



STATEMENT REGARDING THE UK COMPETITION DIVISIONS & AGE GRID 2020-2021

For the 2020-2021 season only, SCUUK will be increasing the upper age limit for all divisions (excluding IASF as these are included on the grid alongside our UK specific divisions and the guidelines are set out by IASF themselves – IASF Divisions on this grid will be updated if needed once released by IASF).

Having gathered feedback from coaches, EPs and the boards of our member nations we recognise the importance of offering a way for athletes to have another opportunity to compete with their 2019-2020 teams and so this is a logical solution to that. Please note that the age of an athlete will be determined by 31.08.20, and this will allow athletes who were due to move up an age category to still do this without being held back, offering coaches flexibility as they plan for 2020-2021. These extensions are highlighted in **GREEN** and are applicable for the 2020-2021 season ONLY.

Any other changes to the grid are shown in **RED** and additions are shown in **BLUE**

Summary of Main Changes:

- Clarification on the intended purpose of Prep Cheer Divisions
- Removal of some Novice divisions due to little to no interest in these divisions
- Removal of some All Star Prep Cheer divisions due to little to no interest and in keeping with the sentiments of the additional clarification on the purpose of All Star Prep Cheer divisions.
- Junior 6 now defined as a Female/Male division to eliminate the additional division of Junior Coed 6 due to little to no interest in this division.
- Removal of Open 5 division from All Star Cheer Elite divisions due to little to no interest in this division.
- Removal of Senior 6 & Senior Coed 6 from All Star Cheer Elite divisions due to little to no interest in these divisions.
- Removal of any IASF divisions that are not offered at The International Summit or IASF Worlds due to little to no interest in these divisions.
- EPs may choose to offer Cheer Abilities & Dance Abilities as competitive divisions as well as an Exhibition performance. Contact the individual EP for more information on this.
- Removal of Junior Male, Senior Male & University Male Dance divisions due to little to no interest.
- Introduction of High Kick for ages other than International Open in an effort to allow teams adequate time to develop this division with the goal of competing at Worlds (was previously only offered as an International Open division).
- Addition of University/Open Level 1 Stunt Group due to high demand.
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Looking towards 2021-2022:

Moving forward, SCUUK will be looking to increase the bottom age caps on all divisions to narrow the age range within divisions. SCUUK also recognises that although some divisions have been removed this year, there are many divisions currently available which are not utilised or rarely utilised. We will be monitoring this and continuing consultations to determine how the age grid can be streamlined further without impacting a program's ability to field teams. Any plans regarding this will be released earlier than the usual age grid release to allow teams adequate time to plan.



UK COMPETITION DIVISIONS & AGE GRID 2020-2021

Athlete age for the entire 2020--2021 season is determined by their age as of 31ST AUGUST 2020.

Exception: IASF International divisions (Cheer & Dance) – the eligible age for an athlete is determined by their age during 2021. 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 during 2021. EXAMPLE 2: An athlete who turns 13 after January 1st 2021 is eligible for a division where the maximum age is 12, as they will be 12 for at least 1 day during 2021.

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

Please note that if you are competing outside of the UK then division requirements/limits and age ranges may be different, and you will need to follow the guidelines set out by the Event Producer/Governing Body of that country

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SCUK CROSSOVER POLICY:

An athlete cannot crossover onto more than 2 cheer teams (a maximum of 3 cheer teams total) and no more than 6 routines in total (inclusive of Cheer, Dance, Stunt Groups & Solos/Individuals) at any one event.

EPs may be more restrictive than this – please check with the relevant EP for further guidance.

Athletes may not crossover between different size teams in cheer divisions within the same age and level, regardless of the mandatory split guidelines. E.g. An athlete may compete on only one All Star Elite Cheer Youth 1 team. This does not apply to dance. E.g. An athlete may compete on both small junior pom and large junior pom.

Crossovers are NOT ALLOWED between Novice/Prep and All Star/International Cheer teams at the same event – Exception – an athlete may crossover between Novice/Prep divisions to Stunt Group divisions.

CLARIFICATION: An athlete may not crossover from Novice to Prep, Novice to All Star or Novice to International divisions. An athlete may not crossover from Prep to Novice, Prep to All Star or Prep to International. An athlete MAY crossover from All Star to International.

