COMPETITION DIVISIONS & AGE GRID 2019-2020

Athlete age for the entire 2019-2020 season is determined by their age as of 31ST AUGUST 2019.
Exception: IASF International divisions – the eligible age for an athlete is determined by their age during 2020.
EXAMPLE: If a 13 year old athlete is participating in a division where the minimum age is 14; that athlete is legal for the division if the athlete turns 14 during 2020. EXAMPLE 2: An athlete who turns 13 after January 1st 2020 is eligible for a division where the maximum age is 12, as they will be 12 for at least 1 day during 2020.

THIS IS A COMPLETE LISTING OF POSSIBLE DIVISIONS. AN EVENT PRODUCER MAY CHOOSE TO OFFER ALL OF THESE OR THEY MAY OFFER A SELECTION. HOWEVER, WHEN THESE DIVISIONS ARE OFFERED, THEY WILL BE OFFERED AS SET OUT BELOW.
Exception: Speciality divisions may vary from EP to EP in some instances

Please note that if you are competing outside of the UK then division requirements/limits and age ranges may be different and you will need to follow the guidelines set out by the Event Producer/Governing Body of that country

SCUK CROSSOVER POLICY:
NEW FOR 2019-20 – An athlete cannot crossover onto more than 2 cheer teams (a maximum of 3 cheer teams total) and no more than 6 routines in total (inclusive of Cheer, Dance, Stunt Groups & Solos/Individuals) at any one event. EPs may be more restrictive than this – please check with the relevant EP for further guidance.

Athletes cannot crossover between different size teams in divisions within the same age and level, regardless of the mandatory split guidelines e.g. An athlete can compete on only one All Star Elite Cheer Youth 1 team.

Crossovers are NOT ALLOWED between Novice/Prep and All Star/International Cheer teams at the same event – Exception – an athlete can crossover between Novice/Prep divisions to Stunt Group divisions.

At Worlds bid events an athlete can compete on ONE TEAM ONLY in Worlds Bid divisions/rounds.

ROUTINE TIME LIMITS:
Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or beat of music, whichever comes first.
Allstar Cheer Elite/University Cheer/School Cheer/Masters Cheer – Maximum 2 minutes 30 seconds
IASF Tiny, Mini, Youth, Junior, Senior & Open – Maximum 2 minutes 30 seconds
IASF Non Tumbling – Maximum 2 minutes
Prep Cheer – Maximum 2 minutes
Novice Cheer – Maximum 1 minute 30 seconds
Dance – Minimum 1 minute 45 seconds. Maximum 2 minutes 15 seconds
Stunt Groups, Partner Stunts & Individuals/Solos – Maximum 1 minute 15 seconds

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CHEER DIVISIONS

NOVICE CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY NOVICE	TN	3-6	Female/Male	5-30	1
MINI NOVICE	MN	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2
YOUTH NOVICE	YN	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR NOVICE	JN	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
SENIOR NOVICE	SN	10-18	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3

Novice teams will follow the relevant IASF rules with the following additions:
No tosses permitted in these divisions – *Clarification: This includes 'Sponge' (also known as load in or Squish) tosses. Clarification: All waist level cradles are illegal.*
Teams will be evaluated on a rating system (Outstanding, Excellent, Superior) only and not scored against other teams.
Tumbling skills are allowed and will follow the level rules for that level but will not be rated/required.
Tiny Novice Only: No building skills permitted (includes tosses, stunts & pyramids). The ONLY TWO TUMBLING skills allowed are cartwheels & forward rolls. Handstands, backbends/bridges, etc are not allowed.
Novice athletes cannot cross over to All Star Prep, Allstar Elite or IASF International Cheer teams at the same event.

ALL STAR PREP CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY PREP	TP	3-6	Female/Male	5-30	1.1
MINI PREP	MP	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1.1, 2.1, 2.2
YOUTH PREP	YP	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2
JUNIOR PREP	JP	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2
SENIOR PREP	SP	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-30	1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2

Prep teams will follow the relevant IASF rules with the following additions: No tosses permitted in these divisions – *Clarification: This includes 'Sponge' (also known as load in or Squish) tosses. Clarification: All waist level cradles are illegal.*
In the All Star Prep levelling system the 1st number refers to the building level, the 2nd to the tumbling level. EXAMPLE: All Star Prep Level 3.1 follows level 3 building rules and level 1 tumbling rules.
All Star Prep athletes cannot cross over to Novice, Allstar Elite or IASF International Cheer teams at the same event.

