



The 2011

Cheerleading Worlds



The International All Star Federation (IASF) and the United States All Star Federation (USASF) only host two competitions a year, The Cheerleading Worlds and The Dance Worlds. The event producers of premier national championships sponsor their best teams to compete at these competitions. Cheer and dance teams from all over the world may qualify to compete in the applicable Senior or International divisions/categories.

In 2011, each paid and partially-paid bid to The Worlds will cost the sponsoring event producer approximately \$7,000 to \$25,000 for each team they send. Given this, and the fact that many event producers are giving multiple bids, it is easy to see that these event producers are allocating substantial resources to support the teams that participate in their respective Nationals. These event producers feel so strongly about the caliber of the teams in these divisions at their Nationals that they want them to represent their respective company at The Cheerleading Worlds.

Dates

U.S. Worlds Trials & Prelims: Saturday, April 30, 2011
Finals: Sunday, May 1, 2011

Location

The Walt Disney World ® Resort
Orlando, Florida, USA

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 28, 2011

- Teams arrive at The Worlds Village and register with the Worlds staff to receive tickets, nametags, room keys and other information concerning the weekend's events.
- International Cheer Union (ICU) opening ceremonies and competition at **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex.

Friday, April 29, 2011

- Teams arrive at The Worlds Village and register with the Worlds staff to receive tickets, nametags, room keys and other information concerning the weekend's events.
- ICU World Cheer & Dance Championships held at the Milkhouse at **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex.
- 6:00 PM–VIP Coaches Reception and Awards Ceremony (MANDATORY–2 Gym Owners/ Coaches per team).

Saturday, April 30, 2011

- U.S. Worlds Trials and Cheer Worlds Preliminary Competition at **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex.
- Dance Worlds Preliminary Competition at **Epcot's World Showplace Pavilion**.

Sunday, May 1, 2011

- Cheer Worlds Final Competition and Awards at **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex.
- Dance Worlds Final Competition and Awards at **Epcot's World Showplace Pavilion**.
- Private Block Party at **Disney's Hollywood Studios™**.

Monday, May 2, 2011

- Teams Depart.

NOTE: Event details and venues are subject to change.

General Information

VIP Coaches Reception and Awards Ceremony

The IASF & USASF will host this very special and exclusive function on Friday, April 29, 2011. It is MANDATORY for two representatives (gym owners and/or coaches) from each team participating in either The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds to attend. The event is hosted at no cost for the two representatives from each team. Transportation will be provided from the host hotels to Epcot's World Showplace and is scheduled to begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. Please make travel arrangements to Orlando accordingly to ensure your representatives are there on time.

Note: If you have additional coaches and/or gym owners that would like to attend, additional tickets for this function will be available on a first come/first served basis. See the Ticket Order Form in the USASF/IASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds Information and Registration Packet.

Television Coverage

The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds will be nationally televised on the ESPN and ESPN2 networks. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams or winners of all divisions will be shown on the telecast.

Online Coverage at www.IASFWorlds.org

Be sure to tell all of your friends and family that there will be coverage on Saturday and Sunday of The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds on www.IASFWorlds.org. Results will be posted throughout the weekend, as well as behind-the-scenes photos capturing the event.

Video On Demand

Let the rest of your "Gym Family" watch you compete at Worlds! The 2011 Cheerleading and Dance Worlds Video On Demand is a one year subscription service that allows access to video on demand of the event for one low price for the year. Watch all of the routines in all three venues from both days of competition as many times as you like for an entire year! Be sure to tell all of your friends and family to watch your team compete against the best teams from around the world. Coverage begins on Saturday, April 29, 2011 on www.IASFWorlds.org.

FREE Action Moments Photography

AMP (Action Moments Photography) will have FOUR Cameras on every Worlds stage capturing over 300 action shots of your athletes during each performance. Every Worlds athlete and coach will receive a FREE Photo Disc of all pictures taken during their performance(s) following the conclusion of their division. Coaches or Gym owners will receive them when they pick up and sign for their score sheets.

The Cheerleading Worlds Divisions-NEW!

NEW Senior Divisions-Level 5

For divisions that include 40 or more registered cheer teams; all At Large Bid competitors will compete first in a Preliminary Round. This round will be early Saturday morning, April 30, 2011 at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The top 50% will move on and compete in the Semi-Final round later that day. The Semi-Final round will be comprised of the top 50% of the Preliminary teams, plus all of the Partial Paid teams, and Paid bids team that are registered in that division. 50% of the afternoon Semi-Final teams will move onto the Finals, which will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The Semi-Final performance order for all 40 plus divisions will be reversed seeded based off the semifinal results and inserted in the open spots between the ***Paid*** and ***Partial Paid*** bid teams moving directly into the Semi-Finals.

