

# UK COMPETITION DIVISIONS & AGE GRID 2018-2019

Athlete age for the entire 2018-2019 season is determined by their age as of

**31ST AUGUST 2018 (EXCEPT FOR IASF ALL STAR INTERNATIONAL DIVISIONS)**

**UPDATED SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018 to include combining & splitting information and changes to dance age grid/divisions. All updates from June 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 are in red.**

**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**

## ALL STAR CHEER ELITE CLUB DIVISIONS

ALL STAR ELITE DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY	3-6	Female/Male	5-32	1
MINI	5-8	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2
YOUTH	5-11	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2, 3
YOUTH	8-11	Female/Male	5-32	4
YOUTH	9-11	Female/Male	5-38	5R
JUNIOR	5-14	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR	8-14	Female/Male	5-32	4
JUNIOR	9-14	Female/Male	5-38	5R
JUNIOR	9-14	No Males	5-38	5
JUNIOR COED	9-14	1 or more Males	5-38	5
SENIOR	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-32	1, 2
SENIOR	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	No Males	5-32	3, 4
SENIOR COED	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	1 or more Males	5-32	3, 4
SENIOR	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-32	4.2
SENIOR	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-38	5R
SENIOR X SMALL	12-18	No Males	5-16	5
SENIOR SMALL	12-18	No Males	5-22	5
SENIOR MEDIUM	12-18	No Males	23-30	5
SENIOR LARGE	12-18	No Males	31-38	5
SENIOR X SMALL COED	12-18	1-2 Males	5-16	5
SENIOR SMALL COED	12-18	1-5 Males	5-22	5
SENIOR MEDIUM COED	12-18	1-8 Males	5-32	5
SENIOR LARGE COED	12-18	1-19 Males	5-38	5
OPEN	17 years and older	Female/Male	5-38	1, 2, 4.2
OPEN	17 years and older	No Males	5-38	3, 4
OPEN COED	17 years and older	1 or more Males	5-38	3, 4
OPEN RESTRICTED	17 years and older	0-4 Males	5-38	5R
SPECIAL NEEDS CHEER	ALL AGES	Female/Male	Unlimited	2**

\*The USASF has a bottom age of 13 for Senior and Senior Coed Level 5, and an age range of 11-18 for Senior levels 1-4. Please be aware that if you accept a Summit/Worlds bid or compete in the USA in these divisions, you will need to follow the age ranges as set out by the USASF.

**\*\*SPECIAL NEEDS TEAMS**

Special Needs teams are limited to level 2 rules, in addition to no basket tosses permitted.

**COMBINING AND SPLITTING DIVISIONS**

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 2 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** 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.

**WHEN TO COMBINE DIVISIONS**

**PERMITTED COMBINATIONS:**

- Junior Co-Ed Level 5 & Junior Level 5
- Senior Co-ed Level 3 & Senior Level 3
- Senior Co-Ed Level 4 & Senior Level 4
- Open and corresponding University divisions (e.g. University Level 1 and Open Level 1)

A combination applies to single registrations in EITHER division:

- If there is one co-ed 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 **will** be combined.
- After the division is combined, the Event Producer **must** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable.

**All Star Cheer Elite Club Senior All-Girl Level 5 Divisions (at bid or non-bid giving events)**

*Level 5 Senior XSmall, Senior Small, Senior Medium and Senior Large*

When registrations leave a division with a single team, Event Producers will look at all possible combinations to ensure competition across divisions. Event Producers **may** combine divisions in one or more of the following permissible combinations:

- XSmall & Small
- XSmall, Small & Medium
- XSmall & Medium (if no small teams are registered)
- Small & Medium
- Small, Medium & Large
- Small & Large (if no medium teams are registered)

## **All Star Cheer Elite Club Senior Co-ed Level 5 Divisions (at bid or non-bid giving events)**

*Level 5 Senior XSmall Co-ed, Senior Small Co-ed, Senior Medium Co-ed and Senior Large Co-ed*

When registrations leave a division with a single team Event Producers **may** combine divisions in one of the following permissible combinations:

- XSmall & Small
- XSmall, Small & Medium
- XSmall & Medium (if no small teams are registered)
- Small & Medium
- Small, Medium & Large
- Small & Large (if no medium teams are registered)

## **International Divisions: Co-ed Divisions Only (at bid or non-bid giving events)**

When registrations leave a division with a single team Event Producers **may** combine divisions in one of the following permissible combinations:

- International Open Small Co-ed Level 5 & International Open Large Co-ed Level 5
- International Open Small Co-ed Level 6 & International Open Large Co-ed Level 6

## **PROHIBITED COMBINATIONS:**

- **Senior Level 5 XSmall** and **Senior Level 5 Large** size teams **may not** be combined into one division.
- **International Open (All-Girl)** and **International Open Co-ed** divisions **may not** be combined into one division.
- **Teams of different levels may not** be combined into one division.
- **Teams of different ages may not** be combined into one division.

