



**INTERNATIONAL
CHEER UNION**

**INTERNATIONAL CUP
DIVISIONS 2023**

ORLANDO, USA

SUNDAY & MONDAY 23-24 APRIL 2023

(During Cheerleading Worlds)

ICU INTERNATIONAL CUP 2023

(For Individual Club Teams)

GENERAL INFORMATION OVERVIEW

- A. OVERVIEW:** On Sunday & Monday 23 & 24 April 2023, during IASF/USASF Worlds and following the 2023 ICU Junior World & World Championships at Disney World's **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex in Orlando USA, the ICU will host the inaugural ICU International Cup 2023 specifically for Individual "Club Teams" (not National Teams) that are Club Teams, Scholastic Teams (university teams & scholastic/school teams), Gymnasium/Gimnasio Teams, League Teams, Rec Teams, All Star Teams, etc. that will represent their own team but also their country in high level international competition.
- B. TEAM QUALIFICATION:** Each of ICU's 117 National Cheer Federations may qualify up to 2 Individual Cheerleading "Club Teams" (up to 12 Club Teams total) for their respective country for the ICU International Cup Divisions to be held during Cheerleading Worlds at Disney World's **ESPN Wide World of Sports®** Complex in Orlando, USA on Sunday & Monday 23 & 24 April 2023.

The ICU International Cup has 12 Cheerleading Divisions available (for Individual Club Teams – see below) and for each age group (All Girl or Coed), National Federations must select one of the two levels available for each All Girl Team & Coed Division Team (e.g., Senior = Premier or Elite / Junior = Elite or Advanced / Youth = Advanced or Median) that qualifies for the event. Therefore, out of 12 total divisions for the ICU International Cup, ICU National Federations have the right to qualify up to 2 Cheerleading Club Teams for 6 of the 12 International Cup Divisions available (up to 12 club teams total per country/National Federation) via the following methods:

- ICU National Federation National Championship(s) and/or an ICU National Federation designated event within the country.
- Local Event Producer(s) Competition(s) pre-designated by ICU National Federation within the country
- By ICU National Federation committee, video submission, or any manner pre-communicated to their cheerleading community within their respective country

Note: For example: The Austria Federation could select the "Vienna Vikings" to represent the "Vienna Vikings from Austria" at the ICU International Cup instead of representing "Team Austria"; the Colombia Federation could select "Osos All Stars" or "Colegio Santa Ana" under their own team name instead of "Team Colombia"; the USA Federation could select "U of Louisville", or "Mater Dei High School", or "Top Gun All Stars" "from the USA", etc. to be competing under their own name instead of "Team USA"; the South Africa Federation could select "Curro Aurora School" to be "Curro Aurora School" "from South Africa" instead of "Team South Africa"; Thailand Federation could select "Bangkok University" to be "Bangkok University from Thailand", instead of "Team Thailand"; etc.

- C. FOR CHEERLEADING DIVISIONS ONLY:** The 2023 ICU International Cup Divisions will only be for Cheerleading Teams Only (no Performance Cheer Teams) because the IASF Performance Cheer Divisions are already similar in criteria to that of ICU. Per the same rules since 2009, ICU National Teams have the option to join the IASF Divisions or the ICU International Cup Divisions; and as the IASF Performance Cheer Divisions & criteria are very similar to the ICU World Championships, only Cheerleading Divisions will be offered for the ICU International Cup in 2023.
- D. CROSS-OVER GUIDELINES:** Crossovers are allowed within the ICU Junior World & World Cheerleading Championships event and within the IASF Performance Cheer (PC) Divisions Only (per the IASF PC Rules). However, for scheduling purposes, Crossovers are not allowed for any Cheerleading Team within the 3 days of the IASF/USASF Worlds/the ICU International Cup Divisions event. As is the rule since 2009, ICU National Teams are allowed to crossover into the IASF divisions or ICU International Cup; however, all IASF & ICU Cup eligibility and rule criteria apply.
- E. RULES, SCORESHEETS & JUDGING PROCESSES:** The 2023 ICU International Cup Divisions Rules and Scoresheets will be the same rules and scoresheets used at the 2023 ICU Junior World & World Cheerleading Championships (National Teams) and will be judged by ICU World Championships Panel of Judges.