Senior Divisions—Level 5

All teams entering the senior divisions must compete in the Preliminary round on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. 50% of the teams from each of the Senior Divisions, with less than 40 team registered, will progress from the preliminary round to the Final round on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. The performance order for all divisions will be reversed seeded based off the preliminary results.

Senior Divisions—Level 5

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| • 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 |
| • Senior Limited, Coed | 12-18 years, 1 to 4 males, 21 to 36 members |
| • 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 |

Senior Division Awards

The USASF/IASF will award the top 10 teams in all 6 senior divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds.

NEW

The preliminary performance orders for all Cheerleading Worlds divisions will be randomly selected and webcasted LIVE on April 14, 2011. In divisions requiring a Semi-Final round, all Paid and Partial Paid bid teams moving directly into the Semi-Final round will be randomly selected on the live webcast. Check www.USASF.net website for more details to come.

NEW

During all of The Cheerleading Worlds Preliminary and Semi-Final rounds, each team's score will be announced following their performance during the earliest break in their division's performances.

International Divisions—Level 5 & 6

Over the past 6 years, the international participation at The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds has grown from 3 international teams representing 2 countries to over 100 teams representing over 40 countries. The combined efforts of all involved in the USASF/IASF over the last few years have brought much needed change and opportunity for industry growth in the United States and internationally. It is understandable that "The Cheerleading and Dance Worlds" would exist in name only without the participation of international member event producers and all star gyms/teams. An important component to ensure their continued involvement is a more level playing field for teams in the international divisions.

Through the research and input of the IASF General Assembly, IASF Rules Committee, IASF Worlds Competition Committee and the USASF/IASF Board of Directors, representing over 40 countries, the following guidelines for The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds International divisions, will be followed:

REVISED...U.S. Worlds Trials

All teams from the United States (U.S.) receiving bids and entering in the Worlds International Divisions must first compete in the U.S. Worlds Trials early Saturday, April 29, 2011 ONLY if there are 11 or more U.S. teams entered in one of the four International divisions. The top 10 U.S. teams, from each division required to have a U.S. Worlds Trial, will progress to The Worlds International preliminary round, now called the IASF Nations Cup, later that same day and will be reverse seeded based off the U.S. Worlds Trials results.

NEW-IASF Nations Cup Championship

The Nations Cup Championship will now be the preliminary round in all four of the International divisions held Saturday, April 30, 2011 at ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex. All U.S. teams, not competing in a U.S. Worlds Trials and non U.S. teams entering into The Worlds International divisions and the top 10 ranked U.S. Worlds Trials teams must compete in the IASF Nations Cup Championship.

Following the completion of the IASF Nations Cup Championship divisions, the USASF/IASF will award trophies to all teams by their ranking within their own country. The IASF Nations Cup will also be awarded to the top 5 countries (ranking of nations) in each of the divisions. Each country's score will be determined by the average of all teams' scores from each country entered in the division. The highest scoring team from each country, ranked in the top 5 nations in each division, will be awarded the country's trophy.

A maximum of three (3) of the highest scoring teams from "each country" in each International division will progress from the Nations Cup Championship to "finals" on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The performance order for all divisions will be reverse seeded based off the IASF Nations Cup Championship results.

International division score sheets will be available at www.USASF.net website by November 15, 2010.

International Division Awards

The USASF/IASF will award the top 10 teams in all four International divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds.

International Level 5 Divisions:

- International Open, All Girl 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, All Girl 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 Cheerleading Worlds "Paid" Bids

"Paid" bids are awarded to the best teams in one or more of the Worlds Divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds qualifying events. Each event producer that hosts a Worlds qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded.

The "Paid Bid" includes:

NEW-All teams awarded a "Paid" bid will be awarded, by the sponsoring event producer, a maximum of \$650 times the number of athletes on the floor, where the bid was awarded, plus two coaches. For example, a team receiving a bid that had 31 athletes on the floor plus two coaches will be awarded \$21,450. This amount will be used towards the team's USASF/IASF Worlds Accommodation Packages and transportation to Orlando. **Additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the team/gym.**

Event producers will not be responsible for late fees if their representing team does not meet the registration deadline. Event Producers will not be responsible for change fees if their representing team has to make changes to the original registration.

