



Australian Cheerleading Union
Selection Policy
2018 FISU World University Championship
Lodz, Poland, 5 – 6 October

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This selection policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which Australian Cheerleading Union (**ACU**) will select athletes as part of the Australian University Sport (AUS) Cheerleading Team (**TEAM**) for the 2018 World University Championship (**WUC**).
2. According to the FISU Regulations, AUS may nominate teams in the following divisions:
 - a. Team Cheer University Elite/Premier Large/Small Coed (equivalent to Level 5/6)
 - b. Team Cheer University Elite/Premier All Female (equivalent to Level 5/6)
 - c. Team Performance Cheer University Pom
 - d. Team Performance Cheer University Hip Hop
 - e. Team Performance Cheer University Jazz
 - f. Team Performance Cheer University Pom Doubles
 - g. Team Performance Cheer University Hip Hop Doubles

Neither this Policy nor AUS require ACU to nominate teams in all divisions. Final team selections are at the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee.

3. This Policy can be amended at any time by ACU if ACU is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - a. as a result of any change in AUS eligibility criteria or rules;
 - b. as a result of any change in the rules governing a particular event;
 - c. to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
 - d. to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy.

ACU shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.



B. ELIGIBILITY

1. There are specific rules laid down by the International University Sport Federation (FISU) regarding eligibility when competing at a WUC. Rules regarding nationality and citizenship are based on the conditions laid down in the charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The AUS requirements for TEAM membership are that all athletes must:

- a. Be a citizen or national of Australia;
- b. Be aged between 17 and 25 years of age as at 1 January 2018. Therefore athletes must be born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 2000;
- c. Possess a current ICU card;
- d. Enrolled and currently studying a diploma or higher course at a University, TAFE or other tertiary institution (please note deferred students are not eligible to apply);
- e. Have graduated from a University, TAFE or other tertiary institution in the year immediately prior to the event;

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. AUS and ACU will select the team(s) to represent Australia at the 2018 World University Championship based on the following criteria:
 - a. The AUS representative team for the All Girl and Coed divisions will be the highest placed university team at the 2017 AASCF National Cheer & Dance Championship
 - b. The AUS representative team for the Performance Divisions will be the highest placed university team at the 2017 AASCF National Cheer & Dance Championship
 - c. The decision in relation to the Team selected is final and no correspondence will be entered into
2. Should the team(s) not accept their selection, AUS reserves the right to not send a team.



D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. The TEAM nominations will be made to AUS for selection. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete is not considered to be a member of the TEAM until his or her nomination has been endorsed by the AUS.

E. APPEALS PROCESS

1. There will be no appeal process applicable to this Policy.

F. FUNDING

1. There is no funding support for athletes intending to compete in the 2018 WUC. Athletes are responsible for funding all areas related to competing in the 2018 WUC, including Entry & Team Management Fees, Uniform and Travel. It is advised that athletes contact their University Sport Association to seek funding assistance.