

A. 2017 ICU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ADJUSTMENT ADJUSTMENTS (#1-3) + 1 JWC CLARIFICATION (#4):

1. "Team Cheer Jazz" will return in 2017

SUMMARY: Shortly prior to the excellent IOC news in December, the ICU Executive worked closely with the FIG (Gymnastics) Executive for the return of Team Cheer Jazz in 2017. This re-addition of Team Cheer Jazz will include not only the ICU World Championships, but this also applies for Continental and National Championships as well.

CRITERIA: Score Sheets and rules are very similar to Team Cheer Jazz previously (which will be available soon), but the team size requirement is 18 athletes or more. (*please email me or call- if any further clarification is needed*)

RESTRICTIONS: Due to the newness of Team Cheer Jazz returning, this will not be available for the 2017 Junior World Cheerleading Championships this year, and due to the size requirement- there will be no Team Cheer Jazz Doubles. (*please email me or call- if any further clarification is needed*)

2. "Team Cheer High Kick" (which has been listed as tentative, and has not been in the rule packet) will not be on the 2017 WC Schedule

SUMMARY: With the addition of the Team Cheer Jazz Division- the ICU Governing Council has confirmed that Team Cheer High Kick will not be at the 2017 WC or JWC. As this has been part of Cheerleading & Sporting events for over 100 years, Team Cheer High Kick is certainly open for development in other countries, continents and regions- but it will not be available at the 2017 WC or JWC. Further addition of Team Cheer Jazz at the World Championship level will be open for discussion for future World Championships.

3. ICU Governing Council approves the addition of "Team ParaCheer Unified Hip Hop" for WC 2017

SUMMARY: With the addition of Team ParaCheer Unified Freestyle Pom, the ICU Governing Council has approved the addition of "Team ParaCheer Unified Hip Hop" for the 2017 World Cheerleading Championships. Team Cheer Hip Hop has been a part of the ICU World Championships since 2009, and part of Cheerleading since the early 1990s, therefore the consensus of further inclusion of disabled athletes in the ICU WC has been an important addition.

SCHEDULE: With the introduction of ParaCheer divisions new in 2017, all 3 ParaCheer Divisions will compete on Thursday 27 April 2017 followed by Medal Presentations.

CRITERIA: "ParaCheer Unified" Divisions require 25% or more disabled athletes, Team ParaCheer Unified Hip Hop rules/scoresheet are similar to the Team Cheer Hip Hop rules/scoresheet, and will be available soon, Also- the same for all ICU divisions- cross-overs are allowed; a country's athletes may compete in different divisions per the approval of the National Federation.

4. Clarification for the Junior World Championships Athlete Ages

SUMMARY: The JWC ages are 12-16 years of age within the year of competition (2017). As a guidelines- an athlete born on or between 1 January 2000 - 31 December 2005 is eligible. For 2017, all ICU division cross-overs are allowed; a country's athletes may compete in different divisions per the approval of the National Federation.

B. 2017 WORLD CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 26 April 2017 (exact times to be announced)

Morning - NEW: Junior World Championships (JWC)
Afternoon- NEW: JWC Medal Presentations
Evening- NEW DATE & TIME: ICU World Championships Opening Ceremony
NEW DATE & TIME: ICU Athlete Cultural Exchange & ICU Reception

Thursday 27 April 2017 (exact times to be announced)

All Day- NEW: ICU World Cheerleading Championships Semi-Finals
NEW: ParaCheer Divisions - Finals and Medal Presentations

Friday 28 April 2017 (exact times to be announced)

All Day- NEW: ICU World Cheerleading Championships Finals and Medal Presentations
Evening- ICU Closing Ceremonies
ICU Final Reception

2. 2017 WC DIVISIONS (JWC Divisions below):

A. WC Cheerleading Divisions (3 possible divisions per country):

Choice between:

1. All Girl Elite (similar to Level 5)
1. All Girl Premier (similar to Level 6)

Choice between:

2. Coed Elite (similar to Level 5)
2. Coed Premier (similar to Level 6)

Note: The 2017 Elite Division World Champion must advance to the Premier Division in the respective division in 2018.

NEW:

3. ParaCheer Unified Advanced (similar to Level 4, no basket tosses - with ParaCheer rule modifications)

Note: ParaCheer Unified National Teams must comprise of 25% or more ParaCheer athletes per team.

B. WC Performance Cheer Divisions (7 possible divisions per country):

1. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom
2. Team Cheer Hip Hop
3. NEW/RETURNING: Team Cheer Jazz
4. Team Cheer Freestyle Pom Doubles
5. Team Cheer Hip Hop Doubles
6. NEW: Team ParaCheer Unified Freestyle Pom
7. NEW: Team ParaCheer Unified Hip Hop

Note: ParaCheer Unified National Teams must comprise of 25% or more ParaCheer athletes per team.

3. NEW: 2017 JWC DIVISIONS (athlete ages 12-16 year of competition):

A. NEW: JWC Cheerleading Divisions (2 possible divisions per country):

Choice between:

1. NEW: All Girl Advanced (similar to Level 4)
1. NEW: All Girl Elite (similar to Level 5)

Choice between:

2. NEW: Coed Advanced (similar to Level 4)
2. NEW: Coed Elite (similar to Level 5)

Note: The 2017 Advanced Division Junior World Champion must advance to the JWC Elite Division in the respective division in 2018.

B. NEW: JWC Performance Cheer Divisions (4 possible divisions per country):

1. NEW: Team Cheer Freestyle Pom
2. NEW: Team Cheer Hip Hop
3. NEW: Team Cheer Freestyle Pom Doubles
4. NEW: Team Cheer Hip Hop Doubles