



Worlds Bid Information

2023 True North Cheer & Dance Championships

Submissions Due February 20, 2023

The Alberta Cheerleading Association (“ACA”) will be offering bids to the IASF’s 2023 Cheerleading Worlds (“Worlds”) at our 2023 True North Cheer & Dance Championships (“True North”). We are eligible to award up to **TWO (2) PARTIAL PAID BIDS** and **SIX (6) AT LARGE BIDS**. The information below provides bid information and how teams will be judged.

1. Bid Declaration

Teams requesting to compete for a bid must complete the [True North Worlds Bid Declaration Form](#) by **Monday, February 20, 2023**.

2. Divisions

All divisions offered at the Worlds and True North are eligible. For division information, please visit www.iasfworlds.com.

3. Eligibility

All athletes competing must meet the age and division eligibility requirements established by the ACA, Cheer Canada and the IASF.

4. Selection Process

Bids will be awarded based on the recommendations of the True North judging panel. Scores within each division will be a factor but not the sole determinant in the judges’ recommendations. The primary consideration in the selection process will be the team’s ability to succeed in their division based on the scoring criteria and weighting for each division at Worlds.

5. Scoring Process

Day 1 = 50%, Day 2 = 50%.

Worlds divisions will be adjudicated on the Comparative Cheer Canada score system, and scores may not be comparable across panels or divisions. The ACA will consult with judges and scoring experts to compare teams across divisions and panels.

6. Ties

All ties in each division or group will remain. In the event of a first-place tie in the final round of competition, the team with the lessor deductions will be awarded first place. If the deductions remain equal, the tie will not be broken, and both teams will be awarded first place.



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7. Partial Paid Bids

Partial Paid bids are worth CAD 5,000 each and may be awarded to any program that meets the ACA's and IASF's requirements. Any program that meets the requirements will be eligible to be awarded up to two (2) Partial Paid bids.

Bid payments will be made directly to The Cheerleading Worlds on behalf of the program. Payment will be made approximately four (4) weeks before Worlds after proof of registration has been provided.

If a team does not attend Worlds after being awarded a Partial Paid bid, they will be required to refund the amount in full to the ACA. If a team upgrades to a "paid" bid of more value at a later event, money from the Partial Paid bid must be returned to the ACA.

8. At Large Bids

At Large bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or the following highest-scoring teams to the Paid or Partial Paid bid-winning team(s).

Recipients of At Large bids are eligible to compete at Worlds; however, they must pay for their accommodation packages and all other related expenses.

9. Rollover Bids

Bids are only valid for the year of the competition they were approved, and bids will not roll over to the following year. All COVID-19 rollover bids are expired and cannot be used for the 2023 Worlds.

10. Worlds Teams Roster Verification

Roster Verification begins at True North through the 2023 IASF Team Roster ("**Roster**"). The Roster must be fully and accurately completed by the team and submitted to the ACA by email to info@albertacheerleading.ca by **Monday, February 20, 2023**. The ACA will verify the roster before the team takes to the competition floor.

[ACCESS THE ROSTER AT WWW.ALBERTACHEERLEADING.CA/TRUENORTH.](http://WWW.ALBERTACHEERLEADING.CA/TRUENORTH)

Teams who have yet to register their team accurately or have not accurately submitted their team information through the Roster or submitted any requirements by the deadline are not eligible to receive a bid.

The ACA must share the Roster and information with the IASF within 72 hours after the event.

11. Substitution Policy

These substitution rules and guidelines will be in the Worlds registration packet and enforced at Worlds.



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- Rosters may change up to 50% within the **division** in which you have won your bid.
- 50% of the athletes from the original Roster that earned the Worlds bid must remain on the Roster for Worlds. Example:
 - A team of 14 athletes can change 7 of those athletes after tryouts to maintain the 50%. Additionally, teams **may** add to the roster as long as 50% of the original roster is maintained.
 - The new team size total = 21, with 7 original team members to meet the 50% SUBSTITUTION POLICY requirement.
- Programs **must** notify the ACA if their Roster changes so a new **IASF roster** can be submitted to the IASF.
- If a team upgrades a bid, the team must submit a new IASF roster through the new event producer.

[SEE THE IASF WORLDS 2023 DIVISION LIST FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)

12. Division Changes

Teams may only change divisions after they win a bid if they are season 2 IASF Worlds bid winners moving into the new U18 Worlds Divisions or with written approval from the IASF.

13. Bid Limitations

A team may receive up to one bid to Worlds, Paid, Partial Paid, or At Large, for any given division. Should a team already have been awarded a bid to Worlds, decline acceptance, or fail to accept a bid by the 72-hour deadline, that bid may be transferred to an alternative team at the sponsoring event producer's discretion.

14. Bid Receiving Requirements

A team that receives and accepts any Worlds bid must compete at the Worlds in the same division they competed in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded.

15. Timing Requirements for Bid Acceptance

Bid winners must accept the bid and complete and return the Bid Winners Acceptance Form to the ACA within 72 hours after the last day of the event where the request was received. This means each team will need to have made up their minds before the Worlds qualifying event about whether they will accept the bid should they receive one, and if so, who will be going and what the travel specifics will be.

16. Banners

Worlds banners will be given to the teams which accept a Worlds bid from True North. The banners will be handed out to the teams at the competition; however, if the team chooses to decline the bid, they must return the banner to be given to the next team in line for the award.



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If a team upgrades to a higher bid at a later event, they will pass on their banner to the next team in line if they are awarded a roll-down bid.

17. IASF Requirements

Teams must ensure to review the IASF's complete Worlds Registration Information and Competition Guidelines through the link below before the ACA's Worlds qualifying event at www.iasfworlds.com/worlds-page.

Questions?

Email the ACA's Executive Director at michelle@albertacheerleading.ca.