



# INTERNATIONAL CHEER UNION (ICU)

## SPECIAL ATHLETE UNIFIED TEAM DEVELOPMENT MODEL- CHEER

*\*ICU Rules Compliance and Progression learning is required for each athlete under the supervision of a qualified director/coach\**



Team Size Recommendation: 16 to 24 Athletes (male and female)

DIVISIONS	LEVELS	AGES/COMPETITION CATEGORIES				JUDGING STRUCTURE OPTIONS		
		Open All Ages	Junior 16 yrs or younger	Senior 14 yrs or older	Youth 10 yrs or younger	Exhibition= Performance	Evaluation= Based on % of total Score	Competition= Placement
DIVISION IA 100% Special Athletes	Intermediate/Level 2*				Not available			
	Novice/Level 1							
DIVISION I 51-99% Special Athletes	Intermediate/Level 2*				Not available			
	Novice/Level 1							
DIVISION II 26-50% Special Athletes	Intermediate/Level 2*				not available			
	Novice/Level 1							
DIVISION III 25% Special Athletes or less	Intermediate/Level 2*				Not available			
	Novice/Level 1							

*DEVELOPMENT MODEL- BEGIN IN LOWER LEFT (OPEN- NOVICE/L1) AND PROGRESS UP AND RIGHT AS NEEDED- BASED ON TEAM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS & GROWTH*

**Note:**  
Division II can extend to 99% Special Athlete composition if there is no Division I in within the same competition

**Note:**  
No tosses allowed within the Special Athlete Divisions

**Note:**  
Intermediate / Level 2 Categories- not available for Special Athlete Youth Teams

**Note:**  
Evaluation= % of Total Score  
Bronze = 50% or less  
Silver = 51-74%  
Gold = 75% or more