## **WHEN TO SPLIT DIVISIONS:**

### **SPLIT PARAMETERS:**

(A) If it is not possible to implement the mandatory split for any given division, Event Producers may move to any of the next permissible splits so long as there will be at least two teams in each division.

(B) If the mandatory split is implemented, and an Event Producer chooses to implement an additional split, they may choose to implement any or all of the additional splits so long as they follow the guidelines as outlined below.

### **PROHIBITED SPLIT:**

**International Open divisions** are not permitted to be further split by team size.

## **ORDER OF SPLITTING: *Specific to divisions that are permitted to split by co-ed/all-girl and team size***

### **Senior Restricted 5 and Senior Level 4.2**

Event Producers will split divisions first by co-ed and all-girl (when applicable) and then by team size (small or large). Both these splits are mandatory if they apply.

### **Junior Restricted 5**

Event Producers will split divisions first by team size (small or large) and then by co-ed and all-girl (when applicable).

## **MANDATORY CO-ED SPLITS**

**Co-ed splits only apply to the divisions listed below. If the division is not listed below, a co-ed split is NEVER an option:**

**When to use the co-ed split:** When there will be 2 or more teams in each respective division

### **Senior Restricted Level 5**

· First Split (if possible): Co-ed | All-Girl · Second Split (if possible): Team Size · Optional Splits, when applicable

### **Senior Level 4.2**

· First Split (if possible): Co-ed | All-Girl · Second Split (if possible): Team Size · Optional Splits, when applicable

### **Junior Restricted Level 5**

· First split (if possible): Team Size  
· Second Split (if possible): Co-ed | All-Girl · Optional Splits, when applicable

**For Junior Restricted Level 5:** If a division cannot be split by size (i.e. 5 total teams comprised of 4 small and 1 large), but can be split into co-ed and all-girl divisions with at least two teams remaining in each division, then Event Producers **may** make this split at their discretion, despite not having split the division into small and large. **This is an optional split.**

**For Senior Restricted Level 5 or Senior 4.2:** If either division cannot be split by co-ed and all-girl but can be split by team size with at least two teams remaining in each division, then Event Producers **must** make this split.

Splits may only occur when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. **No other division may be split into Co-Ed.**

**With the exception of the divisions listed above, all non-Worlds divisions will split as follows so long as there are at least 2 teams in each division after the split occurs:**

**Mandatory Split** (required to split if 2 or more teams will be in each division): Team Size

**Optional:** Further Split by Team Size

**Optional:** A|B Division Split

**MANDATORY SPLIT: TEAM SIZE SPLIT** [when applicable]

### **Levels 1-4 & 4.2: SPLIT FOR SMALL | MEDIUM TEAM SIZES**

Event Producers **must** split the division into Small and Medium divisions when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of Small and Medium divisions must follow the team sizes below:

Small = 5–22 members

Medium = 23–32 members

### **Levels 5R & Junior 5 Divisions (ONLY): SMALL | LARGE SPLITS**

Level 5R: Youth, Junior, Senior & Level 5: Junior, Junior Co-ed

Event Producers **must** split the Level 5R and/or Level 5 Junior Divisions into Small and Large team size when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of Small and

Large divisions must follow the team sizes below:

Small = 5–22 members

Large = 23–38 members

### **ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SPLITS [when applicable]:**

Event Producers may or may not choose to further split divisions in the interest of competition. The splits outlined below are OPTIONAL and may be applied in any order. **No division may be subdivided further if it means that only one team will be left in a division**

#### **1. SPLIT BY TEAM SIZE**

##### **Levels 1-4 & 4.2: SPLIT FOR XSMALL | SMALL | MEDIUM TEAM SIZES**

Event Producers **may** split the division into XSmall and Small divisions when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of XSmall and Small divisions must follow the team sizes below:

