



2026 - 2027 Divisions College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship



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COLLEGE PERFORMANCE DIVISIONS

Division IA	NCAA I-FBS	• Female/Male	• 7-20 team members
Division I	NCAA I-FCS	• Female/Male	• 7-20 team members
Division II	NCAA II	• Female/Male	• 7-20 team members
Open	NCAA III, Jr College & NAIA	• Female/Male	• 7-20 team members

GAME DAY DANCE TEAM DIVISIONS

Division IA Dance Game Day	NCAA I-FBS	• Female/Male	• 7-30 team members
Division I Dance Game Day	NCAA I-FCS	• Female/Male	• 7-30 team members
Open Dance Game Day	NCAA II, NCAA III, Jr. College & NAIA	• Female/Male	• 7-30 team members

SPIRIT PROGRAM GAME DAY DIVISIONS & LIVE DIVISIONS

Division IA Spirit Program	NCAA I-FBS	• Female/Male	• 30 dance team members & 30 cheer members max
Open Spirit Program	NCAA I, NCAA I-FCS, NCAA II, NCAA III, Jr College & NAIA	• Female/Male	• 30 dance team members & 30 cheer members max
Division IA Spirit Program Dance LIVE	NCAA I-FBS	• Female/Male	• 30 dance team members & 30 band member max
Open Spirit Program Dance LIVE	NCAA I, NCAA I-FCS, NCAA II, NCAA III, Jr College & NAIA	• Female/Male	• 30 dance team members & 30 band member max
Division IA Spirit Program LIVE	NCAA I-FBS	• Female/Male	• 30 cheer, 30 dance & 30 band members max
Open Spirit Program LIVE	NCAA I, NCAA I-FCS, NCAA II, NCAA III, Jr College & NAIA	• Female/Male	• 30 cheer, 30 dance & 30 band members max

DIVISION GUIDELINES

2026-2027 season: Dance Team size may not have less than seven (7) members and may not exceed twenty (20) members.

Teams who participate in the competition will have the opportunity to compete in two of the three categories (Pom, Jazz, and/or Hip Hop). Dance teams are allowed to compete in two traditional categories and one game day division. Teams may not compete in one traditional category and two game day divisions. **College Game Day Divisions will NOT be offered at regional competitions.**

The minimum number of dancers a team may compete with at regionals is five (5). The minimum at nationals is seven (7). A minimum of 25% of the dancers must be the same in both routines. If dancing different numbers in each routine, 25% will be based on the largest number of dancers in the routine performed.

Teams may only participate in one Game Day or Spirit Program Game Day division.

Individuals may not represent more than one team at the National Championship.

The competition is open to all colleges, universities and junior colleges in the country.

No school may have more than one team compete in the same division.

All teams will be required to compete in divisions according to football classifications. Schools that do not have football programs will compete in divisions according to the school's basketball classifications.

**For a complete copy of all Championship Rules and Regulations
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