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The ACA is excited to announce that at the 2016 West Edmonton Mall Cheerleading Championships, we will be offering three Bids to the 2017 ICU School World Cheerleading Championships! The ACA is eligible to award one “Paid Bid”, (covering the cost of hotels, competition fees, transport to, and entry into the Disney World Parks and Resort) and two “At Large Bids”. Below is the information in regards to the bids and how teams will be judged. Please read the document thoroughly as this is the first time this will be offered! Due to the difference in competition rules between Alberta and the ICU, these bids are only open to High School Division II and High School CoEd teams. Should you have any questions after reading this please contact the ACA Technical Coordinator at rebecca@albertacheerleading.ca.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligible Divisions

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<th>ACA Divisions</th>
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| High School Division II | Small Varsity -5-12 female members  
Medium Varsity -13-16 female members  
Large Varsity – 17-20 female members  
Super Varsity- 21-30 female members | Junior Non Tumbling - 5-25 members  
Small Varsity Non Tumbling - 5-12 members (0-2 males)  
Medium Varsity Non Tumbling -13-20 members (0-2 males)  
Large Varsity – 21-30 members (0-2 males) |
| High School CoEd    | Small Varsity Coed -5-20 members (1-4 males)  
Medium Varsity Coed -21-25 members (4- 7 males)  
Large Varsity Coed - 21-30 members (8 males or more) |                                                                                     |

*The Non Tumbling division will prohibit all tumbling, except for inversions into load in positions, stunts, and pyramids.

Competitors’ Age

Because the Bids are given out nearly a year in advance, it is expected that some athletes will win the Bid but will be unable to attend in the following season. All teams who are awarded a Bid are expected to follow all ACA and ASAA policies and regulations. ASAA Eligibility requirements may be found on pages 37 and 38 of the ASAA Policy Handbook, http://www.asaa.ca/sites/default/files/2015-16policyhandbookrev.pdf
The Road to the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading World Championships

Replacements/Substitutions at Bid-Qualifying Events
All athletes competing at the Bid-Qualifying event must be listed on the official roster submitted to the ACA at the time of registration. Should a team need to make any substitutions before competing at the bid-qualifying event, they must inform the ACA a week in advance.

The 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds Full Bids
The Full Paid Bid is awarded to the best team in one or more of the Worlds divisions at the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds qualifying event. The ACA the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded. The team awarded a Paid bid will have their hotel costs, competition fees, transport between the Orlando airport and the Disney World Parks and Resort covered by the ICU. Additional expenses incurred, such as flight costs, meals, and souvenirs, will be the responsibility of the team.

The 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds “At Large” Bids
“At Large” bids are generally awarded to runner-up teams or the next highest scoring teams to the “Paid” bid-winning team, however, the ACA has the discretion to select the divisions and determine the process by which the bids are awarded. Recipients of “At Large” bids are eligible to compete at the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds; however they must pay for their own Worlds Accommodation Packages and all other related expenses.

Bid Limitations
A team may receive no more than one bid to the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds, “Paid,” “Partial Paid,” or “At Large,” for any given division. Accepting or declining bids must be done so in writing to the sponsoring Event Producer and/or the USASF.

Bid Receiving Requirements
A team that receives and accepts a 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds bid may compete at the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds in the same division they competed in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded, but does not necessarily have to.

Teams Attending Worlds Requirements:
- Must represent an ASAA High School, or similar organization in the province of origin
- Must have Credentialed Coaches by a recognised Cheer Coaching Certification program

Timing Requirements for Bid Acceptance
“Paid” and “At Large” bid winners must accept the bid in writing to the ACA. The letter must be faxed or scanned and emailed within seven days after the last day of the event where the bid was received. This means each team will need to have made up their minds prior to the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds qualifying event about whether they are going to accept the bid should they receive one. Should a team already have been awarded a bid to the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds, decline acceptance of a “Paid”/“At Large”, or fail to accept the “Paid”/“At Large” bid by the seven-day deadline, that bid may be transferred to an alternative team at the ACA’s discretion.
ADJUDICATION

Judging Panel

The judging group will consist of: The Head Judge, four ACA certified panel Judges, and two Safety Judges. All will be involved in the final decision regarding the awarding of Bids.

Score Sheet

The Varsity score sheet will be used for these divisions and awarding of Bids. Teams should be aware that the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds will be using the UCA Score Sheets and rules. These can be found here: http://uca.varsity.com/Competitions/Judging-Sheets

Ranking

The Varsity scoring system has all divisions receiving scores out of 100, which allows for comparison between different levels to determine the highest scoring teams who will receive the bids. In the event of a tie, the technique scores and the creativity scores will be used to break the tie and determine a winner. The judges will determine whether or not to award all three available bids based on these elements.

Athlete Behaviour (Entrances and Exits)

As per UCA 2015-2016 Rules and Regulations:

a. All introductions (tumbling, entrances, chants, spellouts, etc.) are considered part of the routine and will be timed as part of the performance.

b. All team breaks, rituals and traditions need to take place prior to entering the mat.

c. Teams should take the floor immediately with spirit and enthusiasm, but without excessive gestures. Example: chest bumps, hugs, hand shakes, etc.

d. All teams should refrain from any type of excessive celebration following the team’s performance. Any team in violation will receive [an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Deduction, a 4.0] point deduction.

e. There should not be any organized exits or other activities after the official ending of the routine.

Should your team be awarded a bid, you must follow this policy at the 2017 ICU School Cheerleading Worlds or a deduction can be taken. The following is a link to the specific rules: http://www.varsity.com/uploads/editor/files/PDFS/UCA/16/Competition/15-16-High-School-Competition-Rules.pdf