running in halls is not permitted.
- For your safety and the safety of others, please do not engage in any unsafe act or acts that may impede the operation of the resort or any associated facility. Examples include: cutting in lines and leaving laundry unattended in washers/dryers for long periods of time.
- Help keep guest rooms enjoyable for all guests and free from damages. Damages to rooms, paint or excessive cleaning will be charged to the group or group leader. Do not hang items from the sprinklers in the ceiling as this can trigger the sprinklers and cause flooding.

While at the pool

- An adult chaperone must be at the pool while minors from your group are present.
- Appropriate swimwear must be worn in pool areas. Revealing or transparent swimwear and thong-style bathing suits are not permitted.
- Pools close promptly at the posted closing time each night. Please check the hours for your resort.

Group Leader Responsibilities

- The actions and conduct of your group are the responsibility of the group leader(s). Therefore, please ensure that all members of your group are in compliance with all policies and procedures established by the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida and all applicable laws, Rules & Regulations, including those in this document.

Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida Right to Remove

- Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida reserves the right to remove guests from the facility without refund and/or from future group experiences for any reason, including, without limitation, failure of the guest to comply with the Walt Disney World® Code of Conduct as outlined above or any other action deemed inappropriate by the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

Safety

1. *I understand that cheerleading and dance are competitive activities, which require proper training techniques for all athletes under my direction.*
2. *I attest I have been properly trained in basic cheer/dance techniques, proper skill progression and safety precautions.*
3. *I understand it is my ethical duty to put the interest and safety of my athletes first and not to put athletes under my direction at risk unnecessarily.*
4. *I understand that only USASF coaches who meet requirements for eligibility in the USASF member system are permitted in the warm-up areas at The Cheerleading/The Dance Worlds.*
5. *I understand that only USASF/IASF member athletes may compete at The Cheerleading Worlds/The Dance Worlds.*

Sportsmanship

1. *I will support The Cheerleading Worlds/The Dance Worlds outcome and represent my club with integrity, including on social media.*
2. *I will display good sportsmanship and require such of my athletes and parents/families of competitors, including on social media.*
3. *I understand my position as a role model for my team and will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times.*
4. *I understand that my behavior is subject to disciplinary action if it violates the USASF Code of Conduct.*

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1. *I agree to follow all hotel, safety, sportsmanship, warm-up room and performance rules both by the letter and spirit of the rule.*
2. *I agree to abide by the eligibility stipulations and substitution rules as determined by the USASF/IASF and I understand that if a violation is reported, I may be required to supply eligibility verification to event officials.*
3. *I understand if one or more members of our team is found to be ineligible, is destructive to Walt Disney World® property or competition-related property, or behaves inappropriately, our team will: be disqualified; be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a paid/partial-paid bid; and will not be eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading Worlds and/or The Dance Worlds for the following year.*
4. *I understand our registration will not be entered or processed without this signed form.*

club name *team name* *city/state/country*

Athletes: Print your name on the first line and sign your name on the second line.

	print name	*sign name*
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FAQ

Choosing Your Package

1. **What is the difference between a hotel package and a commuter package?**
   The main difference is hotel accommodations. A Worlds hotel package offers the convenience of staying at a Disney host resort, with accommodations, competition registration, event transportation and tickets included. A commuter package lets athletes and coaches arrange their own stay while still including competition registration and a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket. Hotel packages are available to athletes, coaches, families and friends. Commuter packages are exclusively for athletes and coaches. Eligible commuter coaches may instead purchase a coach lanyard without a Park Hopper® ticket.

   Worlds hotel packages include:
   - any two-, three-, or four-night hotel stay between April 20-May 2, 2027;
   - Magic Your Way ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid April 15-28, 2027;
   - admission to the Worlds and ICU competitions;
   - admission to the Worlds Celebration Party on Monday, April 26;
   - transportation to all events directly related to Worlds; and
   - all taxes and gratuities.

   NOTE: Prices DO NOT include airfare or airport transportation.

   Commuter packages include:
   - athlete and coach competition registration;
   - Magic Your Way ticket with Park Hopper® Option valid April 15-28, 2027; and
   - admission to the Worlds and ICU competitions.

   NOTE: Spectators **do not** purchase commuter packages.

2. **Can family and friends purchase a Worlds hotel package?**
   Yes. While many coaches include parents on the hotel package with their teams, we encourage family members and friends to register separately. See the *Family & Friends* section on page 45.

3. **What if we are NOT purchasing a Worlds hotel package?**
   You can arrange your own stay! Here's what you'll need to attend Worlds:
   Athletes: A commuter package, which includes competition registration and a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket.
   Coaches: A commuter package or, if eligible, a coach lanyard without a Park Hopper® ticket.
   Family and friends: A Worlds Park Hopper® ticket or competition admission tickets (cheer) or wristbands (dance).