XSmall = 5-14 members

Small = 15-22 members

If the division is unable to be split by Small and Medium because there is only one team with 23-30 members but there are enough teams to split the division into XSmall and Small/Medium, Event Producers **may** split according to the following team sizes:

XSmall = 5-14 members

Small/Medium = 15-32 members

##### **LEVEL 5R & Junior 5 Divisions SMALL: SPLIT FOR XSMALL | SMALL**

Level 5R: Youth, Junior, Senior & Level 5: Junior, Junior Co-ed

Event Producers **MAY** split the Level 5R and/or Junior Level 5 Divisions into XSmall and Small Team size when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of XSmall and Small divisions must follow the team sizes below:

XSmall = 5–14 members

Small = 14–22 members

Event Producers must keep teams of 5-22 members in Small division, unless there are enough teams to split 2 teams each into XSmall and Small

##### **LEVEL 5R & Junior 5 Divisions LARGE: SPLIT FOR MEDIUM | LARGE**

Level 5R: Youth, Junior, Senior & Level 5: Junior, Junior Co-ed

Event Producers **MAY** split the Level 5R and/or Junior Level 5 Divisions into Medium and Large Team size when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of Medium and Large divisions must follow the team sizes below:

Medium = 23-30 members

Large = 31-38 members

Event Producers must keep teams of 23–38 members in Large division unless there are enough teams to split 2 teams each into Medium and Large

## 2. 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 squad size. Event Producers will use a name such as “Group A”, “Group B” to denote the split and must clearly define the number of competitors permitted on the team for each of these particular divisions.

### SPLIT EXCEPTION FOR TEAMS FROM THE SAME PROGRAM

Teams from the same program **regardless of their location** will not have to compete against themselves if they have 2 teams of different size that coincide with the **MANDATORY SPLIT TEAM SIZE** 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 a Small and Medium team in the same division and level. There is NOT a mandatory split for XSmall and Small teams sizes from the same program in the same division and level.

**Levels 5R and Junior Level 5:** 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 XSmall/Small or Medium/Large teams sizes from the same program in the same division and level.

NOTE: Teams of the same size from the same program will NOT be split and **must** compete against each other.

## UNIVERSITY CHEER DIVISIONS

UNIVERSITY CHEER DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
UNIVERSITY ALL GIRL	17 years and older & must be registered students or alumni within last 4 years.	0 Males	5-38	1, 2, 3, 4, 4.2, 5, 6
UNIVERSITY COED	17 years and older & must be registered students or alumni within last 4 years.	1 or more Males	5-38	1, 2, 3, 4, 4.2, 5, 6
UNIVERSITY RESTRICTED	17 years and older & must be registered students or alumni within last 4 years.	0-4 Males	5-38	5R
UNIVERSITY NON-TUMBLING	17 years and older & must be registered students or alumni within last 4 years.	Female/Male	5-38	2NT, 3NT, 4NT

All members are 17 years old (on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018) or older 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. Proof of University eligibility required – including University Student ID, 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.

### DIVISION SPLITS (SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY DIVISIONS):

Divisions will be split by size (small/large or small/medium/large) at the natural break when 10 or more teams are registered in a division.

University All Girl and Coed divisions may be combined in levels 1, 2 and 4.2 where there is a single team registered in a division.

University Non-Tumbling divisions may also be split by All Girl/Coed when divisions are large.

# IASF ALL STAR CHEER INTERNATIONAL DIVISIONS

The eligible age for an athlete is determined by the calendar year of the competition attending.

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 within the same calendar year of the event.