The Cheerleading Worlds "Partial Paid" Bids

"Partial Paid" bids are awarded to the best teams in one or more of the Worlds Divisions at The Cheerleading Worlds qualifying events. Each event producer that hosts a Worlds qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded.

The "Partial Paid Bid" includes:

NEW-All teams awarded a "Partial Paid" bid will be awarded, by the sponsoring event producer, a maximum of \$325 times the number of athletes on the floor where the bid was awarded plus two coaches. For example, a team receiving a bid that had 31 athletes on the floor plus two coaches will be awarded \$10,725. This amount will be used towards the team's USASF/IASF Worlds Accommodation Packages. **Additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the team/gym.**

"Partial Paid" checks will be made out to the USASF and mailed directly to the gym. That check must be used towards the team's accommodation packages and enclosed with the team's registration. The gym is responsible for the balance of the team's competition packages and the balance must be enclosed with the registration as well.

The Cheerleading Worlds "At Large" Bids

"At Large" bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or the next highest scoring teams to the "Paid" or "Partial Paid" bid-winning team(s). However, each event producer that hosts a Worlds qualifying event has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded. Recipients of "At Large" bids are eligible to compete at Worlds, however they must pay for their own Worlds Accommodation Packages and all other related expenses. Event producers should publish the procedures they will follow for awarding bids prior to the start of their qualifying competition. An event producer may not award more than one bid of any type to the same team.

Bid Limitations

The Cheerleading Worlds: A team may receive no more than one bid to The Cheerleading Worlds, "Paid," "Partial Paid," or "At Large," for any given division. Should a team already have been awarded a bid to The Worlds, decline acceptance of a "Paid"/"Partial Paid"/"At Large," or fail to accept the "Paid"/"Partial Paid" / "At Large" bid by the 72 hour deadline, that bid may be transferred to an alternate team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion. The sponsoring event producer may not transfer ("hand down") any "At Large" bids or declined "At Large" bids after 96 hours from the end of their qualifying event. If a team has already accepted an "At Large" bid and opts to compete for another bid, they will be eligible only for a "Paid" or Partial Paid" bid. They will not be eligible for another "At Large" bid unless they decline the first "At Large" bid they were awarded, BEFORE competing for another "At Large" bid. Accepting or declining bids must be done in writing to the sponsoring event producer and the USASF.

Bid Receiving Requirements

A team that receives and accepts any type of Worlds bid, must compete at the Worlds in the same division they were in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded. The number of participants that "performed" on the competition floor at the qualifying event where the team received their bid may not be exceeded by the number of participants competing in that same division at The Cheerleading Worlds.

Timing Requirements for Bid Acceptance

"Paid," "Partial Paid" and "At Large" bid winners must accept the bid, complete and return the **Bid Winners Acceptance Form** to the sponsoring event producer that awarded the bid. The form must be faxed within 72 hours after the last day of the event where the bid was received. This means each team will need to have made up their minds prior to the Worlds qualifying event about whether they are going to accept the bid should they receive one. And if so, who will be going and what the travel specifics will be. The purpose of this tight timing is to control last minute changes that increase costs and make the entire travel experience disorganized.

Should a team already have been awarded a bid to The Worlds, decline acceptance of a "Paid"/"Partial Paid"/"At Large," or fail to accept the "Paid"/"Partial Paid" / "At Large" bid by the 72 hour deadline, that bid may be transferred to an alternate team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion. The sponsoring event producer may not transfer ("hand down") any "At Large" bids or declined "At Large" bids after 96 hours from the end of their qualifying event.

Once a team accepts their bid, the team needs to register by the listed deadline in The USASF/IASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds Information and Registration Packet. Any team holding their registration in hopes of receiving a "Paid" or "Partial Paid" bid at a later Worlds bid qualifier but are unsuccessful in achieving this, will still be a late registration and will be placed on hold and charged a late registration fee.

The Cheerleading Worlds Travel Package and Registration

All team registration packets and required documents must be received in the USASF/IASF office by the noted deadlines in The Cheerleading Worlds Information and Registration Packets. PLEASE READ the Registration Deadlines and Payment Policies page. These packets include all of the information, package pricing, forms, and deadlines necessary for The Worlds registration. Extra copies of The Cheerleading Worlds Information and Registration Packets for spectators may be downloaded and printed at www.USASF.net.

Copies of all participants' birth certificates or passports must be with the team's coach/representative at all times and readily available upon request from a Worlds official. Copies of your athlete's birth certificates on a USB/Zip drive are acceptable.