At Worlds bid events an athlete may compete on ONE TEAM ONLY in Worlds Bid divisions/rounds.

CLARIFICATION: At non worlds bid events an athlete can compete on more than one team in a division that is offered at worlds (as long as all other crossover guidelines are followed).

ROUTINE TIME LIMITS:

Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or beat of music, whichever comes first.

Allstar Cheer Elite/University Cheer/School Cheer/Masters Cheer – Maximum 2 minutes 30 seconds

IASF Tiny, Mini, Youth, Junior, Senior & Open – Maximum 2 minutes 30 seconds

IASF Global:

- 30 second minimum to 40 second maximum for the opening cheer portion
- 20 second maximum to move from cheer portion and set up for the music portion
- 2:30 maximum for the music portion

IASF/University Non-Tumbling – Maximum 2 minutes

Prep Cheer – Maximum 2 minutes

Novice Cheer – Maximum 1 minute 30 seconds

Dance – Minimum 1 minute 45 seconds. Maximum 2 minutes 15 seconds

Stunt Groups, Partner Stunts & Individuals/Solos – Maximum 1 minute 15 seconds

CHEER DIVISIONS

NOVICE CHEER DIVISIONS (Please note that some Novice divisions available last season are no longer available)

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|--------------|---------------|------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| TINY NOVICE | TN | 3-7 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1 |
| MINI NOVICE | MN | 5-9 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1 |
| YOUTH NOVICE | YN | 5-12 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1 |

Novice teams will follow the relevant IASF rules with the following additions:

No tosses permitted in these divisions – *Clarification: This includes 'Sponge' (also known as load in or Squish) tosses.*

Clarification: All waist level cradles are illegal.

Teams will be evaluated on a rating system (Outstanding, Excellent, Superior) only and not scored against other teams.

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

Tiny Novice Only: No building skills permitted (includes tosses, stunts & pyramids). The ONLY TWO TUMBLING skills allowed are cartwheels & forward rolls. Handstands, backbends/bridges, etc are not allowed.

Novice athletes may not cross over to All Star Prep, Allstar Elite or IASF International Cheer teams at the same event.

ALL STAR PREP CHEER DIVISIONS

(Please note that some All Star Prep Cheer divisions available last season are no longer available)

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|-------------|---------------|---|-------------|-----------|----------|
| TINY PREP | TP | 3-7 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1.1 |
| MINI PREP | MP | 5-9 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1.1, 2.1 |
| YOUTH PREP | YP | 5-12 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1.1, 2.1 |
| JUNIOR PREP | JP | 5-15 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1.1, 2.1 |
| SENIOR PREP | SP | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1.1, 2.1 |

Prep teams will follow the relevant IASF rules with the following additions: No tosses permitted in these divisions – *Clarification: This includes 'Sponge' (also known as load in or Squish) tosses. Clarification: All waist level cradles are illegal.*

In the All Star Prep levelling system the 1st number refers to the building level, the 2nd to the tumbling level. EXAMPLE: All Star Prep Level 2.1 follows level 2 building rules and level 1 tumbling rules.

All Star Prep athletes may not cross over to Novice, Allstar Elite or IASF International Cheer teams at the same event.

PLEASE NOTE that it is our recommendation that Prep divisions be used for newer and less experienced athletes. Where possible, more experienced athletes should be placed in All Star divisions leaving a more even playing field for teams entering Prep divisions.

ALLSTAR ELITE CHEER DIVISIONS

(Please note that some Allstar Elite Cheer divisions available last season are no longer available)

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|-------------|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| TINY | T | 3-7 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1 |
| MINI | M | 5-9 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1, 2 |
| YOUTH | Y | 5-12 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1, 2, 3 |
| YOUTH | Y | 8-12 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 4 |
| YOUTH | Y | 9-12 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 5 |
| JUNIOR | J | 5-15 | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1, 2, 3, |
| JUNIOR | J | 9-15 | Female/Male | 5-38 | 4, 5 |
| JUNIOR | J | 9-15 | Female/Male | 5-38 | 6 |
| SENIOR | S | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1, 2, 4.2 |
| SENIOR | S | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | No Males | 5-32 | 3, 4 |
| SENIOR COED | SC | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | 1+ Males | 5-32 | 3, 4 |
| SENIOR | S | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | Female/Male | 5-38 | 5 |
| OPEN | O | 17+ | Female/Male | 5-32 | 1, 2 |
| OPEN | O | 17+ | No Males | 5-32 | 3, 4 |
| OPEN COED | OC | 17+ | 1+ Males | 5-32 | 3, 4 |