IASF ALL STAR INTERNATIONAL CHEER DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
<b>IASF Tiny Divisions</b>				
International Tiny	5-6	Female/Male	16-24	1
International Tiny Large	5-6	Female/Male	25-30	1
<b>IASF Mini Divisions</b>				
International Mini	5-8	Female/male	16-24	1, 2
International Mini Large	5-8	Female/male	25-30	1, 2
<b>IASF Youth Divisions</b>				
International Youth	8-12	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
International Youth Large	8-12	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
International Youth Restricted	8-12	Female/Male	16-30	5R
International Youth Non-Tumbling	8-12	Female/Male	16-30	2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT
<b>IASF Junior Divisions</b>				
International Junior	10-16	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2, 3, 5R
International Junior Large	10-16	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2, 3, 5R
International Junior	10-16	No males	16-24	4, 5
International Junior Large	10-16	No males	25-30	4, 5
International Junior Coed	10-16	1 or more males	16-24	4, 5
International Junior Coed Large	10-16	1 or more males	25-30	4, 5
International Junior Non-Tumbling	10-16	Female/Male	16-30	2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT
<b>IASF Senior Divisions</b>				
International Senior	14-18	Female/Male	16-24	1, 2, 5R
International Senior Large	14-18	Female/Male	25-30	1, 2, 5R
International Senior	14-18	No males	16-24	3, 4, 5
International Senior Large	14-18	No males	25-30	3, 4, 5
International Senior Coed	14-18	1 or more males	16-24	3, 4
International Senior Coed Large	14-18	1 or more males	25-30	3, 4
International Senior Coed 5	14-18	1-5 males	16-24	5
International Senior Coed 5 Large	14-18	1-5 males	25-30	5
International Senior Coed 8	14-18	6-8 males	16-24	5
International Senior Coed 8 Large	14-18	6-8 males	25-30	5
International Senior Coed 20	14-18	9-18 males	16-38	5
International Senior Non-Tumbling	14-18	Female/Male	16-30	3NT, 4NT, 5NT
<b>IASF Open Divisions</b>				
International Open	14 years and older	Female/Male	16-24	3

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International Open	14 years and older	Female/Male	16-24	3
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International Open	14 years and older	No males	16-24	4, 5
International Open Coed	14 years and older	1 or more males	16-24	4
International Open Coed 4	14 years and older	1-4 males	16-24	5
International Open Coed 16	14 years and older	5-16 males	16-24	5
International Open	17 years and older	No males	16-24	6
International Open Coed 4	17 years and older	1-4 males	16-24	6
International Open Coed 16	17 years and older	5-16 males	16-24	6
International Open Non-Tumbling	14 years and older	Female/Male	16-30	3NT, 4NT
International Open Non-Tumbling	14 years and older	Female/Male	16-30	5NT
International Open Non-Tumbling	17 years and older	Female/Male	16-30	6NT

**NOTE: The minimum team size for IASF All Star International divisions is 16. If a team competes with fewer than 16 athletes a deduction will be assessed.**

## ALLSTAR CHEER NOVICE AND PREP DIVISIONS

ALL STAR NOVICE CHEER DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
TINY NOVICE	3-6	Female/Male	5-30	1(with restrictions)
MINI NOVICE	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2
YOUTH NOVICE	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR NOVICE	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
SENIOR NOVICE	10-17	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3

Novice routines may not exceed 1 minute 30 seconds.

No tosses are permitted (includes sponge/load in/squish tosses. Clarification: all waist level cradles are illegal).

Novice teams will be evaluated on a rating system only and not scored against other teams.

Tumbling skills are allowed and will follow the rules for that level but will not be rated/required.

Tiny Novice Only: No Building skills permitted (includes tosses, stunts and pyramids).

Tiny Novice Only: The ONLY TWO TUMBLING skills allowed are cartwheels and forward rolls. Handstands, backbends/bridges, etc are not allowed.

ALL STAR PREP CHEER DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS*
TINY PREP	3-6	Female/Male	5-30	1
MINI PREP	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2.1
YOUTH PREP	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2
JUNIOR PREP	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2
SENIOR PREP	10 years with at least one 15 years or older	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2

\*With modifications as outlined in the 2018-19 IASF Cheer Safety Rules

2.1 – level 2 building, level 1 tumbling

3.1 – level 3 building, level 1 tumbling

3.2 – level 3 building, level 2 tumbling

All teams are combined female/male - prep teams will not be classified as co-ed, regardless of the number of males on a team.

### DIVISION SPLITS (NOVICE AND PREP DIVISIONS):

All Star Novice & All Star Prep divisions follow the same rules for splitting by team size as All Star Elite divisions.

Crossovers between All Star Novice, All Star Prep and All Star Elite divisions are not permitted at the same event.

## **NOTES APPLICABLE TO ALL CHEER DIVISIONS:**

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.

Event Producers recognise the concern with fielding teams of a broad age range and highly recommend that programmes be vigilant in monitoring participants of various ages on the same team and that, whenever possible, a team's composition is made up of participants of similar ages.

The athletes who perform a routine must remain the same from start to finish and MAY NOT be replaced by another athlete at any time during the performance.

