

# USASF All Star Cheer Divisions for 2017-2018

For the membership term that begins August 1, 2017

The Age Grid has been organized into various sections for ease of use and reference. The sections are as follows:

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The age grid provides a "menu" of divisions that may be offered by an individual event producer. An event producer does not have to offer every division listed. **However, a USASF member event producer must only offer divisions from the age grids herein and/or combine/split divisions based upon the guidelines herein, unless prior written approval is received from the USASF.** Divisions/rules that are "less" or "more" restrictive than those listed are not permitted without written permission from the USASF.

## GENERAL ATHLETE GUIDELINES

- Athletes participating at USASF sanctioned events must be registered members of the USASF for the current season.
- All athletes taking the floor at USASF sanctioned events must appear on an Official USASF Event Roster.
- 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 All Star cheer athlete is limited to crossing over to **2 (two)** additional cheer teams from their program per competition. Therefore, an athlete may compete on one team and crossover to two more teams from the same program during the competition.
- An individual will not be permitted to crossover from one program to another within the same event.
- Exception: An athlete from one program without a Level 6 team may crossover to **one additional** program's Level 6 team so long as they do not exceed the maximum number of teams permitted.
- Crossovers between All Star Prep Cheer and traditional All Star Cheer Club Divisions are not permitted at the same event.
- Crossover limitations above do not include athletes that crossover from cheer to dance.
- An event producer may choose to be more restrictive than the rules above for crossovers limiting the number of teams an athlete may crossover to further; however an event producer may not be less restrictive than this.

## UNPLANNED ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

- In the event of a missing/absent member of a team a program may replace that athlete with another performer from that program that is a registered member of the USASF for the current season.
- A replacement is defined as an individual who was not on the team's Official USASF Event Roster taking the place of another athlete at an event. This usually occurs as a result of illness/injury.
- If the replacement athlete does not meet the age requirements for that particular division (this includes a coach), then the team is permitted to perform in "exhibition" **only**.
- Performing competitively for a team with a replacement member who does not meet division age requirements is not permitted.
- All appropriate general safety rules and level rules must be followed for the team regardless of the age of performers on the team.
- An unplanned replacement of an athlete(s) is limited to 3 performers maximum. Any number that exceeds 3 will result in the team performing in "exhibition" **only**.

## EXHIBITION PERFORMANCES

- Teams that perform in "exhibition" or "evaluation only" at an event must adhere to the USASF Age Grid and Level Rules as would any other team.
- "Exhibition" or "evaluation only" status does **not** allow a team to violate the safety rules or age restrictions (see exception addressed in Unplanned Athlete Replacement guidelines) that have been put in place for all athletes. Any additional exception to these rules must be obtained in writing from the USASF.
- An Event Producer may offer a team of less than 5 participants to perform as exhibition only, as long as they meet the safety rules and age restrictions of the Age Grid.

# USASF All Star Cheer CLUB Divisions for 2017-2018 By Age

## AGE OF COMPETITOR: Club Divisions

The USASF recognizes the concern with fielding teams of a broad age range and highly recommends that All Star programs 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 age of the competitor as of **August 31, 2017** will be the age used for competition purposes throughout the 2017-2018 season for all club divisions.

USASF All Star Cheer CLUB Divisions for 2017-2018 By Age				
Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
<b>Tiny Novice Cheer</b>				
Tiny (See page 6)	3-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1 w/restrictions
<b>Tiny Cheer</b>				
Tiny	5-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1
<b>Mini Cheer</b>				
Mini	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1, 2
<b>Youth Cheer</b>				
Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1,2,3,4
Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members	5R
<b>Junior Cheer</b>				
Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1,2,3,4
Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members	5R
Junior	5-14 Years Old	No Males	5-38 Members	5
Junior Co-Ed	5-14 Years Old	1 or more Males	5-38 Members	5
<b>Senior Cheer</b>				
Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	1, 2
Senior	10-18 Years Old	No Males	5-30 Members	3, 4
Senior Co-Ed	10-18 Years Old	1 or more Males	5-30 Members	3, 4
Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	4.2
Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members	5R
Senior XSmall	12-18 Years Old	No Males	5-14 Members	5
Senior Small	12-18 Years Old	No Males	15-22 Members	5
Senior Medium	12-18 Years Old	No Males	23-30 Members	5
Senior Large	12-18 Years Old	No Males	31-38 Members	5
Senior XSmall Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-2 Males	5-14 members	5
Senior Small Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-5 Males	5-22 Members	5
Senior Medium Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-8 Males	5-30 Members	5
Senior Large Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-19 Males	5-38 Members	5
<b>Open</b>				
Open 4	17 Years & Older	Female/Male	5-30 Members	4