ALLSTAR ELITE CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY	T	3-6	Female/Male	5-32	1
MINI	M	5-8	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2
YOUTH	Y	5-11	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2, 3
YOUTH	Y	8-11	Female/Male	5-32	4
YOUTH	Y	9-11	Female/Male	5-32	5
JUNIOR	J	5-14	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR	J	8-14	Female/Male	5-32	4
JUNIOR	J	9-14	Female/Male	5-38	5
JUNIOR	J	9-14	No Males	5-38	6
JUNIOR COED	JC	9-14	1+ Males	5-38	6
SENIOR	S	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2, 4.2
SENIOR	S	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	No Males	5-32	3, 4
SENIOR COED	SC	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	1+ Males	5-32	3, 4
SENIOR	S	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-38	5
SENIOR	S	12-18	No Males	5-38	6
SENIOR COED X-SMALL	SC	12-18	1-2 Males	5-16	6
SENIOR COED SMALL	SC	12-18	1-5 Males	5-22	6
SENIOR COED MEDIUM	SC	12-18	1-8 Males	5-32	6
SENIOR COED LARGE	SC	12-18	9-19 Males	5-32	6
OPEN	O	17+	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2
OPEN	O	17+	No Males	5-32	3, 4
OPEN COED	OC	17+	1+ Males	5-32	3, 4
OPEN	O	17+	0-4 Males	5-32	5

IASF CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY	IT	5-6	Female/Male	16-24	1
TINY LARGE	IT	5-6	Female/Male	25-30	1
MINI	IM	5-8	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2
MINI LARGE	IM	5-8	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2
YOUTH	IY	8-12	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

YOUTH LARGE	IY	8-12	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
YOUTH NON-TUMBLING	IY	8-12	Female/Male	16-30	2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT
JUNIOR	IJ	10-16	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR LARGE	IJ	10-16	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR	IJ	10-16	No Males	16-24	4, 5, 6
JUNIOR LARGE	IJ	10-16	No Males	25-30	4, 5, 6
JUNIOR COED	IJC	10-16	1+ Males	16-24	4, 5, 6
JUNIOR COED LARGE	IJC	10-16	1+ Males	25-30	4, 5, 6
JUNIOR NON-TUMBLING	IJ	10-16	Female/Male	16-30	2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT
SENIOR	IS	14-18	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2
SENIOR LARGE	IS	14-18	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2
SENIOR	IS	14-18	No Males	16-24	3, 4, 5, 6
SENIOR LARGE	IS	14-18	No Males	25-30	3, 4, 5, 6
SENIOR COED	ISC	14-18	1+ Males	16-24	3, 4
SENIOR COED	ISC	14-18	1+ Males	25-30	3, 4
SENIOR COED 5	ISC	14-18	1-5 Males	16-24	5, 6
SENIOR COED 5 LARGE	ISC	14-18	1-5 Males	25-30	5, 6
SENIOR COED 8	ISC	14-18	6-8 Males	16-24	5, 6
SENIOR COED 8 LARGE	ISC	14-18	6-8 Males	25-30	5, 6
SENIOR COED 20	ISC	14-18	9-20 Males	16-38	5, 6
SENIOR NON-TUMBLING	IS	14-18	Female/Male	16-30	3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT
OPEN	IO	14+	Female/Male	16-24	3
OPEN	IO	14+	No Males	16-24	4, 5, 6, 7
OPEN COED	IOC	14+	1+ Males	16-24	4
OPEN COED 4	IOC	14+	1-4 Males	16-24	5, 6, 7
OPEN COED 16	IOC	14+	5-16 Males	16-24	5, 6, 7
OPEN NON-TUMBLING	IO	14+	Female/Male	16-30	3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT

The minimum team size for IASF International divisions is 16. If a team competes with fewer than 16 athletes a deduction **will** be assessed by all Event Providers.

*IASF International Coed teams: The maximum numbers of males on a coed team **may not** exceed 2/3 of the total athletes on the team. EXAMPLE: If an IASF Open Level 5 Coed 16 team has a total of 18 athletes competing on the floor, the maximum number of males allowed on the team would be restricted to 12.

MASTERS CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
MASTERS	MA	at least 75% of athletes aged 25+ with a minimum age of 17	Female/Male	6-38	1, 2

CHEER ABILITIES DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
CHEER ABILITIES	CA	All ages	Female/Male	Unlimited	2

Cheer Abilities teams are limited to level 2 rules, in addition to no basket tosses permitted.