### **CROSSOVERS:**

An individual may crossover from one programme to another within the same event, to one additional team only, regardless of level. An athlete CANNOT compete on two teams within the same division. If an athlete crosses to another programme, they will pay the first entry fee for that additional programme's entry, not the crossover fee.

EXAMPLE 1 - Suzie competes on JR4 and IO5 for UK All Stars; she also competes on S3 for Cheer Allstars - ALLOWED.

EXAMPLE 2 - Liam competes on S2 and OC3 for UK All Stars; he also competes on IOC5 and S2 for Cheer Allstars - NOT ALLOWED.

Crossovers are NOT ALLOWED between Novice/Prep and All Star/International Cheer teams at the same event.

For the 2018-19 season, an athlete is limited to crossing over to 2 additional cheer teams from their programme per competition for a total of 3 cheer performances per event. Crossover limitations do not include athletes that cross over from cheer to dance. **An event producer MAY choose to be more restrictive of crossovers than the rules above by limiting the total number of team entries, performances and/or crossovers to speciality divisions.**

**From the 2018-19 season an athlete may compete on ONE TEAM ONLY in the Worlds Bid divisions/rounds.**

## DANCE DIVISIONS

DANCE DIVISION	AGE	# ON TEAM	FEMALE/MALE
Tiny	6 and under	4 or more dancers	N/A
Mini Small	9 and under	4-14 dancers	N/A
Mini Large	9 and under	15 or more dancers	N/A
Youth Small	12 and under	4-14 dancers	N/A
Youth Large	12 and under	15 or more dancers	N/A
Junior Small	15 and under	4-14 dancers	0 Males
Junior Large	15 and under	15 or more dancers	0 Males
Junior Coed	15 and under	4 or more dancers	Males and Females
Junior Male	15 and under	4 or more dancers	0 Females
Senior Small	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4-14 dancers	0 Males
Senior Large	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	15 or more dancers	0 Males
Senior Small Coed	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4-14 dancers	Males and Females
Senior Large Coed	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	15 or more dancers	Males and Females
Senior Male	11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older	4 or more dancers	0 Females
International Open	14 years and older**	6- 30 dancers	FEMALE/MALE
University*** Small	17 years and older	4-14 dancers	0 Males
University*** Large	17 years and older	15 or more dancers	0 Males
University*** Small Coed	17 years and older	4-14 dancers	Males and Females
University*** Large Coed	17 years and older	15 or more dancers	Males and Females
University** Male	17 years and older	4 or more dancers	0 Females
Special Needs Dance	ALL AGES	Unlimited dancers	Males and Females

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.

Routine time limits for all divisions will be minimum of 1 minute 45 seconds to maximum of 2 minutes 30 seconds; with the exception of International Open divisions where the time limit will be a minimum of 1 minute 45 seconds to a maximum of 2 minutes 15 seconds. Please note that if you are competing outside of the UK you need to check with the EP the maximum time limit for a dance routine as there are variances across countries. Please be aware that SCUk plan to introduce a maximum time limit of 2 minutes 15 seconds across all dance divisions for the 2019-2020 season.

\*The USASF age range for Senior dance divisions is 11-18 years old. Please be aware that if you accept Summit/Worlds bid or compete in the USA in these divisions, you will need to follow the age ranges as set out by the USASF.

### NOTES APPLICABLE TO ALL DANCE DIVISIONS:

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.

Event Producers recognise the concern with fielding teams of a broad age range and highly recommend that programmes be vigilant in monitoring participants of various ages on the same team and that, whenever possible, a team's composition is made up of participants of similar ages.

Athletes competing at events must appear on an official event roster or be registered as a replacement athlete.

The athletes who perform a routine must remain the same from start to finish and MAY NOT be replaced by another athlete at any time during the performance.

**\*\*For INTERNATIONAL OPEN teams only:**

The eligible age for the athletes will be determined by the "calendar year of The 2019 Dance Worlds®" (December 31, 2019) for its age cut-off date. A calendar year is considered January 1st – December 31st.

**\*\*\*University divisions:** All members are 17 years old (on August 31st 2018) or older 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.

In the event there is only 1 team in the division, University Dance divisions will be combined with Open Dance divisions.

#### **CROSSOVERS:**

Dancer(s) may compete in more than one division and/or category as long as they abide by the age restrictions in all divisions in which they compete.