**LEVELS 1-4 and 4.2:** The divisions listed above for Levels 1-4 and 4.2 may be split into Small (5-22) and Medium (23-30) per the **SPLIT GUIDELINES** found on page 9. A further optional split of Small into XSmall (5-14) and Small (15-22) may also occur.

**LEVEL 5R & Junior 5 Divisions:** Youth 5R, Junior 5R, Senior 5R, Junior 5 and Junior Co-ed 5 divisions may be split into Small (5-22) and Large (23-38) per the **SPLIT GUIDELINES** found on page 9. A further optional split of Small into XSmall (5-14) and Small (15-22) and/or Large into Medium (23-30) and Large (31-38) may also occur.

**SENIOR LEVEL 5 (All-Girl & Co-Ed) Divisions:** These divisions will be offered as stand alone divisions on the age grid. Event Producers will follow the combination guidelines at events to determine the best course of action for promoting competition amongst the registered teams. Please see page 7 for the Combining Guidelines. XSmall 5 and XSmall Co-Ed 5 are new offerings for the 2017-2018 season and will be offered at the 2018 Cheerleading Worlds®. Programs with more than one team at the 2018 Cheerleading Worlds® are not eligible to compete in XS divisions. Teams that have 14 or fewer members and are from a Program with 2 or more teams at the Cheerleading Worlds® will compete in a Small Division.

# USASF All Star Cheer CLUB Divisions for 2017-2018 By Level

(Same Grid – Different Format)

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USASF All Star Cheer CLUB Divisions for 2017-2018 By Level				
<b>USASF Club Novice</b>				
Level 1 w/restrictions	Tiny Novice (see page 6)	3-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 1</b>				
Level 1	Tiny	5-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Mini	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 2</b>				
Level 2	Mini	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 3</b>				
Level 3	Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 3	Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 3	Senior	10-18 Years Old	No Males	5-30 Members
Level 3	Senior Co-Ed	10-18 Years Old	1 or more Males	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 4</b>				
Level 4	Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 4	Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 4	Senior	10-18 Years Old	No Males	5-30 Members
Level 4	Senior Co-Ed	10-18 Years Old	1 or more Males	5-30 Members
Level 4	Open	17 Years & Older	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 4.2</b>				
Level 4.2	Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 5 Restricted</b>				
Level 5R	Youth	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members
Level 5R	Junior	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members
Level 5R	Senior	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-38 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 5 Junior</b>				
Level 5	Junior	5-14 Years Old	No Males	5-38 Members
Level 5	Junior Co-Ed	5-14 Years Old	1 or more Males	5-38 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 5 Senior</b>				
Level 5	Senior XSmall	12-18 Years Old	No Males	5-14 Members
Level 5	Senior Small	12-18 Years Old	No Males	15-22 Members
Level 5	Senior Medium	12-18 Years Old	No Males	23-30 Members
Level 5	Senior Large	12-18 Years Old	No Males	31-38 Members
Level 5	Senior XSmall Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-2 Males	5-14 Members
Level 5	Senior Small Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-5 Males	5-22 Members
Level 5	Senior Medium Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-8 Males	5-30 Members
Level 5	Senior Large Co-Ed	12-18 Years Old	1-19 Males	5-38 Members

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# USASF All Star Cheer INTERNATIONAL Divisions for 2017-2018

**International Divisions:** International Divisions are offered at levels 5 and 6 only. On the age grid, these divisions are preceded by the word "International".