IASF CHEER DIVISIONS (Please note that some IASF Cheer divisions available last season are no longer available)

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| JUNIOR | IJ | 10-16 | Female/Male | 16-24 | 1, 2, 3 |
| JUNIOR | IJ | 10-16 | No Males | 16-24 | 4, 5, 6 |
| JUNIOR COED | IJC | 10-16 | 1+ Males | 16-24 | 4, 5, 6 |
| SENIOR | IS | 14-18 | Female/Male | 16-24 | 1, 2 |
| SENIOR | IS | 14-18 | No Males | 16-24 | 3, 4, |
| SENIOR LARGE | IS | 14-18 | No Males | 25-30 | 3, 4, |
| SENIOR COED | ISC | 14-18 | 1+ Males | 16-24 | 3, 4 |
| OPEN | IO | 14+ | Female/Male | 16-24 | 3 |
| OPEN | IO | 14+ | No Males | 16-24 | 4, 5, 6 |
| OPEN | IO | 17+ | No Males | 16-24 | 7 |
| OPEN COED | IOC | 14+ | 1+ Males | 16-24 | 4 |
| OPEN COED 4 | IOC | 14+ | 1-4 Males | 16-24 | 5, 6 |
| OPEN COED 4 | IOC | 17+ | 1-4 Males | 16-24 | 7 |
| OPEN COED 16 | IOC | 14+ | 5-16 Males | 16-24 | 5, 6 |
| OPEN COED 16 | IOC | 17+ | 5-16 Males | 16-24 | 7 |
| OPEN NON-TUMBLING | IO | 14+ | Female/Male | 16-30 | 3NT, 4NT |
| OPEN NON-TUMBLING | IO | 14+ | No Males | 16-30 | 5NT, 6NT |
| OPEN COED NON-TUMBLING | IO | 14+ | 1-20 males | 16-30 | 5NT, 6NT |
| OPEN NON-TUMBLING | IOC | 17+ | No Males | 16-30 | 7NT |
| OPEN COED NON-TUMBLING | IOC | 17+ | 1-20 males | 16-30 | 7NT |
| GLOBAL | IG | 14+ | No Males | 16-24 | 6 |
| GLOBAL COED | IGC | 14+ | 1-16 Males | 16-24 | 6 |

The minimum team size for IASF International divisions is 16. If a team competes with fewer than 16 athletes a deduction will be assessed by all Event Providers.

*IASF International Coed teams: The maximum numbers of males on a coed team may not exceed 2/3 of the total athletes on the team. EXAMPLE: If an IASF Open Level 5 Coed 16 team has a total of 18 athletes competing on the floor, the maximum number of males allowed on the team would be restricted to 12.

MASTERS CHEER DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|----------|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|--------|
| MASTERS | MA | at least 75% of athletes aged 25+ with a minimum age of 17 | Female/Male | 6-38 | 1, 2 |

CHEER ABILITIES DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| CHEER ABILITIES | CA | All ages | Female/Male | Unlimited | 2 |

Cheer Abilities teams are limited to level 2 rules, in addition to no basket tosses permitted.

EP's may choose to offer Cheer Abilities as a competitive division as well as an Exhibition performance. Contact the individual EP for more information on this.

UNIVERSITY CHEER DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| UNIVERSITY ALL GIRL | UAG | 17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years. | No Males | 5-38 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UNIVERSITY COED | UC | 17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years. | 1+ Males | 5-38 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UNIVERSITY NON-TUMBLING | UC | 17+ & must be registered students or graduated within last 4 years. | Female/Male | 5-38 | 2NT, 3NT, 4NT, 5NT, 6NT, 7NT |

All members are at least 17 years old (on August 31st 2020) 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 and/or 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.