**COMBINING & SPLITTING (DANCE)** — Event Producers will combine divisions first by size and then by gender.

1. Combining by Small and Large Team Size- If there are fewer than three teams in Small and/or Large in Mini, Youth, Junior Senior and/or Open Divisions within the same Category, Small and Large divisions will be combined. (Example: If there are two teams in Senior Small Pom and five teams in Senior Large Pom, divisions will be combined into Senior Pom).

Small and Large will not combine 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.

#### 2. Combining Age and Gender

If there is only one team registered in any Junior, Senior or Open Division within the same category, the Event Producer will 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 and Open Coed with Open Male

Jr with Jr Coed, Sr with Sr Coed and Open with Open Coed

Jr with Jr Male, Sr with Sr Male and Open with Open Male

Tiny Division – Event Producers will split the Tiny Division within the same category into Small & Large (as outlined in the grid) if there are 10 or more teams in the division before the split occurs. There must be at least 3 teams in each division once the split occurs.

## SPECIALITY DIVISIONS

In some circumstances divisions classed as 'speciality divisions' may be offered at certain events in addition to those listed above. The following recommendations may be helpful in setting the parameters for the divisions listed.

## SCHOOL CHEER DIVISIONS

SCHOOL CHEER DIVISION	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVELS
MINI	5-8	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2
YOUTH	5-11	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR	5-14	Female/Male	5-30	1, 2, 3
SENIOR	10 years with at least one 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

STUNT GROUP DIVISIONS	AGE	FEMALE/MALKE	# ON TEAM	LEVEL
TINY STUNT GROUP	3-6	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	1
MINI STUNT GROUP	5-8	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	5-11	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2, 3
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	8-11	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	4
YOUTH STUNT GROUP	9-11	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	5R
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	5-14	No males	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	8-14	No males	3 to 5 athletes	4
JUNIOR STUNT GROUP	9-14	No males	3 to 5 athletes	5
JUNIOR COED STUNT GROUP	5-14	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	1, 2, 3
JUNIOR COED STUNT GROUP	8-14	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	4
JUNIOR COED STUNT GROUP	9-14	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	5
JUNIOR PARTNER STUNT	5-14	Female/male	2 athletes	5
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	10 years with at least one 15	Female/male	3 to 5 athletes	1
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	10 years with at least one 15	No males	3 to 5 athletes	2, 3, 4
SENIOR STUNT GROUP	12 years with at least one 15	No males	3 to 5 athletes	5
SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP	10 years with at least one 15	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	2, 3, 4
SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP	12 years with at least one 15	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	5
SENIOR PARTNER STUNT	15 years and older	Female/male	2 athletes	5
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* STUNT GROUP	17 years and older	No males	3 to 5 athletes	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* COED STUNT GROUP	17 years and older	One or more males	3 to 5 athletes	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OPEN/UNIVERSITY* PARTNER STUNT	17 years and older	Female/male	2 athletes	5, 6

\*University divisions: All members are 17 years old (on August 31st 2018) or older 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.

## 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 INDIVIDUALS	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	LEVELS
TINY	3-6	Female/male	Level 1 skills only
MINI	7-8	Female/male	Up to level 2 skills
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>Female/male</b>	<b>Up to level 5R skills</b>
JUNIOR	12-14	Female/male	Up to level 5 skills
SENIOR	15-16	Female/male	Up to level 5 skills
OPEN	17+	Female/male	Up to level 6 skills

DANCE SOLOS	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	DANCE STYLES
TINY	6 and under	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop
MINI	7-9	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop
YOUTH	10-12	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop
JUNIOR	13-15	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop
SENIOR	16-17	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop
OPEN	18+	Female/male	Pom/Jazz/Hip Hop

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

## MASTERS DIVISION

MASTERS DIVISIONS	AGE	FEMALE/MALE	# ON TEAM	LEVEL
Masters Cheer	25+*	Female/male	5-38 athletes	1,2
Masters Dance	25+	Female/male	4 or more dancers	*

Masters Eligibility: 75% minimum of participants aged 25 years or older with a minimum age of 17. Masters cheer divisions to follow the corresponding 2018-2019 USASF Level Rules capped at USASF Level 2.

\*Masters dance will be offered for each of the following styles – Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical/Contemporary.

## ALL STAR PREP DANCE

All Star Prep Dance division parameters are currently under review and will be released at a later date