



# INTERNATIONAL CHEER UNION (ICU) SPECIAL ATHLETE UNIFIED TEAM DEVELOPMENT MODEL- CHEER PERFORMANCE



\*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	GENRES	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	Team Cheer High Kick							
	Team Cheer Hip Hop							
	Team Cheer Jazz							
	Team Cheer Pom							
DIVISION I 51-99% Special Athletes	Team Cheer High Kick							
	Team Cheer Hip Hop							
	Team Cheer Jazz							
	Team Cheer Pom							
DIVISION II 26-50% Special Athletes	Team Cheer High Kick							
	Team Cheer Hip Hop							
	Team Cheer Jazz							
	Team Cheer Pom							
DIVISION III 25% Special Athletes or less	Team Cheer High Kick							
	Team Cheer Hip Hop							
	Team Cheer Jazz							
	Team Cheer Pom							

DEVELOPMENT MODEL- BEGIN IN LOWER LEFT (OPEN- DIVISION III) 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:**  
Evaluation= % of Total Score  
Bronze = 50% or less  
Silver = 51-74%  
Gold = 75% or more