UNIVERSITY CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
UNIVERSITY ALL GIRL	UAG	17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years.	No Males	5-38	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UNIVERSITY COED	UC	17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years.	1+ Males	5-38	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UNIVERSITY NON-TUMBLING	UC	17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years.	1+ Males	5-38	2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT

All members are at least 17 years old (on August 31st 2019) and 90% of the team are current students at the named University. 10% of the team can be past students/alumni, if they have graduated from the named University within the past 4 years. *Clarification: 5-10 athletes = 1 alumni athlete, 11-20 = 2 alumni athletes, 21-30 = 3 alumni athletes,31-38 = 4 alumni athletes.*

Proof of University eligibility required – including University Student ID and/or proof of graduation at the named University within 4 year period up to the event date. It is the responsibility of the University team to ensure that all participants are covered under the provisions of their own University rules and insurance.

DANCE DIVISIONS

DANCE DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	# ON TEAM	FEMALE/MALE
TINY	T	6 and under	4 or more dancers	Female/Male
MINI	M	9 and under	4 or more dancers	Female/Male
YOUTH	Y	12 and under	4 or more dancers	Female/Male
JUNIOR	J	15 and under	4 or more dancers	0 Males
JUNIOR COED	JC	15 and under	4 or more dancers	1+ Males
JUNIOR MALE	JM	15 and under	4 or more dancers	0 Females
SENIOR	S	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4 or more dancers	0 Males
SENIOR COED	SC	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4 or more dancers	1+ Males
SENIOR MALE	SM	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4 or more dancers	0 Females
INTERNATIONAL OPEN	IO	14 years and older*	6-30 dancers	Female/Male
UNIVERSITY**	U	17 years and older	4 or more dancers	0 Males
UNIVERSITY** COED	UC	17 years and older	4 or more dancers	1+ Males
UNIVERSITY** MALE	UM	17 years and older	4 or more dancers	0 Females
MASTERS DANCE	MA	at least 75% of athletes aged 25+ with a minimum age of 17	4 or more dancers	Female/Male
DANCE ABILITIES	DA	ALL AGES	Unlimited dancers	Female/Male

All of the above age divisions will be offered for each of the following styles - Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical/Contemporary. Prop and High Kick may also be offered. When offered, High Kick will be offered as an International Open division only.

Please be aware that age grids for dance vary from country to country, so you must ensure you follow the guidelines set by the event you will be competing at when competing outside of the UK.

Where female/male is specified in the above grids, this means that (other than overall team size) there are no restrictions on number of males.

SPECIALTY DIVISIONS

SCHOOLS CHEER DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
MINI	SCHM	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2
YOUTH	SCHY	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR	SCHJ	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
SENIOR	SCHS	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3

All team members must be current students at the named school.

STUNT GROUP DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY STUNT GROUP	TSG	3-6	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	1
MINI STUNT GROUP	MSG	5-8	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	YSG	5-11	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2, 3
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	YSG	8-11	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	4
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	YSG	9-11	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	5
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	JSG	5-14	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	JSG	8-14	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	4
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	JSG	9-14	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	5
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	JSG	9-14	No Males	3 to 5 athletes	6
JUNIOR COED STUNT GROUP	JCSG	9-14	1+ Males	3 to 5 athletes	6
JUNIOR PARTNER STUNT	JPS	9-14	Female/Male	2 athletes	6
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	SSG	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	SSG	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	No Males	3 to 5 athletes	3, 4
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	SSG	12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	No Males	3 to 5 athletes	5, 6
SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP	SCSG	10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	1+ Males	3 to 5 athletes	3, 4
SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP	SCSG	12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	1+ Males	3 to 5 athletes	5, 6
SENIOR PARTNER STUNT	SPS	12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older	Female/Male	2 athletes	6
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* STUNT GROUP	O/USG	17+	Female/Male	3 to 5 athletes	2
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* STUNT GROUP	O/USG	17+	No Males	3 to 5 athletes	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* COED STUNT GROUP	O/UCSG	17+	1+ Male	3 to 5 athletes	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* PARTNER STUNT	O/UPS	17+	Female/Male	2 athletes	6, 7

* University divisions: All members are 17 years old (on August 31st 2019) or older and are current students at the named university. Exception: 1 athlete per stunt group can be a past student/alumnus, if they have graduated from the named university within the past 4 years.

CHEER INDIVIDUAL AND DANCE SOLO DIVISIONS

ATHLETES MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE DIVISION RELEVANT FOR THEIR AGE. e.g. A Tiny age athlete cannot enter a Mini Cheer Individual in order to perform skills higher than Level 1.

This is the recommendation from SportCheer UK for individual divisions, but EPs may choose to define ages and levels for these divisions differently.