DANCE DIVISIONS

| DANCE DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | # ON TEAM | FEMALE/MALE |
|---------------------|---------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| TINY | T | 7 and under | 4 or more dancers | Female/Male |
| MINI | M | 10 and under | 4 or more dancers | Female/Male |
| YOUTH | Y | 13 and under | 4 or more dancers | Female/Male |
| JUNIOR | J | 16 and under | 4 or more dancers | No Males |
| JUNIOR COED | JC | 16 and under | 4 or more dancers | 1+ males |
| SENIOR | S | 11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older | 4 or more dancers | No Males |
| SENIOR COED | SC | 11 years old with at least one dancer 16 or older | 4 or more dancers | 1+ males |
| INTERNATIONAL OPEN* | IO | 14 years and older | 6-30 dancers | Female/Male |
| UNIVERSITY** | U | 17 years and older | 4 or more dancers | No Males |
| UNIVERSITY COED** | UC | 17 years and older | 4 or more dancers | 1+ males |
| MASTERS DANCE | MA | at least 75% of athletes aged 25+ with a minimum age of 17 | 4 or more dancers | Female/Male |
| DANCE ABILITIES | DA | ALL AGES | Unlimited dancers | Female/Male |

* The eligible age for an athlete is determined by their age during 2021 (See page 2).

** All members are at least 17 years old (on August 31st 2020) 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 and/or 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.

All 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. **High Kick can now be offered at any age group as a Speciality Division – please contact the EP you wish to compete with to enquire if they are offering this division.**

Dance Team Sizes:

All of the above dance divisions can be split by size as follows (excluding IASF Dance divisions)

Small = 4-14

Large = 15 or more

An athlete may compete on both a large & small dance team of the same age and style. In this instance an EP **MUST** split the division into Small & Large so that the athlete does not have to compete against themselves.

Exception - IASF Dance Divisions follow the Team Size splits below:

Elite = 6-15

Premier = 16-30

An athlete may compete on both an Elite & Premier dance team of the same age and style. In this instance an EP **MUST** split the division into Elite & Premier so that the athlete does not have to compete against themselves.

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.

Please be aware that age grids for dance vary from country to country, so you must ensure you follow the guidelines set by the event you will be competing at when competing outside of the UK.

SPECIALTY DIVISIONS

SCHOOLS CHEER DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|----------|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|---------|
| MINI | SCHM | 5-9 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1, 2 |
| YOUTH | SCHY | 5-12 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1, 2, 3 |
| JUNIOR | SCHJ | 5-15 | Female/Male | 5-30 | 1, 2, 3 |
| SENIOR | SCHS | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 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

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | # ON TEAM | LEVELS |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| TINY STUNT GROUP | TSG | 3-7 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1 |
| MINI STUNT GROUP | MSG | 5-9 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1, 2 |
| YOUTH STUNT GROUP | YSG | 5-12 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| YOUTH STUNT GROUP | YSG | 9-12 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 5 |
| JUNIOR STUNT GROUP | JSG | 5-15 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1, 2, 3 |
| JUNIOR STUNT GROUP | JSG | 9-15 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 4, 5 |
| JUNIOR STUNT GROUP | JSG | 9-15 | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 6 |
| JUNIOR PARTNER STUNT | JPS | 9-15 | Female/Male | 2 athletes | 6 |
| SENIOR STUNT GROUP | SSG | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1, 2 |
| SENIOR STUNT GROUP | SSG | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | No Males | 3 to 5 athletes | 3, 4, 5 |
| SENIOR STUNT GROUP | SSG | 12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | No Males | 3 to 5 athletes | 6 |
| SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP | SCSG | 10+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | 1+ Males | 3 to 5 athletes | 3, 4, 5 |
| SENIOR COED STUNT GROUP | SCSG | 12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | 1+ Males | 3 to 5 athletes | 6 |
| SENIOR PARTNER STUNT | SPS | 12+ with at least 1 athlete 15 years or older | Female/Male | 2 athletes | 6 |
| OPEN/UNIVERSITY* STUNT GROUP | O/USG | 17+ | Female/Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 1, 2 |
| OPEN/UNIVERSITY* STUNT GROUP | O/USG | 17+ | No Males | 3 to 5 athletes | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OPEN/UNIVERSITY* COED STUNT GROUP | O/UCSG | 17+ | 1+ Male | 3 to 5 athletes | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OPEN/UNIVERSITY* PARTNER STUNT | O/UPS | 17+ | Female/Male | 2 athletes | 6, 7 |

