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Worlds Bid Information

2026 True North Cheer & Dance Championships

Submissions Due February 21, 2026

The Alberta Cheerleading Association (“ACA”) will be offering bids to the IASF’s 2026 Cheerleading Worlds (“**Worlds**”) at our 2026 True North Cheer & Dance Championships (“**True North**”). We are eligible to award up to **THREE (3) 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 **Saturday February 21, 2026**.

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. The primary consideration in the selection process will be the team's ability to be successful in their division and level at Worlds. Bids will **not** be awarded solely on scores or rankings within a division/level or across divisions/levels.

5. Scoring Process

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

Worlds divisions will be adjudicated on Cheer Canada’s Comparative Scoring System.

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 lesser 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 three (3) 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 may be awarded to any program that meets the ACA's and IASF's requirements.

Recipients of At Large bids 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.

10. Worlds Teams Roster Verification

Roster Verification begins at True North through the 2026 IASF Team Roster ("**Roster**"). The Roster must be fully and accurately completed by the team and submitted to the ACA by email to kaylynn@albertacheerleading.ca by **Saturday February 21, 2026**. The ACA will verify the roster before the team takes to the competition floor.

ACCESS THE ROSTER AT WWW.ALBERTACHEERLEADING.CA/TRUENORTH

Teams who do not accurately submit their team information through the Roster or fail to meet any of the requirements by the deadline will not be eligible to receive a bid.

11. Substitution Policy

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.



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12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. IASF Requirements

Teams must ensure to review the IASF's complete [Worlds Registration Information and Competition Guidelines](#) before the ACA's Worlds qualifying event.

Questions?

Email the ACA at info@albertacheerleading.ca.