CHEER INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	LEVELS
TINY	TCI	3-6	Female/Male	1
MINI	MCI	7-8	Female/Male	2
YOUTH	YCI	9-11	Female/Male	5
JUNIOR	JCI	12-14	Female/Male	6
SENIOR	SCI	15-16	Female/Male	6
OPEN	OCI	17+	Female/Male	7

DANCE SOLO DIVISIONS

O yu	DIVISION CODE	AGE	FEMALE/MALE
TINY	TDS	3-6	Female/Male
MINI	MDS	7-8	Female/Male
YOUTH	YDS	9-11	Female/Male
JUNIOR	JDS	12-14	Female/Male
SENIOR	SDS	15-16	Female/Male
OPEN	ODS	17+	Female/Male

Dance solos will be offered in the following styles: pom, jazz, hip hop and lyrical/contemporary.

Cheer Individual and Dance Solo division splits – Event Producers **may** split Youth, Junior, Senior and Open Cheer Individual and Dance Solo divisions into male and female if there are at least 3 athletes in each division following the split.

DIVISION SPLIT/MERGE GUIDELINES

SCUK provides guidelines for COMBINING and/or SPLITTING divisions in the best interest of providing a competitive environment. Whenever possible, there should be at least 3 teams in any given division and level. The guidelines listed herein will provide the basis for how this will be accomplished. There will be instances, however, where there are not permissible combinations thus having a division that may only have one team.

Definitions for this section:
May means that an Event Producer is **permitted** to combine or split but is **not required**. Anything that reads **may** is left to the discretion of the Event Producer.
Must or Mandatory means that an Event Producer is **required** to combine or split if the division meets the criteria set forth in the guidelines.
May not means that an Event Producer is **prohibited** to combine or split the division.

Teams of different levels may not be combined into one division.
Teams of different ages may not be combined into one division.

NOVICE CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:
Novice divisions **may not** be combined.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:
Novice divisions **may not** be further split.

ALL STAR PREP CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:
All Star Prep divisions **may not** be combined.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:
All Star Prep teams **may** be split by size as per the split guidelines for All Star Elite cheer (see below).

ALL STAR ELITE CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:
The following combinations are permitted in the event of a single team registering in either division:

- Junior Coed Level 6 and Junior Level 6
- Senior Coed Level 3 and Senior Level 3
- Senior Coed Level 4 and Senior Level 4
- Open Coed Level 3 and Open Level 3
- Open Coed Level 4 and Open Level 4
- Open and corresponding University divisions (e.g. University Level 1 and Open Level 1)

If there is one Coed registration and/or one all-girl registration, the division **may** be combined.
If there is one open registration and/or one university registration, the divisions **must** be combined.
After the division is combined, the Event Producer **must** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable.

Level 6 Senior X-Small Coed, Senior Small Coed, Senior Medium Coed and Senior Large Coed:
When registrations leave a division with a single team Event Producers **may** combine any of these divisions in the interests of maximising competition.

No other combinations are permitted.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:
Divisions **may** be split by size, coed/all girl or in some cases, by additional optional splits. **The order in which these splits must be made depends on the division as follows.**

DIVISION	1ST SPLIT	2ND SPLIT	3RD SPLIT
TINY 1	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
MINI 1/2	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
YOUTH 1/2/3/4/5	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
JUNIOR 1/2/3/4	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
JUNIOR 5	COED (mandatory)	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)
JUNIOR 6	SIZE (mandatory)	SIZE (optional)	A/B (optional)
JUNIOR COED 6	SIZE (mandatory)	SIZE (optional)	A/B (optional)
SENIOR 1/2/3/4	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
SENIOR 4.2/5	COED (mandatory)	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)
SENIOR 6	SIZE (mandatory)	SIZE (optional)	A/B (optional)
SENIOR COED 3/4	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
OPEN 1/2/3/4	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
OPEN 5	COED (mandatory)	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)
OPEN COED 3/4	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
ALL STAR PREP	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
UNIVERSITY CHEER	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	N/A
SCHOOLS CHEER	SIZE (mandatory)	A/B (optional)	
If the 1st mandatory split cannot be made without leaving a single team in a division, but the 2nd mandatory split CAN be made, the Event Producer **may** make this 2nd split at their discretion, despite the 1st split not having being made. This is an optional split. E.g. Where the first split is listed as COED and this cannot be made, an EP **may** split by size. A division **may not** be split into A/B unless the mandatory size split has first been made.			