* University divisions: All members are 17 years old (on August 31st 2020) or older and are current students at the named university. Exception: 1 athlete per stunt group can be a past student/alumnus, 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 INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE | LEVELS |
|----------|---------------|-------|-------------|--------|
| TINY | TCI | 3-6 | Female/Male | 1 |
| MINI | MCI | 7-8 | Female/Male | 2 |
| YOUTH | YCI | 9-11 | Female/Male | 5 |
| JUNIOR | JCI | 12-14 | Female/Male | 6 |
| SENIOR | SCI | 15-16 | Female/Male | 6 |
| OPEN | OCI | 17+ | Female/Male | 7 |

DANCE SOLO DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DIVISION CODE | AGE | FEMALE/MALE |
|----------|---------------|-------|-------------|
| TINY | TDS | 3-6 | Female/Male |
| MINI | MDS | 7-8 | Female/Male |
| YOUTH | YDS | 9-11 | Female/Male |
| JUNIOR | JDS | 12-14 | Female/Male |
| SENIOR | SDS | 15-16 | Female/Male |
| OPEN | ODS | 17+ | Female/Male |

Dance solos will be offered in the following styles: pom, jazz, hip hop and lyrical/contemporary.

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

DIVISION SPLIT/MERGE GUIDELINES

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 3 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 or Mandatory 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.

Teams of different levels may not be combined into one division.

Teams of different ages may not be combined into one division.

NOVICE CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:

Novice divisions **may not** be combined.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:

Novice divisions **may not** be further split.

ALL STAR PREP CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:

All Star Prep divisions **may not** be combined.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:

All Star Prep teams **may** be split by size as per the split guidelines for All Star Elite cheer (see below).

ALL STAR ELITE CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:

The following combinations are permitted in the event of a single team registering in either division:

- Senior Coed Level 3 and Senior Level 3
- Senior Coed Level 4 and Senior Level 4
- Open Coed Level 3 and Open Level 3
- Open Coed Level 4 and Open Level 4
- Open and corresponding University divisions (e.g. University Level 1 and Open Level 1)

If there is one Coed 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 **may** be combined.

After the division is combined, the Event Producer **must** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable.

No other combinations are permitted.

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:

Divisions may be split by size, coed/all girl or in some cases, by additional optional splits. **The order in which these splits must be made depends on the division as follows.**

| DIVISION | 1ST SPLIT | 2ND SPLIT | 3RD SPLIT |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| TINY 1 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| MINI 1/2 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| YOUTH 1/2/3/4/5 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| JUNIOR 1/2/3/4 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| JUNIOR 5 | COED (mandatory) | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) |
| JUNIOR 6 | COED (mandatory) | SIZE (optional) | A/B (optional) |
| SENIOR 1/2/3/4 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| SENIOR 4.2/5 | COED (mandatory) | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) |
| SENIOR COED 3/4 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| OPEN 1/2/3/4 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| OPEN COED 3/4 | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| ALL STAR PREP | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |
| UNIVERSITY CHEER | SIZE (mandatory) | A/B (optional) | N/A |

If the 1st mandatory split cannot be made without leaving a single team in a division, but the 2nd mandatory split CAN be made, the Event Producer **may** make this 2nd split at their discretion, despite the 1st split not having been made. This is an optional split. E.g. Where the first split is listed as COED and this cannot be made, an EP **may** split by size.

A division **may not** be split into A/B unless the mandatory size split has first been made. **EXCEPTION: University Divisions - Due to the nature of these divisions (often larger team sizes) EP's may split University Divisions using a 'natural break' in the division by size to ensure a more even playing field. This may be done instead of the usual mandatory size split as the first split option. EP's may choose to name these divisions in relation to size e.g. 'Small' & 'Large' but what constitutes as Small or Large may vary from event to event and between divisions dependant on the team sizes of the entries received.**

MANDATORY COED SPLITS

Coed splits only apply to the divisions listed below. If the division is not listed below, a coed split is **NEVER** an option:

- Junior Level 5
- [Junior Level 6](#)
- Senior Level 4.2
- Senior Level 5

Coed splits should be used when there will be 3 or more teams in each respective division.