NEW TIMELINE REQUIREMENT: All CHEER participants (who will perform at The Cheerleading Worlds) must be a USASF Member Athlete in order to join the team in the warm-up room/area and compete at The Cheerleading Worlds. **All athletes must register or renew their USASF Athlete Membership, \$25 per Athlete, by April 1st, 2011. All athletes not registered by April 1st, 2011 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee.** Please ensure you take care of this in a timely manner to avoid this late fee penalty.

IMPORTANT

Each participant's name and USASF Membership ID# will be required on The Cheerleading Worlds' team roster form due by team's required Worlds Registration deadline. For more information about USASF Athlete Membership, please contact your USASF Regional Director. USASF/IASF Regional Directors' contact information is located at www.USASF.net.

International Teams

All visa requests will be cut off on February 15, 2011 and team registration packets and required documents must be received in the USASF/IASF office by the noted deadlines in The Cheerleading Worlds Information and Registration Packets. PLEASE READ the Registration Deadlines and Payment Policies page.

Coaches/Gym Owners/Organizations:

- Cannot send a team to compete in the "same division" at The Cheerleading Worlds and a 2011 "end of season, multi-brand event".
- Must be a current gym member of the USASF/IASF and in good standing with the USASF/IASF.
- Must be a USASF or IASF Credentialed Coach, up to Level 5 (5 stars) in at least one category (tumbling, stunts, tosses), to enter the warm-up room/area at The Cheerleading Worlds.

NEW-DEADLINES

- ALL Coaches must be credentialed before they arrive at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds in Orlando. Coaches that do not get credentialed before they arrive at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds, will need to contact Angela Jones, of the USASF, to schedule an appointment to be credentialed after they arrive in Orlando.
- There will be an additional \$100.00 on site administration Fee added to the credentialing fee to be USASF credentialed by appointment at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds in Orlando.
- Coaches that do not get credentialed before they arrive at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds and do not make an appointment to be credentialed in Orlando, will have to pay an additional \$200 on site "walk-up" administration fee added to the credentialing fee to be USASF credentialed. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Note: Upon completion coaches/gym owners/choreographers will receive a picture ID card that will allow access into the warm-up room/area. Only those individuals with valid (unexpired) credentials will be permitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Must be listed as a coach of the performing team on all paperwork received by the USASF/IASF.
- Must be a coach in good standing at the gym they are representing.
- Must understand that they are a representative of the USASF/IASF Event Producer that awarded them the bid (***Paid/ Partial Paid/ At Large***) at The USASF/IASF Worlds Championship. They agree to act with complete respect, sportsmanship, and graciousness at all times while representing the USASF/IASF Event Producer they represent at the USASF/IASF Worlds Championships.

NEW-Warm-up Room Procedures

USASF Credentialed Coaches, Gym Owners and Choreographers will ONLY be permitted **with their team** in the practice area and/or backstage area.

NEW-Eligible Athletes, Substitutions and Alternates

All athletes participating on a team at The 2011 Worlds must be a registered member of that team's gym during the 2010-2011 competition season. Any athlete that has competed with another team from another gym (Primary Gym) or has been registered with the USASF as an athlete member from another gym (Primary Gym), during the same 2010-2011 competition season, will have to complete a USASF Gym Release Waiver signed by the owner of that other gym (Primary Gym) before that athlete is eligible to compete at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds with another gym (Secondary Gym). On The Cheerleading Worlds Roster, each athlete's name will have to be identified as either 1) an original participant of the team that was on the floor where the bid was received or 2) a substitution or an alternate. All names on the team rosters will be verified by the event producers who awarded the Worlds bid.

The rule that applies to substitutions is as follows:

- A maximum of 10 substitutions will be allowed per team for The Cheerleading Worlds Championship.
- A substitute must be a regular paid participant from another team at the same gym and must have competed "on the floor" with that team from that gym at the same event where the bid was awarded.
- All substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as the original team that was awarded a bid (i.e. age, etc.).

NEW-WORLDS ALTERNATES

Of the 10 possible substitutes, 1 to three of those 10 may be alternates. Alternates are registered members of the same team's gym where the bid was received. Alternates **do not** have to be rostered or in attendance at the Worlds bid qualifying event where the bid was received. Any athlete that has competed with another team from another gym (Primary Gym) or has been registered with the USASF as an athlete member from another gym (Primary Gym), during the same 2010-2011 competition season, will have to have a USASF Gym Release Waiver signed by the owner of that other gym (Primary Gym) before that athlete is eligible to compete at The 2011 Cheerleading Worlds with another gym (Secondary Gym). If a team is found to have made an improper substitution or alternate, this team will:

- Be disqualified.
- Be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a ***Paid or Partial Paid*** bid.
- Not be eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds for the following year.

