

CHEER INFORMATION GUIDE

2026



EUROPEAN
SUMMIT CHAMPIONSHIP





The European Summit Championship Cheer Information Guide

A Premier End-of-Season championship, specifically celebrating the accomplishments of cheer and dance European athletes in Lisbon, Portugal. You can expect the same great Summit event experience you have come to know and love with a specific focus on bringing high-caliber competition to the international stage.

DIVISIONS

[Click here to view the Eligible Cheer Divisions.](#)

ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

- Athletes are not allowed to compete on more than two cheer teams at The European Summit.
- Athletes may represent only one program at The European Summit.
- Athletes Level 6 and below may only compete up or down one level (Ex: Level 2 athletes may only crossover to a Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 team)
 - Exception: Level 6 Summit athletes may only crossover to levels 4, 5, and/or 6

Reminder: Time considerations for crossover conflicts during the final rounds of competition are not guaranteed.

EUROPEAN SUMMIT CHEER AND DANCE CROSSOVERS

Athletes may compete in both cheer and dance at the European Summit. Athletes may compete on up to 2 cheer teams and 3 dance teams.

COMPETING AT THE SUMMIT AND THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT

Athletes and full teams competing at The Summit are allowed to compete at The European Summit. Athletes may only represent one program throughout The Summit Championships. These athletes will not be considered crossovers as they are different events.

ROSTER CHANGES

You may replace athletes that are unable to attend the championship, however, changes to the roster **MUST** not change the level or division in which the bid was received, unless it follows the guidelines below. There are no roster substitution restrictions for international divisions at The European Summit.

CHANGES IN DIVISION

Teams are allowed to change divisions in the following ways:

- Teams may go up one IASF level – if a team won & designated a bid for IASF level 3, but the following year, created an IASF level 4 team, they would be able to register in IASF level 4.



- Teams may go up one age group – if a team designated & won a bid in an IASF U16, but the following year, created an IASF U18 team, they would be able to register in IASF U18.
- Teams may NOT go up in both age and level, it can only be one or the other.
- Teams may add or remove athletes to move from a small/medium division to a large division. Division changes must be submitted to Jessica Lomba, jlomba@varsity.com, by May 15th, 2026.

*At The European Summit, if only one team is registered in either small or large, the divisions will be combined.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Teams must be in good standing with the IASF & Varsity Spirit. Eligible teams include any team that competes AND receives a bid from an approved bid qualifying event. At qualifying events, a team must have a minimum of 16 athletes to be considered eligible for bids.

If a program has a team that is awarded a bid in a division, a legitimate second team can still compete for an additional bid. To be considered “legitimate”, this team may not share ANY athletes with the team already in possession of a Summit Bid regardless of registration status.

RULES

At the European Summit, teams must adhere to the IASF legality rules. Please make sure to send legality inquiries directly to the IASF. All skills must be performed in the same manner as submitted in the video, variations in performance can change the legality of the skill being performed.

SUMMIT ROUNDS

All teams will compete twice over two days. Preliminary (Day 1) scores will determine the performance order for Final Performances (Day 2). Regardless of placement, ties will not be broken at The European Summit.

SCORING

At the European Summit, all divisions will be scored using the United Scoring System’s International rubrics.

Teams will compete twice at The European Summit (Saturday & Sunday). The European Summit Championships will utilize a floating score system.

- The results will be a combination of a team’s round one (Saturday) and round two (Sunday) scores.
- The highest daily score will amount to 75% and the lower daily score will amount to 25%



BIDS

- **At-Large Bids:** At-Large Bid winners must pay the full balance to compete.
- **Paid Bids:** If additional athletes are added to the roster after the PAID bid was earned, the gym is responsible for the full cost of the additional athletes.

PARTNER EVENT PRODUCER BID RULES

For European Summit bid partnership events, each International Event Producer may award bids at their discretion. Please contact the qualifying Event Producer for specific details on how their bids are awarded.

PASS DOWN/ROLLOVER BIDS

European Summit bids will not be passed down. For example, if a team receives an At-Large Bid at an event earlier in the season and upgrades to a PAID Bid later in the season, the original At-Large Bid will not be given to another team. This bid will be eliminated.

European Summit bids must be used for the season in which they are awarded. Bids may not be deferred to another season.

BID ELIGIBILITY

Event Producers have the right to investigate any teams receiving a bid for The European Summit. Bid-eligible teams and divisions may be reviewed for accuracy and legitimacy. Any bid eligible team/athlete found in violation of an IASF or Varsity Spirit policy may be disqualified.

SAFEGUARDING

Our commitment to the safety of athletes is fundamental to Varsity Spirit's mission and the future of cheer and dance. Together, we will continue to champion safety and security to best protect the youth who participate in this sport. The below information outlined by the participating team's country of origin is required when attending a Varsity Spirit event in the United States. This information **MUST** be submitted to your Event Registration Specialist upon arrival at your event and pertains to all coaches, trainers, and gym owners (18 years and older) who will be entering the warm up room of the event. [Click here for additional information.](#)

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DISQUALIFICATION

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Rules and Regulations" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in a competition or the Championship the following year.

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