MANDATORY SPLITS BY SIZE

Levels 1-4 and 4.2 and All Star Prep:

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

X-Small = 5-14 athletes | Small/Medium = 15-32 athletes

Youth Level 5, Junior Levels 5 & 6:

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

Small = 5-22 athletes | Large = 23-38 athletes

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SPLITS

Levels 1-4 and 4.2 and All Star Prep: Event Producers **may** split the division into X Small, Small & Medium when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each respective division. The designation of X Small, Small & Medium must follow the team sizes below:

X Small = 5-14 members

Small = 15-22 members

Medium = 23-32 members

Youth Level 5, Junior Levels 5 & 6

Following the mandatory split by size, an Event Producer **may** further split by size when there are at least **three** teams that will ultimately be registered in each division:

Small → X-Small = 5-14 athletes | Small = 5–22 athletes

Large → Medium = 23-32 athletes | Large = 33-38 athletes

All divisions:

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 team size. Event Producers will use a name such as “Group A”, “Group B” etc. to denote the split and must clearly define the number of competitors permitted on the team for each of these particular divisions. A/B splits may not be made unless the mandatory split(s) have also been made.

SPLIT EXCEPTION FOR TEAMS FROM THE SAME PROGRAMME

Teams from the same programme **regardless of their location** will not have to compete against themselves if they have 2 teams of a 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 programme will not compete against themselves if they have X-Small and Small/Medium teams in the same division and level. There is NOT a mandatory split for X-Small/Medium or Small/Medium team sizes from the same programme in the same division and level. Athletes may not crossover between different size teams in divisions within the same level.

Level 5 and Junior Level 6: Teams from the same programme 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 X-Small/Small or Medium/Large team sizes from the same programme in the same division and level.

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

IASF INTERNATIONAL CHEER

SPLITTING DIVISIONS:

IASF International divisions **may not** be further split. [IASF Open Non Tumbling divisions](#) **MAY** be combined with [University Non Tumbling divisions](#) to avoid a one team division.

UNIVERSITY CHEER

COMBINING DIVISIONS:

The following combinations are permitted in the event of a single team registering in either division:

- Open and corresponding University divisions (e.g. University Level 1 and Open Level 1)
- [International Open Non Tumbling & University Non Tumbling divisions](#)

If there is one open registration and/or one university registration, the divisions **must** be combined unless it will mean an athlete competing against themselves.

After the division is combined, the Event Producer **may** follow the mandatory split guidelines if applicable or may utilise the exception listed on page 11*.

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***(EXCEPTION from Page 11: Due to the nature of these divisions (often larger team sizes) EP's may split University Divisions using a 'natural break' in the division by size to ensure a more even playing field. This may be done instead of the usual mandatory size split as the first split option. EP's may choose to name these divisions in relation to size e.g. 'Small' & 'Large' but what constitutes as Small or Large may vary from event to event and between divisions dependant on the team sizes of the entries received.)**

When Open & University divisions are combined, they will be denoted as Open divisions and will follow the Open division guidelines.

SCHOOLS CHEER

Split/merge protocol is at the discretion of the Event Producer as this is considered a specialty division.

DANCE

Event Producers will split divisions first by size and then by gender.

Splitting Divisions into Small and Large Team

If there will 3 or more teams in either the Small or Large division in Tiny, Mini, Youth, Junior and/or Senior Divisions within the same Category, these division **MUST** be split.

Clarification: Small and Large will always remain split if it means that a programme will compete against itself. (Example: Senior Small Pom and Senior Large Pom teams from the same programme will not be combined into one division that would cause them to compete against each other. If a programme 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.

International divisions **MUST** be split using the IASF Dance size guidelines of Elite (6-15) and Premier (16-30) if an athlete would otherwise be competing against themselves.

Combining Age and Gender

If there is only one team registered in any Junior or Senior Division within the same category, the Event Producer **MUST** combine the divisions as long as a programme is not forced to compete against itself:

Eg: Junior with Junior Coed, Senior with Senior Coed