



# TEAM AUSTRALIA 2018 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ICU WORLD CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS PERFORMANCE CHEER

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

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**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 2018 ICU 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. Team Cheer Jazz (18 – 24 athletes)

Crossover of teams into each category is allowed.

Reflective of the ICU Team Cheer divisions in each discipline, the following are based on the ICU initiative of global participation opportunities.

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

1. Doubles Team Cheer Hip Hop (2 athletes)
2. Doubles Team Cheer Freestyle Pom (2 athletes)

## **1. Eligibility**

Team Members must:

- a) be 14 years + within 2018
- b) be permanent residents of Australia for a minimum six (6) months prior to the 2018 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/es are involved. If they wish to do so in the future, they must wait until the year following the 2018 ICU World Cheerleading Championships
- f) agree that individual advertising is not permitted on Team Australia uniforms

## **2. Team Size**

Minimum 16 athletes for Team Cheer Hip Hop and Freestyle Pom, minimum 18 athletes for Team Cheer Jazz, maximum 24 and up to two coaches.

Two athletes required for Doubles Team Cheer Hip Hop and Doubles Team Cheer Freestyle Pom.

### **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 Tuesday 5 December 2017
- 3.2** The video audition must be taken from within a competitive environment at a competition hosted by either; AASCF, DCE, Aussie Gold or Cheer Unlimited Australia in the year 2017
- 3.3** Any club can submit an 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 Hip Hop, Freestyle and Jazz team and a doubles team in Hip Hop and Freestyle Pom, 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 Hip Hop, Freestyle and Jazz and in doubles Hip Hop and Freestyle Pom will be named the Team Australia representative team/s
- 4.4** The decision in relation to the Team Australia selection is final and no correspondence will be entered into

### **5. Tour Schedule**

The official period for this tour is 25 - 27 April 2018 (plus travel dates)

### **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 19 December 2017.

### **8. Apply**

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

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