**AGE OF COMPETITOR: International Divisions**

The USASF recognizes the concern with fielding teams of a broad age range and highly recommends that individual programs/programs 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 eligible age for the athletes will be determined by the "calendar year of The 2018 Cheerleading Worlds®" (December 31, 2018) for its age cutoff date. *A calendar year is considered January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**International Open Level 5 teams:** *An athlete must be at least 14 years of age on or before December 31, 2018. Please note: Athletes that are not 14 on or before December 31, 2017 may not compete with an International Open Level 5 team before November 1, 2017.*

**International Open Level 6 teams:** *An athlete must be at least 17 years of age on or before December 31, 2018. Please note: Athletes that are not 17 on or before December 31, 2017 may not compete with an International Open Level 6 team before November 1, 2017.*

**NON-US TEAMS COMPETING IN ANY US BASED COMPETITION & TEAMS COMPETING AT WORLDS** must follow the **USASF Age Grid** for Club divisions and the **IASF Age Grid** for International divisions.

*The USASF All Star Cheer INTERNATIONAL Age Grid is based on the IASF Age Grid. It is included herein for ease of reference for USASF Member Programs.*

USASF All Star Cheer INTERNATIONAL Divisions for 2017-2018 By Age				
Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
<b>International Open Cheer – Please see clarifications in the text below under the title International Open Cheer Levels 5 and 6</b>				
International Open 5	14 Yrs & Older	No Males	5 - 24 Members	5
International Open Small Co-Ed 5	14 Yrs & Older	1 - 4 Males	5 - 24 Members	5
International Open Large Co-Ed 5	14 Yrs & Older	5 - 12 Males	5 - 24 Members	5
International Open 6	17 Yrs & Older	No Males	5 - 24 Members	6
International Open Small Co-Ed 6	17 Yrs & Older	1 - 4 Males	5 - 24 Members	6
International Open Large Co-Ed 6	17 Yrs & Older	5 - 15 Males	5 - 24 Members	6

(Same Grid – Different Format)

USASF All Star Cheer INTERNATIONAL Divisions for 2017-2018 By Level				
<b>USASF International Level 5</b>				
Level 5	International Open 5	14 Yrs & Older	No Males	5-24 members
Level 5	International Open Small Co-Ed 5	14 Yrs & Older	1-4 Males	5-24 members
Level 5	International Open Large Co-Ed 5	14 Yrs & Older	5-12 Males	5-24 members
<b>USASF International Level 6</b>				
Level 6	International Open 6	17 Yrs & Older	No Males	5-24 members
Level 6	International Open Small Co-Ed 6	17 Yrs & Older	1-4 Males	5-24 members
Level 6	International Open Large Co-Ed 6	17 Yrs & Older	5-15 Males	5-24 members

# USASF All Star Cheer PREP Divisions for 2017-2018

## AGE OF COMPETITOR: Prep Divisions

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## USASF All Star Cheer PREP Divisions for 2017-2018 By Age

Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Tiny Prep	5-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Level 1 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>
Mini Prep	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Levels 1 & 2 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>
Youth Prep	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Levels 1, 2 & 3 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>
Junior Prep	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Levels 1, 2 & 3 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>
Senior Prep	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Levels 1, 2 & 3 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>

## USASF All Star Cheer PREP Divisions for 2017-2018 By Level

<b>USASF Club Level 1</b> <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>				
Level 1	Tiny Prep	5-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Mini Prep	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Youth Prep	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Junior Prep	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 1	Senior Prep	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 2</b> <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>				
Level 2	Mini Prep	5-8 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Youth Prep	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Junior Prep	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 2	Senior Prep	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
<b>USASF Club Level 3</b> <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>				
Level 3	Youth Prep	5-11 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 3	Junior Prep	5-14 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members
Level 3	Senior Prep	10-18 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members

## ALL STAR CHEER PREP GUIDELINES

- All teams are combined female/male - prep teams will not be classified as co-ed, regardless of the number of males on a team.
- Follows same rules for splitting by team size as All Star Cheer Club Divisions.
- All Star Cheer Prep Divisions can be offered at both 1 and 2-day events. HOWEVER, if offered at 2-day events, All Star Cheer Prep divisions will perform ONE TIME ONLY.
- Crossovers between All Star Prep Cheer and traditional All Star Cheer Club Divisions are not permitted at the same event.
- Please refer to the USASF 2017-2018 Cheer Safety Rules for modifications. The specific page number is referenced in the Table of Contents of the USASF 2017-2018 Cheer Safety Rules.

