

2010 All-Star Cheer Worlds Divisions



Senior (Club) - Level 5 Divisions:

Small Senior All Girl: 12 - 18 years, no males, 5 to 20 members

Large Senior All Girl: 12 - 18 years, no males, 21 to 36 members

Small Senior Limited Coed: 12 - 18 years, 1 to 4 males, 5 to 20 members

Large Senior Limited Coed: 12 - 18 years, 1 to 4 males, 21 to 36 members

NEW Senior Semi-Limited Coed: 12 - 18 years, 5 to 12 males, 5 to 36 members

Senior Unlimited Coed: 12 - 18 years, 13 or more males, 5 to 36 members

International - Level 5 Divisions:

International Junior: 14 years and younger, no males, 5 to 36 members (US teams must qualify by video only)

International Junior Coed: 14 years and younger, 1 or more males, 5 to 36 members (US teams must qualify by video only)

International Open: 14 years and older, no males, 5 to 24 members

International Open Coed: 14 years and older, 1 - 12 males, 5 to 24 members

International - Level 6 Divisions:

International Open: 17 years and older, no males, 5 to 24 members

International Open Coed: 17 years and older, 1 - 12 males, 5 to 24 members

The decision to keep the International Junior Divisions came after hearing input at various International meetings and from members during and following the Coaches Conference. Some International event producers have already awarded 2010 bids to Junior teams that are already fundraising to attend. Others have events coming up and have already advertized awarding bids in those divisions. Perhaps most importantly many also felt it was is still critical for the development of cheerleading in their countries.

Given that some countries have already awarded bids for the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds event and that the announcement of divisions was made public, it seemed most logical to look at a compromise that would restrict the U.S. involvement in Junior divisions while still making the division available for other countries. Ultimately, the USASF Board has agreed upon the following parameters for awarding for awarding 2010 Cheerleading Worlds bids specifically to U.S. Junior Level 5 teams:

1. U.S. Tier 1 and 2 Companies WILL NOT be permitted to award "any" of their allocated 2010 Cheerleading Worlds Bids to "any" Junior Level 5 teams.
2. Any U.S. Junior Level 5 team that would like to receive a 2010 Cheerleading Worlds bid to compete in either the International Junior or International Junior Coed Division may still do so, but only by video submission. They will have to submit a video of their routine by January 15, 2010.
3. The USASF Selection Committee will select a Worlds caliber judging panel to select the top 3 U.S. teams in each of the International Junior Divisions to represent the U.S. at the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds. These teams will be awarded At Large Bids on or before February 1, 2010.
4. All additional details will be written in The 2010 Cheerleading Worlds General Information posted on the usaf.net website in early July.

After weighing out all of the pros and cons, the USASF Board of Directors feels that this new selection process for awarding At Large bids to the U.S. Junior teams is the best compromise because:

1. U.S. event producers will not offer Juniors Worlds Bids.
2. There would be a maximum of 6 U.S. Junior teams at Worlds versus the 42 this past year.
3. Gyms that want to send a Junior team to Worlds has the choice to compete by video entry and not feel forced to go to Worlds after they receive a Worlds bid at a U.S. qualifying event.
4. There will be an opportunity for U.S. Junior Teams at Worlds for the other countries to compete against, which is what the International teams "really" want.

The Senior Semi-Limited Coed Division was also added as a new division at Worlds based on the recommendation of many gyms/coaches and a majority vote from the USASF Worlds Advisory Board.