The USASF/IASF sponsored bids, ***paid*** or ***partial paid***, are for team members and two coaches. All sponsored team members must be on the floor during the team's performance at The Cheerleading Worlds. Alternates and/or additional athletes/coaches brought to substitute for unplanned occurrences are not covered under "Paid" or "Partial Paid" bids and will not be funded by the sponsoring event producer and must be eligible for substitution under the aforementioned substitution rules. Should a substitute and/or an alternate become necessary after submission of your team's registered roster and after travel plans have been approved and confirmed, any additional costs associated with those substitution(s) must be paid by the gym.

Crossovers

At The Cheerleading Worlds, crossovers of participants between teams from the same gym are NOT permitted. In other words, a participant can only compete on one team from a gym/program. Crossovers of participants from other gyms will not be permitted. Crossovers of participants between cheer and dance teams from the same or other gyms are not permitted. In other words, a performer may represent only one gym in either cheer or dance.

If teams are found to have a crossover, those teams will:

- Be disqualified.
- Be responsible for repaying the total cost of any funds received through a "Paid" or "Partial Paid" bid.
- Not be eligible for any type of bid to The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds for the following year.

Submitting Videotape for Legality Review

In an effort to ensure a penalty-free competition, all teams for The Cheerleading Worlds are encouraged to submit a videotape or DVD of the routine they will perform at the Worlds competition. This videotape or DVD should clearly show all stunts and tumbling so that they may be reviewed for legality purposes. Routines will be reviewed by an independent, neutral safety judging panel consisting of members of the USASF Rules Committee and/or its delegates. To secure confidentiality, the results of this review will be communicated only to the participating gym and will not be shared with any other gym or with The Cheerleading Worlds judging panel. Only videotapes or DVDs are acceptable for review. Electronically submitted routines will not be accepted.

Videotapes must be a clean VHS tape with the routine at the beginning of the tape. The tape or DVD must be clearly labeled with the following information:

- Team Name/Division/Level
- Team Representative's Name
- Team Representative's E-Mail Address and Phone Contact

Videotapes or DVDs are due by April 15, 2011 and must be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Mike Burgess
USASF Rules Committee Chair
11135 Knott Avenue, Suite C
Cypress, CA 90630

Routines received after April 15, 2011 will not be reviewed. You will be notified by April 22, 2011 as to the results of the video review.

Note: Although routines will be reviewed for potential penalties prior to the competition via video submission, this does not preclude a team from being assessed a penalty while at the Worlds competition. The USASF/IASF will have rules judges in the warm-up area and on the performance floor at The Worlds competition to ensure that all rules regarding the competition are followed.

Score Sheets

Score sheets for The Cheerleading 2011 Cheerleading Worlds will be posted online at www.USASF.net by November 15, 2010.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

I) CHEER GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A) The Cheerleading Worlds competition will follow the most recent version of the USASF General Rules and Age Level Rules Chart. Refer to www.USASF.net for details. **Note: On the USASF Age Grid, the Open Coed–Level 6 allows for 1 or more males. At Worlds, the International Open Coed–Level 6 only allows 1-12 males.**
- B) Routine performance time may not exceed two minutes and thirty seconds. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first.
- C) If a team exceeds the time limit, a five point per judge penalty for every 5 seconds over the time limit will be assessed for each violation (i.e. 0-5 seconds = 5 points, 6-10 seconds = 10 points, etc.). BECAUSE PENALTIES ARE SEVERE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TEAMS TIME THEIR PERFORMANCE SEVERAL TIMES PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE COMPETITION AND LEAVE A SEVERAL SECOND CUSHION TO ALLOW FOR VARIATIONS IN SOUND EQUIPMENT.
- D) All teams who advance to The Cheerleading Worlds may use as many songs in the musical portion of their routine as they like. Each song MUST BE LICENSED ONLY BY ASCAP and/or BMI. This is due to the television network requirements. All music (including entire songs or any portion of a song) must be licensed by either ASCAP and/or BMI to be used in your routine for The Cheerleading Worlds. Any violation of this rule may subject the team to disqualification from the tournament and any associated television programs.
- E) Teams may not use Disney themes nor may they have costumes that resemble a Disney character. However, Disney music that is ASCAP, BMI or SESAC licensed is acceptable.