# USASF All Star Cheer “OTHER” Divisions for 2017-2018

## SPECIAL NEEDS

USASF All Star Cheer SPECIAL NEEDS Divisions for 2017-2018				
Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels
Special Needs	Any Age	Female/Male	Unlimited	Levels 1 & 2 <i>With modifications as outlined in the USASF 2017-18 Cheer Safety Rules</i>

### ALL STAR CHEER SPECIAL NEEDS GUIDELINES

Please refer to the USASF 2017-2018 Cheer Safety Rules for modifications. The specific page number is referenced in the Table of Contents of the USASF 2017-2018 Cheer Safety Rules.

## TINY NOVICE

### AGE OF COMPETITOR: Tiny Novice Division

The age of the competitor as of **August 31, 2017** will be the age used for competition purposes throughout the 2017-2018 season for all club divisions.

USASF All Star Cheer Novice Division for 2017-2018 By Age				
Cheer Divisions	Age	Female/Male	Number on Squad	Levels/Guidelines
Tiny Novice	3-6 Years Old	Female/Male	5-30 Members	Level 1 with the following additional modifications: Routine Time Limit: 1:30. No building skills permitted. Tumbling skills limited to forward rolls and cartwheels.

## SPECIALTY DIVISIONS

### SPECIALTY: INDIVIDUAL, SMALL GROUP, PARTNER STUNT AND GROUP STUNT COMPETITION

- Specialty divisions for individuals, small groups (2-4 members), partner stunt or group stunt (with up to 5 participants) may be offered by an event producer at their discretion.
- The age, level and female/male restrictions designated on the USASF All Star Cheer Club Divisions Age Grid must remain in place for **stunt divisions** (i.e. no Mini Stunt Group may perform at L5 stunting skills).
- The age and level restrictions designated on the USASF All Star Cheer Club Divisions Age Grid must remain in place for these specialty divisions (i.e. no Tiny Individual may perform at L4 tumbling skills).

## EXHIBITION PERFORMANCES

- Teams that perform in “exhibition” or “evaluation only” at an event must adhere to the USASF Age Grid and Level Rules as would any other team.
- “Exhibition” or “evaluation only” status does **not** allow a team to violate the safety rules or age restrictions (see exception addressed in Unplanned Athlete Replacement guidelines on page 1) that have been put in place for all athletes. Any additional exception to these rules must be obtained in writing from the USASF.
- An Event Producer may offer a team of less than 5 participants to perform as exhibition only, as long as they meet the safety rules and age restrictions of the Age Grid.

# Guidelines for Combining and/or Splitting Divisions

The USASF 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 the 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**

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.
- After the division is combined, the event producer **must** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable.

### USASF 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, the event producer will look at all possible combinations to ensure competition across divisions. The event producer **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)

### USASF 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 the event producer **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)

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

When registrations leave a division with a single team the event producer **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, the event producer may move to the 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 the 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 division 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 division 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 the event producer **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 the event producer **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:** Division Split for DI and DII

**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 = 23–30 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, the event producer may split according to the following team sizes:

XSmall = 5-14 members

Small/Medium = 15-30 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

An event producer 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

An event producer 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. SPLIT BY DIVISION: DI | DII**

Event producers **may** split the division into Division I (DI) and Division II (DII) when there are at least **two** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of DI and DII divisions must follow the USASF Division II definition.

#### **“DIVISION II” Definition**

- A “Division II” PROGRAM is defined as having **125 or fewer** athletes registered in its competitive cheer program. Exhibition teams, crossover athletes, special needs teams and dance teams do not count toward the 125 or fewer athletes. All Star Cheer Prep athletes **are** counted toward the 125 athletes or fewer.
- It is up to the event producer’s discretion as to how to monitor “Division II” status for their particular event, given the definition provided above.
- Multiple-location programs must follow the Program Classification as outlined in USASF PROGRAMS: CLASSIFICATIONS & PROGRAM DEFINITION
- Once a program has 126 competitive cheer athletes or more, the program is no longer eligible for Division II status for the remainder of the competitive season regardless of the number of athletes may have in their program at any given time.
- For further information/clarification see **USASF PROGRAMS: CLASSIFICATIONS & PROGRAM DEFINITION**

### **3. 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. The event producers must 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.*