Hotel Rooms, Occupancy & Supervision

4. **What happens if rooms at the host hotels sell out?**
   If host hotels sell out before the deadline, the Worlds registration team will try to arrange alternative accommodations.

5. **Can we have five people in a room?**
   No. Disney resorts do not allow more than four people to a room. Rollaway beds are not available.

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6. **We have an uneven number of athletes. Can we pay the quad rate for three athletes in a room?**
   No. The travel package prices have been calculated according to how many people are in each room.

7. **What are the hotel check-in and check-out times?**
   Hotels guarantee 4 p.m. check-in, but may allow early check-in if rooms are available. Check-out is at 11.a.m. Please inform your entire group.

8. **How many chaperones do we need?**
   At least one chaperone age 21 or older (a club owner, coach or other responsible adult) is required for every nine athletes.

Athlete & Coach Admission

9. **Do athletes need Park Hopper® tickets for competition?**
   Yes. A Worlds Park Hopper® ticket is included in each athlete's required hotel or commuter package. For competition venue entry, athletes must wear their Worlds lanyard. Cheer athletes will also receive a credential card to streamline admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. Competition admission does not use a theme park day. Worlds tickets and credentials are valid only for Worlds; admission passes for other companies' cheer and dance events cannot be used.

10. **Do coaches need Park Hopper® tickets for competition?**
    Coaches have two options. They may purchase a Worlds hotel or commuter package with a Park Hopper® ticket or, if eligible, a coach lanyard without one. For competition venue entry, coaches must wear their Worlds lanyard. Cheer coaches will also receive a credential card to streamline admission to ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex.

Spectator Admission

11. **What do spectators need to enter the competition venues during Worlds?**
    To gain access to the competition venues at The Dance Worlds or The Cheerleading Worlds event, you must possess one of the following:
    - a ticket (cheer) or wristband (dance) as detailed in FAQ 13; or
    - a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket acquired through Worlds registration as detailed in FAQ 12.

    NOTE: Worlds Park Hopper® tickets and daily tickets/wristbands purchased through The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds are the only valid admission options for spectators. Tickets purchased from any other source, including Walt Disney World® annual passes, will not be considered valid admission to the competitions.

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12. **Are Park Hopper® tickets available for family and friends not on the hotel package?**
Yes. Family and friends may purchase discounted Worlds Park Hopper® tickets separately.

Discounted Park Hopper® Ticket Pricing
- 2-day ticket **$482**
- 3-day ticket **$642**
- 4-day ticket **$794**
- 5-day ticket **$838**

Things to know
- Tickets provide admission to all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks for the number of park days purchased.
- All ticket options include six days of admission to Worlds competition venues.
- Tickets are valid April 15–28, 2027.
- Purchase by April 21, 2027.
- Tickets will not be sold in Orlando.

13. Do spectators have to purchase Worlds Park Hopper® tickets in order to watch the competition?
No. Family and friends who **do not** purchase Worlds hotel packages or Park Hopper® tickets may enter the competition venues with daily competition admission tickets or wristbands as described below.

The Cheerleading Worlds
$55 daily ticket
Online sales open approximately one week prior to the event. Watch for more details.

The Dance Worlds
$50 daily wristband | $160 four-day wristband
Online sales open approximately one week prior to the event. Watch for more details.

14. **I am a Walt Disney World® annual pass holder. May I use this for admission to the Worlds competitions?**
No. Only a Worlds Park Hopper® ticket or a daily admission wristband/ticket as detailed in FAQ 13 will provide entry into the Worlds competitions.

15. **I am a Disney Vacation Club member. May I use points to purchase my Worlds hotel package?**
No. Disney Vacation Club points cannot be applied toward Worlds hotel packages. All Worlds packages must be purchased directly through the Worlds reservation portal using the accepted payment methods.

Receiving & Using Your Park Hopper Tickets

16. **When will we receive our Park Hopper® tickets?**
Within three business days of paying in full, you'll receive an email from Worlds Registration with your ticket confirmation number. You will not receive a physical ticket.

17. **How do I link my Park Hopper® tickets and make park reservations?**
Create or sign in to your My Disney Experience account through the app or website. Use your confirmation number to link your tickets and make any required theme park reservations. See *Preparing for Travel* on page 48 for complete instructions.



WORLDS

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

BACK AGAIN!

Connect with athletes from around the world at the **Worlds Cultural Exchange,** happening during the **Celebration Party** at EPCOT on April 26!

Bring something from your team, club or country to trade — pins, T-shirts or other fun items — and swap and share with Worlds athletes from across the globe.

BRING • SWAP • MAKE • CONNECTIONS

QUICK TIP

Keep your trade items easy to carry into the park. Please leave flags on sticks and large bundles of pins behind, as they can slow entry into EPCOT.

2027 Worlds

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