- F) Participants must start in the competition area and teams may line up anywhere inside the competition area. The competition area will be determined by the tournament director according to the size of the facility being used. Approximate floor size will be 54 feet wide x 42 feet deep (9 strips).
- G) 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.
- H) If a sign or prop is thrown outside the performing area, that team will receive a one point per judge deduction for each violation. Signs or props may be placed or dropped outside the performing area by a team member who must remain inside the performing area.
- I) Any team in violation of the Specific Safety Regulations will be assessed a deduction for each violation. A five point per judge penalty will be assessed for each violation.

II) FOR TEAMS COMPETING IN THE DANCE WORLDS

- A) Refer to The Dance Worlds Information and Registration Packet or the usasf.net website.

III) INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

A) UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 1) If, in the opinion of the competition officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the competition equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, the team affected should stop the routine.
- 2) The team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials.

B) FAULT OF TEAM

- 1) In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own equipment and/or music, the team must either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition.
- 2) The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.

C) INJURY

- 1) The only persons that may stop a routine for injury are: **a) competition officials, b) the gym owner/head coach from the team performing or c) an injured individual.**
- 2) The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. The team may perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
- 3) **The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:**
 - (1) **The competition officials receive clearance from, first, the medical personnel attending to that participant, the parent (if present) AND THEN the head coach/advisor of the competing team.**
 - (2) **If the medical personnel do not clear the participant, the participant can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance signs a return to participation waiver. *In the event of a suspected concussion, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a medical professional, even with a waiver from a parent or legal guardian.***

IV) HOW TO HANDLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

- A) Any question concerning the rules or procedures of the tournament will be handled exclusively by one designated representative of the team (i.e. 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.

V) INTERPRETATIONS AND RULINGS

- A) Any interpretation of any aspect of these Rules and Regulations or any decision involving any other aspect of the tournament will be rendered by the Worlds Competition Rules Committee. The Worlds Competition Rules Committee will render a judgment in an effort to ensure that the tournament proceeds in a manner consistent with the general spirit and goals of the tournament. The Rules Committee will consist of the Event Director, Head Judge, and either the USASF/IASF Rules Committee Chair or a tournament official designated by the Chair. The Event Director may appoint additional members to those listed above to be members of the Worlds Competition Rules Committee.

VI) FINALITY OF DECISIONS

- A) By participating in this championship, each team agrees that the decisions by the judges will be final and will not be subject for 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.

VII) SPORTSMANSHIP

- A) All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the tournament. The coach and/or gym owner of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for penalties and/or disqualification.

VIII) DEDUCTIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A)** Any team in violation of the "Rules and Regulations" will be assessed a deduction for each violation. Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures in the "Rules and Regulations" may be disqualified from the competition and automatically forfeit the right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition. In addition, the team may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds the following year.

IX) 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 his or her final scores and rankings prior to the final tally of the scores for all teams and/or the announcement of results. Scores and rankings will be available only to coaches or gym owners at the conclusion of the competition. Ties will not be broken, except to determine the Bronze, Silver and Gold places in finals.

X) TELEVISION COVERAGE

- A)** The Cheerleading Worlds may be nationally televised. Because of the format of the show, not all finalist teams will be shown on the telecast.

XI) APPEARANCES, ENDORSEMENTS AND PUBLICITY

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

XII) 2010-2011 USASF SAFETY RULES

- A)** The Cheerleading Worlds competition will follow the most recent version of the USASF General Rules and Age Level Rules Chart. Refer to [**www.USASF.net**](http://www.USASF.net) website for details.

Overall Experience

The Worlds competition is unique compared to any other competition that you have attended. Every team that attends is an invited event champion or runner-up. Most participants and coaches will stay at Disney's All Star Resort, where the atmosphere is similar to an Olympic Village. Teams are encouraged and expected to respect and support each other. This includes cheering for each other during the competition. The competition is highly exclusive. We expect over 400 of the world's best cheer and dance teams.

This competition is hosted by the USASF/IASF on behalf of the member event producers and gyms. Every effort is made to focus on the participants. Individual event producer/gym branding and promotion is not permitted. The Cheer Worlds competition will be held at the **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex. The Dance Worlds will be held in **Epcot's World Showplace Pavilion**. Event details and venues are subject to change. While the level of competition is extremely intense, the atmosphere is congenial and professional. The judging panel is a diverse group of well-respected and experienced cheerleading and dance adjudicators.