



ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this application for Athletes that have NEVER been entered in the USASF Athlete ID and Membership system. This may include athletes that are new to all star cheer and dance OR athletes that were a part of a program that did not participate in athlete ID during previous seasons. **DO NOT create a new Athlete ID for an all star athlete who has participated during a previous season with a different program and may already be in the system.**

This form is to be completed by the parent and given to the gym owner or program administrator of the current program for which the athlete is enrolled. They will then enter the information in the USASF Athlete ID and Membership system. **DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM or BIRTH CERTIFICATES to the USASF office.**

ATHLETE FULL NAME (as printed on your birth certificate)

_____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST

NICK NAME (The "first name" you go by if different from your given name) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **PROOF OF AGE PROVIDED** Yes No
MONTH DAY YEAR

I authorize the above listed gym to upload the birth certificate for this athlete: Yes No **Parent/Guardian Initials** _____

GENDER Female Male

E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Athlete E-mail (if applicable) _____

Parent E-mail (required) _____

HOME ADDRESS:

_____ STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

ATHLETE: PLEASE READ ALL MEMBERSHIP TERMS BEFORE SIGNING

1. I fully understand and accept the terms and conditions listed on the attached page entitled **Athlete Membership Terms and Conditions**, allowing my participation in any USASF Member Event Producer event.
2. The birthdate above is correct and can be verified by providing a birth certificate.
3. I fully understand that failure to provide a birth certificate upon request or providing a birth certificate that has been altered or falsified may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, restriction of membership or ineligibility.

Athlete Signature _____ Date Signed _____

All athletes' ages 12 and older must sign this form

PARENT: PLEASE READ ALL MEMBERSHIP TERMS BEFORE SIGNING

1. I fully understand and accept the terms and conditions listed on the attached page entitled **Athlete Membership Terms and Conditions**, allowing my child's participation in any USASF Member Event Producer event.
2. The birthdate above is correct and can be verified by providing a birth certificate.
3. I fully understand that failure to provide a birth certificate upon request or providing a birth certificate that has been altered or falsified may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, restriction of membership or ineligibility for my child.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date Signed _____



ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Benefits of Athlete ID Registered Membership (Free)

- Athlete Identification
- Printable Member ID Card
- Eligible to participate in SANCTIONED events hosted by USASF Member Event Producers

Benefits of Athlete ID 5 Star Membership (\$25)

- Athlete Identification
- Plastic Member ID card
- Eligible to participate in SANCTIONED events hosted by USASF Member Event Producers
- Eligible to apply for USASF Scholarships
- \$1 Million Catastrophic Insurance (eligibility requirements apply)
- Eligible to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds or The Dance Worlds
- Annual Magazine: *Worlds Commemorative Issue presented by Inside Cheerleading Magazine*
(must provide current home mailing address in athlete profile to receive)

Membership Period

- The USASF athlete membership period is from August 1 to July 31
- If 5 Star membership is selected and paid at any time during the current membership period, membership fees will not be pro-rated for late-season or delayed registration
- Athlete Membership Fees, once paid to the USASF, are NON-refundable and NON-transferrable (*The funds may not be applied to a different athlete. Once the membership has been paid for a specific athlete, the membership belongs to that athlete only and may not be transferred to anyone else.*)

Proof of Age and Identity

- An image of the original birth certificate is required to be uploaded into the athlete identification system by the gym owner or individual parent. Individual gym owners will make a decision for the parent or gym to upload.
Note: Images of birth certificates will be verified and confirmed by USASF staff. For your protection, the image will be removed from our system files. Confirmation of date of birth can take several months during the registration period.
- A current photo will need to be uploaded by parent or gym owner.
- Any athlete found to have provided an incorrect birth date and/or birth certificate that has been falsified or altered in any manner may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to restriction of membership and eligibility

Athlete Membership

- Belongs to the athlete (regardless of who registers the athlete and pays for membership)
- Allows participation in USASF Member Event Producer SANCTIONED Events
- Is a way to identify the athletes in all star cheer and dance
- Is a way to verify age of participating athletes
- Is a way to legitimize all star cheer and dance in the sports world
- Does not prohibit an athlete from attending an event that is hosted by a non-USASF Event Producer
- Does not prohibit an athlete from leaving the gym that initially registered the athlete and joining a second gym during the same membership term (*Exception: Participation in Cheerleading Worlds, see below*)

Athlete Membership and Worlds Participation

Any athlete that has competed on the floor with a team in any level from a Program (Primary Program), during the Worlds competition season (November 1 – May 1), will have to have a USASF Program Release Waiver signed by the owner of that gym (Primary Program) before that athlete is eligible to compete with another Program (Secondary Program) at the current season Cheerleading Worlds. The USASF Gym Release Waiver is located on the www.USASF.net website.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY CODE (PRC)

NOTE: All members of the USASF, including gym owners, coaches, athletes, parents acting on behalf of a minor athlete and event producers are subject to the terms and conditions of the Professional Responsibility Code (PRC). The PRC, in its entirety, can be found in the Industry Resources section on the home page of your member profile. The information provided on these next two pages are the highlights for athlete membership.

