



General Guidelines for Worlds Qualifying Events

The IASF will follow the guidelines listed below in deciding which competitions are eligible as Qualifiers for the IASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds (“Worlds”). This is an annual process which is required. Great care will be used in evaluating each bid application individually. A bid is defined as an invitation for a team to attend the IASF Worlds.

Consistent with the IASF mission and vision the goal is to make Worlds qualifying events as accessible as possible for club programs without diminishing prestige from over saturating any given market. The IASF has sole and final authority on bid distribution.

IASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds is an international competition and as such is sensitive to the following issues which influence how events will qualify:

- Geography
- Socioeconomics
- Event History

1. Application submission:

- a. Each event producer that applies for Worlds bids is required to submit an application before the published deadline for their region. This qualification will be for the NEXT seasons Worlds, not the current season.

Season 1 companies will be notified of their approval or rejection each year on or about **March 1**.

Season 2 companies will be notified of their approval or rejection by approximately **July 31**.

Event producers are allowed to award bids at one qualifying event annually, exceptional circumstances may be considered.

2. Name of event:

- a. Events will be approved by their event names submitted on the event producers application, which shall match their business license or a dba. Events may not use the same business name as another event producer.

3. Event seniority:
 - a. Dates will be a deciding factor into bid approval.
 - b. Priority will be given to Recognized Event Producers based on their original bid approval date.
4. Event location:
 - a. The IASF will endeavor to retain date and geography separation.
 - b. Qualifying event location is an important factor in consideration. Events must be in the same host city for a minimum of 3 years. (*Local health restrictions will be considered. **Emerging** markets will be considered as a potential exception*).
 - c. Event producers requesting a change in location will maintain their priority status as of their membership date. *However, any move in location must receive written approval from the IASF.*
 - d. Event producers applying for Worlds bids inside another member's protected geographical location and date can appeal to that other member for approval for the move. **The number and type of bids being given by other event producers in a particular market will be considered for move requests.**
5. Considerations regarding Worlds qualifying events are:
 - a. The market size and geographical location relative to existing events, the number of teams in the market, the number of competitions in total in a market, the proximity of this market to other markets, and other factors that potentially affect the events.
 - b. IASF will endeavor to retain a 350 km radius and or a four-week window between separating qualifying events for **Full Paid** bid Qualifiers.
 - i. A two week minimum is recommended between world's bid events that are hosted in the same market.
 - c. IASF will endeavor to retain a 250 km radius and a two - four -week window between separating qualifying Partial Paid bid Qualifiers.
6. Country Specific Issues – All markets may be assessed individually based on geography, socioeconomic factors, government structure (sports federations, allocation concerns of public funding by government officials), the level of skill development, and host country immigration policy.
 - a. National Governing Bodies (NGB) and or other non-for-profit members of the IASF who have approval to award Worlds bids are not authorized to prevent other profit-based event producers from awarding Worlds bids.
 - b. Due to the nature of VISA processing & extended travel requirements for many non-USA teams, unless otherwise specified for a respective country; non-USA team rosters are allowed to adjust their bid team roster as outlined in the IASF Cheer and Dance Worlds registration packet and roster guide.

7. Rules and Scoring Interpretations – Event producers must make best efforts to properly apply and interpret all IASF **age grids, rules and scoring** guidelines at qualifying events.
 - a. An IASF certified legality official must be present at all Bid qualifying events.
Emerging markets will be considered as a potential exception.
8. Waiting List – An event producer may have the option to reserve in a specific market the right to give a bid pending the incumbent losing their right to give a bid or the market being opened up to more bids in the future. This waiting list will be an open record of the IASF.
9. Eligibility - Bid giving eligibility is contingent on qualifying events maintaining good standing with the IASF and continuing to give bids each year. This includes the full payment for any previous year's Cheerleading Worlds related invoices. Good-standing encompasses ethical standards, alignment and support of the IASF mission, and adherence to the qualification protocol communicated prior to the qualification event.
2026: Recommendation that qualifying events align with the Fundamental Event Guidelines (see website for additional details).
10. Flexibility – The goal for bids is to promote participation, while also protecting the prestige and integrity of The Cheerleading Worlds and its qualifying events.
11. Bid Declaration - **90 days** before bid qualifying events, the event producers must communicate a public **Bid declaration** outlining the bid awarding process for their event. This must include a **Tie Breaker policy** for the bids.
12. The IASF recognizes the rights of event producers and teams to participate in events of their choosing. However, to protect the prestige and integrity of the IASF World Championship and its qualifying events, event producers shall not award bids to any event using the terms "World", "Worlds", or "World Championship" for divisions that are also offered at the IASF World Championship.
13. Ethical Standards- The IASF expects that all Recognized Event Producers maintain the highest standards and professionalism within their business practices. Slanderous activity or defamation towards fellow event producers, industry officials, and adjudicators will **not** be tolerated. Such actions may result in suspension and or revocation of bid awarding privileges.
14. Safeguard measures - IASF Recognized Event Producers are expected to uphold all local and IASF safeguarding requirements and practices at their IASF Worlds qualifying event.

- a. To ensure transparency within the IASF athlete eligibility compliance & coaching staff safeguarding policy, the IASF will provide each EP member a roster to provide each Worlds Bid recipient team that competed at the Worlds Bid awarding event.
- b. The roster is only intended for the teams that have received a bid to IASF Worlds. The EP will submit these event rosters with their Bid list after the event.

Safeguarding policies are reviewed and or updated annually.

15. The IASF in its sole discretion has the right to terminate any bid agreements with event producers.

In signing below, the event producer agrees to the stipulations and explanations contained in this document.

AGREED TO BY:



On behalf of



Event Producer

Date:

