



# Notice of adjustment to Season 2 Rostering Guidelines

## Season 2: Division Change Policy Overview

- The IASF and qualifying event producers have received feedback from Season 2 coaches regarding the need for increased flexibility to enable continued participation as athletes age up into Open age divisions and to allow male athletes to enter or retire from the sport, without impacting the team's eligibility.
- This adjustment is for a trial period of 1 year, the IASF and qualifying event producers will review the impact of this adjustment in late 2026. A decision to extend the trial period or revise the policy will be released in late 2026/early 2027.
- The trial would adjust the division change policy to allow for limited division change requests in extenuating circumstances.
  - Requests will be made to the IASF and reviewed by the qualifying event producers, **all requests are subject to approval.**
  - Requests must be a result of extenuating circumstances.
  - Requests must be received within a specified time period.

## Who is this applicable to:

- Teams that earn their bid at qualifying events occurring from March 24th 2026 until July 31st 2026 (Season 2)
- Applicable for teams awarded bids at Season 2 events for the 2027 IASF Cheerleading & Dance Worlds.
- Teams facing extenuating circumstances that prevent them from competing in their original division. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - A reduction in male athletes causing the team to fall below coed division requirements.
  - A significant number of U18 athletes are aging up into the International Open division.

## Timelines & Process:

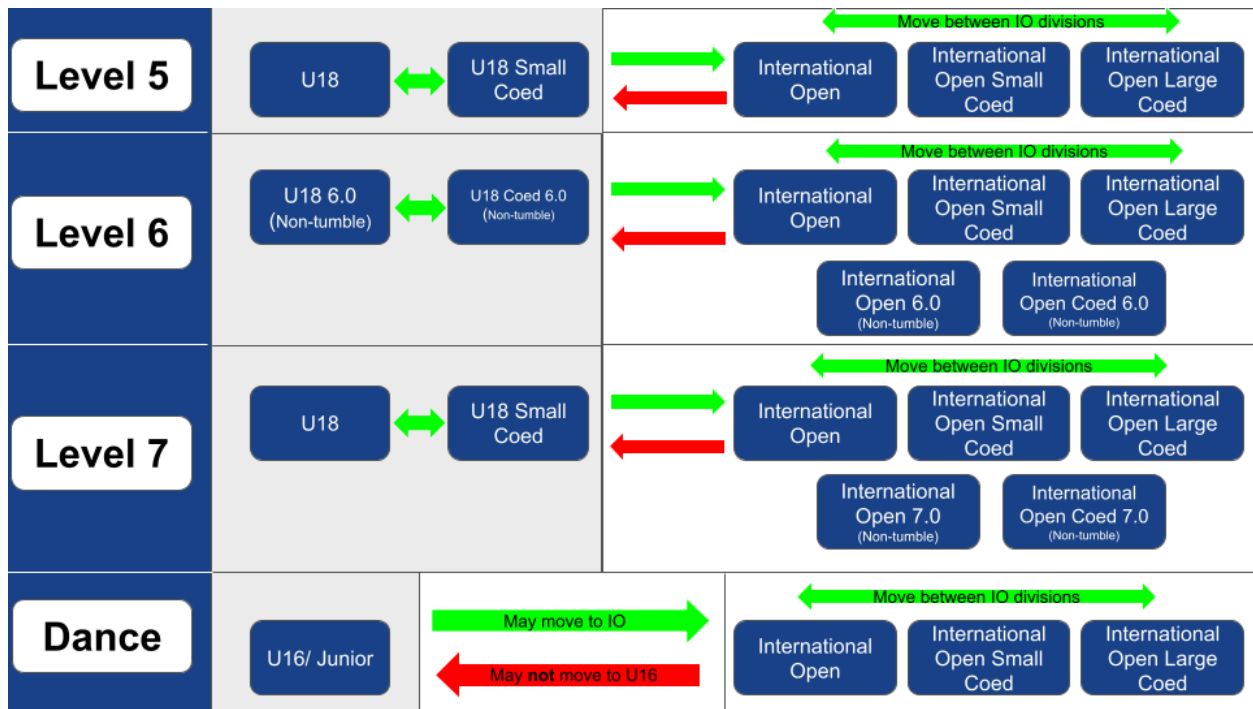
- Eligible season 2 bid teams must apply for a division change exception by August 15th, 2026.
- Teams will be notified of their application status on or before Sept 15th, 2026.

## Eligibility & Limitations:

- Each program/club is limited to **one** division change request per bid cycle.
  - Once a request has been submitted, it is final and cannot be altered or transferred to another team within the program.

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- The IASF will coordinate with local event producers to determine the operational structure for multi-location clubs.
- Teams may request to move to another division within the same level (cheer) or genre (dance), subject to these limitations:
  - U18 teams **may** request to move up to International Open divisions.
  - International Open teams are **not** permitted to move down to U18 divisions.
  - All Girl teams may transition to Coed divisions within the same level/genre.
  - Coed teams may transition to All Girl divisions within the same level/genre.



### How to request a division change:

- Complete the request form
  - [LINK TO REQUEST FORM](#)
- Monitor your email for status updates