The mission of the USASF is “To support and enrich the lives of our All Star athletes and members. We provide consistent rules, strive for a safe environment for our athletes, drive competitive excellence, and promote a positive image for the sport.”

The USASF/IASF is a not for profit organization that is dedicated to safety standards, coaches’ education and providing a safe environment that allows for the continued growth of all-star cheerleading and dance across the country. The USASF/IASF grants the privilege of membership to individuals (Coaches, Athletes, Affiliates as Individuals), and organizations (Gym Programs, Event Producers, and Affiliates as Organizations) committed to that mission. This privilege of membership may be withdrawn by the USASF/IASF if it is found that the member’s conduct is not in compliance with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

The USASF/IASF has the right to deny, suspend or revoke membership based on conduct inconsistent with USASF/IASF policy or standards. The USASF/IASF reserves the right to publish a list of individuals whose membership has been suspended or revoked for these reasons.

The USASF/IASF reserves the right to revoke membership, if actions taken by members are deemed, by committee, to not serve the best interests of the sport and/or of the USASF/IASF.

All members of the USASF/IASF have a Professional Responsibility to protect and preserve the sport of All Star Cheerleading and Dance and the rules and regulations which govern it. By accepting the terms and conditions of membership, all members agree to protect and preserve the sport by agreeing to voice concerns, disagreements and differences of USASF Policy or rulings, within the structure of the USASF committees and refrain from utilizing public/ social media outlets as a forum to harness support with a clear intent to undermine the USASF.

iPromise (USASF Code of Conduct) was developed by a subcommittee of the USASF National Advisory Board. iPromise is co-supported by the Parent's Committee, NCSSE and AACCA. The USASF CODE OF CONDUCT and the PRC intends to provide standards of ethical conduct for the coaches and athletes involved with the USASF and its member organizations. It provides the General Principles and Ethical Standards which cover many situations encountered by coaches and athletes, with its principle goals the welfare and protection of the participants. All members of the USASF are expected to respect and protect human and civil rights and not knowingly participate or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

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All members of the USASF/IASF have a Professional Responsibility to follow and uphold the USASF/IASF Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

All members of the USASF/IASF have a Professional Responsibility to not knowingly make false claims pertaining to age, membership.

In order to uphold the mission of the USASF/IASF and ensure that all participants have the benefit of a safe environment, all attendees of USASF/IASF Events and all the functions associated with the Event, including, but not limited to the competition site itself, host hotel, etc. must behave accordingly in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Any attendee of a USASF/IASF event, including but not limited to registered participant, program, coach, or hosting event staff, who physically or verbally assaults or threatens bodily harm to an official, coach, participant, volunteer, or staff member will be subject to immediate disciplinary review and may be banned for one year. Upon a secondary offense, the individual will be permanently banned from all USASF/IASF Events and or USASF/IASF membership.

All members of the USASF/IASF have a Professional Responsibility to not participate or allow recruiting of athletes to other member gyms while attending a USASF sanctioned event. Recruiting would include physically approaching athletes, handing out any type of advertisement, i.e., but not limited to business cards, brochures, flyers on cars, etc.

All members of the USASF/IASF have a Professional Responsibility to ensure that the sport is conducted in an environment free of drug or alcohol abuse.

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT - iPromise

Play by the rules. I will learn and obey the rules of my sport and train to perform routines within those guidelines.

Respect myself, my coach, other teams and event officials. I will treat all other teams and team members, with the utmost respect in every possible circumstance. I will respect myself enough to agree to train and compete with my safety and the safety of my teammates as first priority. I will behave within every Event's code of conduct, recognizing the authority of event officials and workers in every possible circumstance. I will appreciate honest efforts that are made fairly in the quest of victory.

Optimize my experience by meeting athletes from other gyms. I understand that all- star cheerleading and dance offers great opportunities to travel meet athletes from other programs and learn to respect my competitors.

Make pursuit of victory more important than winning. I understand that winning isn't everything, but rather my will to train to win that matters most. While victory shall be my expected goal, defeat is not a disgrace.

Interact, in person and on the internet, with integrity. I will not comment negatively about my opponents on any form of social media: facebook, youtube, message boards, etc. I understand that doing so reflects poorly upon the image of my sport, my program and myself.

See the big picture and exercise self-control in adverse circumstances. I will increase focus and intensity at practice rather than retaliate or blame others. I understand that I am responsible for my behavior, and I will not allow profanity, anger or disrespect to be a part of any of my interactions. I will not allow the prospect of defeat to be an excuse for unethical or unsportsmanlike behavior.

Exemplify sportsmanlike conduct. I will be a positive role model on my team and within my community. I understand that I am leader and that every choice I make affects those who follow me. I will uphold the promise to the best of my abilities and always work to improve my team, my sport and myself.