MANDATORY COED SPLITS
Coed splits only apply to the divisions listed below. If the division is not listed below, a coed split is **NEVER** an option**:**

- Junior Level 5
- Senior Level 4.2
- Senior Level 5

Coed splits should be used when there will be 3 or more teams in each respective division.

MANDATORY SPLITS BY SIZE
Levels 1-4 and 4.2 and All Star Prep:
Event Producers **must** split the division into X-Small and Small/Medium when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of X-Small & Small/Medium divisions must follow the team sizes below:
X-Small = 5-14 athletes | Small/Medium = 15–32 athletes

Youth Level 5, Junior Levels 5 & 6, Senior Levels 5 & 6:
Event Producers **must** split the division into Small & Large divisions when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of Small & Large divisions must follow the team sizes below:
Small = 5-22 athletes | Large = 23-38 athletes

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SPLITS
Levels 1-4 and 4.2 and All Star Prep: Event Producers **may** split the division into X Small, Small & Medium when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of X-Small, Small & Medium must follow the team sizes below:

X-Small = 5-14 members
Small = 15-22 members
Medium = 23-32 members

Youth Level 5, Junior Levels 5 & 6, Senior Levels 5 & 6:
Following the mandatory split by size, an Event Producer **may** further split by size when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each division:

Small → X-Small = 5-14 athletes | Small = 5–22 athletes
Large → Medium = 23-32 athletes | Large = 33-38 athletes

All divisions:
A/B SPLIT – if after implementing the mandatory split there are **10 or more** teams in any given division, then Event Producers **may** split that division further by team size. Event Producers will use a name such as "Group A", "Group B" etc. to denote the split and must clearly define the number of competitors permitted on the team for each of these particular divisions. A/B splits **may not** be made unless the mandatory split(s) have also been made.

SPLIT EXCEPTION FOR TEAMS FROM THE SAME PROGRAM
Teams from the same program **regardless of their location** will not compete against themselves if they have 2 teams of a different size that coincide with the **MANDATORY TEAM SIZE SPLIT** for their respective levels. A mandatory split would occur even it means that a division is left with only one team performing.
Levels 1-4 and 4.2: Teams from the same program will not compete against themselves if they have X-Small and Small/Medium teams in the same division and level. There is NOT a mandatory split for X-Small/Medium or Small/Medium team sizes from the same program in the same division and level. Athletes **may not** crossover between different size teams in divisions within the same level.

Level 5 and Junior Level 6: Teams from the same program will not compete against themselves if they have a Small and Large team in the same division and level. There is NOT a mandatory split for X-Small/Small or Medium/Large team sizes from the same program in the same division and level. Athletes **may not** crossover between different size teams in divisions within the same level.
NOTE: Teams of the same size from the same program will NOT be split and **must** compete against each other.

IASF INTERNATIONAL CHEER

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:
IASF International divisions **may not** be further split.

UNIVERSITY CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:
The following combinations are permitted in the event of a single team registering in either division:

- Open and corresponding University divisions (e.g. University Level 1 and Open Level 1)

If there is one open registration and/or one university registration, the divisions **must** be combined unless it will mean an athlete competing against themselves.

After the division is combined, the Event Producer **must** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable.
When Open & University divisions are combined they will be denoted as Open divisions and will follow the Open division guidelines.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:
University teams **must** be split by size as per the split guidelines for All Star Elite Cheer (see above).

SCHOOLS CHEER

Split/merge protocol is at the discretion of the Event Producer as this is considered a specialty division.

DANCE

Event Producers will split divisions first by size and then by gender.

Splitting by Small and Large Team Size
If there will be three or more teams in both the Small and Large division in Tiny, Mini, Youth, Junior and/or Senior Divisions within the same Category, this division **MUST** be split by size using the following parameters:

Small – 4-14 dancers / Large 15+ dancers

Exception: Small and Large **MUST** be split if it means that a program will compete against itself. (Example: Senior Small Pom and Senior Large Pom teams from the same program will not be combined into one division that would cause them to compete against each other. If a program chooses to register two teams in the same Age, Team Size and Category (e.g. Senior Small Pom), the teams will compete against each other.

When there are 10 or more teams in any Small or Large division, an Event Producer **may** further split that division by team size, provided a minimum of three teams remain in all resulting divisions.

Combining Age and Gender
If there is only one team registered in any Junior or Senior Division within the same category, the Event Producer **MUST** combine (in this order), as long as a program is not forced to compete against itself:
Jr Coed with Jr Male, Sr Coed with Sr Male
Jr with Jr Coed, Sr with Sr Coed
Jr with Jr Male, Sr with Sr Male