- F. **DIVISIONS:** The ICU International Cup has 12 Cheerleading Divisions (for Individual Club Teams) where for each age group, for All Girl and Coed, National Federations will have two levels to choose from (e.g., Senior = Premier or Elite / Junior = Elite or Advanced / Youth =Advanced or Median).

Countries must choose one level for both teams entered, as is applicable. All Girl & Coed Divisions levels within an age group can be the same or different. The ICU International Cup Divisions are as follows:

	CHEERLEADING DIVISIONS	National Federation Division Choices
SENIOR DIVISIONS (16 years +)		
1	Coed Premier (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
2	Coed Elite (16-24 athletes)	
3	All Girl Premier (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
4	All Girl Elite (16-24 athletes)	
JUNIOR DIVISIONS (15-18 years)		
5	Coed Elite (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
6	Coed Advanced (16-24 athletes)	
7	All Girl Elite (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
8	All Girl Advanced (16-24 athletes)	
YOUTH DIVISIONS (12-14 years)		
9	Coed Advanced (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
10	Coed Median (16-24 athletes)	
11	All Girl Advanced (16-24 athletes) or	Countries must choose one level for both teams- if applicable
12	All Girl Median (16-24 athletes)	

- G. **COMPETITION SCHEDULE:** The ICU International Cup Divisions will be held on Sunday & Monday 23-24 April 2023 during IASF/USASF Worlds. The exact event daily schedule on Sunday & Monday 23-24 is to be determined (TBD), based on registration as this is a 1st year event. Regarding the World Championships Week schedule (as shown below), upon completion of the ICU World Championships (National Teams) on Friday 21 April 2023, there will be a “free day/open day” for open rehearsals on Saturday 22 April 2023 for the ICU International Cup Division teams. On the afternoon of Sunday 23 April 2023, the ICU International Cup Divisions begin at Disney World’s *ESPN Wide World of Sports*® Complex in the VISA Center and runs all day through Monday 24 April 2023 while the IASF/USASF Worlds is underway as well. The Championships Week 2023 schedule overview will be as follows:

	Wed-Fri 19-21 April 2023	Sat 22 April 2023	Sun 23 April 2023	Mon 24 April 2023
ICU	Venue: WWoS: Field House & Arena	Int'l Cup Practice Venue: TBA	Venue: VISA Center	Venue: VISA center
	ALL DAY: ICU Junior World & World Championships (National Teams)	ALL DAY: ICU Int'l Cup Open Practices	AFTERNOON: ICU Int'l Cup Day 1 (Schedule TBA)	ALL DAY: ICU Int'l Cup Day 2 & Awards
IASF/USASF	Venue: VISA Center	Venue: WWoS Complex/Coronado	Venue: WWoS Complex/Coronado	Venue: WWoS Complex/Coronado
	IASF Begins (Friday 21 April 2023)	ALL DAY: IASF/USASF Worlds	ALL DAY: IASF/USASF Worlds	ALL DAY: IASF/USASF Worlds

- H. **AWARDS:** In each division, the ICU International Cup teams will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze ICU International Cup medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as an ICU International Cup Champion Trophy for 1st place teams. A traditional medal award ceremony will be administered for each division as well, with national anthems played for the division champion teams.
- I. **BROADCAST/STREAMING:** The ICU International Cup is scheduled to be live streamed by the Olympic Channel.
- J. **REGISTRATION:** Registration for the ICU International Cup Divisions 2023 will be available through <https://cheerunion.org/championships/cheerleading/> and is exclusive to the 117 National Cheer Federations of the International Cheer Union (ICU). The registration package will be similar to that of the ICU Junior World & World Championships, as well as the IASF/USASF Worlds and will be managed through the World Championships Week Registration Team. For Cheerleading Teams competing in the ICU Junior World & World Championships & the ICU International Cup, there is no additional fees to compete in both events, with the exception of any added costs associated with additional days of stay to compete at both competitions.
- K. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** A formal ICU International Cup Divisions 2023 Rules & Guidelines Packet will be available in the coming days and will be available at <https://cheerunion.org/championships/cheerleading/>.