



# TEAM AUSTRALIA 2017 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ICU JUNIOR WORLD CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS PERFORMANCE CHEER

Cheer Hip Hop & Freestyle Pom and Cheer Doubles Hip Hop & Freestyle Pom

**Date of Issue:** 29 November 2016

**Organising Body:** Australian Cheerleading Union (ACU)

*Please submit one application per team. If you have multiple teams please submit separate applications.*

Based on the idea of participation and global representation, the 2017 ICU Junior World Cheerleading Championships will offer the following divisions:

Each nation can select one team in each of the following divisions:

1. Team Cheer Hip Hop (16 – 24 athletes)
2. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom (16 – 24 athletes)
3. Doubles Team Cheer Hip Hop (2 athletes)
4. Doubles Team Cheer Freestyle Pom (2 athletes)

## **1. Eligibility**

Team Members must:

- a) be 12 – 16 years within 2017
- b) be permanent residents of Australia for a minimum six (6) months prior to the 2017 ICU World Championships date
- c) be available for any designated training and official tour period
- d) return all appropriate information, forms, deposits, etc. to the ACU by the required timelines to ensure administration and travel requirements can be met
- e) agree that they will not leave their current club team to join a club team in which the Team Australia Coach/s are involved. If they wish to do so in the future, they must wait until the year following the 2017 ICU World Cheerleading Championships
- f) agree that individual advertising is not permitted on Team Australia uniforms

## **2. Team Size**

Team Cheer, Hip Hop and Freestyle Pom - minimum 16 athletes, maximum 24

Doubles Team Cheer, Hip Hop and Freestyle Pom – 2 athletes

## **3. Application Process**

- 3.1** Teams may submit a video audition, uploaded as a private video on YouTube, and submit the link with the online application form by 5.00pm on Thursday 5 January 2017
- 3.2** The video audition must be taken from within a competitive environment at a competition hosted by either; AASCF, WCCD or Aussie Gold in the year 2016
- 3.3** Any club can submit a Junior team application for selection on Team Australia
- 3.4** The ACU accepts no responsibility for late, lost or misdirected applications

#### **4. Selection Panel & Team Selection**

**4.1** Team Australia will appoint a panel, who will select a Junior Cheer Hip Hop, Cheer Freestyle Pom, Doubles Cheer Hip Hop and a Doubles Cheer Freestyle Pom team, depending on the calibre of athletes who audition

**4.2** The panel will consist of one (1) International Judge, and various event providers will be given the opportunity to provide one (1) national judge each. Each judge will view the submissions independently

**4.3** The highest scoring team in each division will be named the Team Australia representative team

**4.4** The decision in relation to the Team Australia selection is final and no correspondence will be entered into

#### **5. Tour Schedule**

**5.1** The official period for this tour is 24 - 29 April 2017 (plus travel dates)

**5.2** Teams must nominate if they are travelling via their own travel arrangements or wish to be booked through the Team Australia Team Manager

#### **6. Finances**

Team Australia ICU World Cheerleading Championships tour is self-funded – this includes the athletes, coach/es and team manager/s where applicable.

#### **7. Notification**

Teams will be notified of their selection or otherwise by 30 January 2017.

#### **8. Apply**

Applications should be made online, via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/62927809090968>

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