

REPRESENT SCOTLAND AT WORLDWIDE CHEERLEADING COMPETITIONS FOR SEASON 2024-25

OVERVIEW

SportCheer Scotland are looking for the best All Star teams in Scotland to represent our country in various divisions at the following ICU competitions:

- ICU European Championships, Oslofjord, Norway, 28th – 30th June 2024
- ICU World Cup, Seoul, South Korea, 22nd - 24th November 2024
- ICU World Cheerleading Championships, Orlando, Florida, USA, 23rd - 25th April 2025
- ICU International Cheerleading Cup, Orlando, Florida, USA, 26th - 27th April 2025
- ICU European Championships, location and dates TBC (usually late June)

ICU hosts these competitions annually and SportCheer Scotland can provide the opportunity for allstar teams the opportunity to participate in the competition. Teams would compete under the own allstar programme name, not Team Scotland, although would be recognised as Scotland's entry. SportCheer Scotland are therefore responsible for ensuring that the selected programmes meet our minimum operating criteria.

PLEASE NOTE ALL STAR TEAMS MUST BE A REGISTERED SPORTCHEER SCOTLAND CLUB MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED.

DIVISIONS

Each of the competitions that have available bid opportunities provide different divisions. Please read the table below carefully.

Division	ICU European Cheerleading Championships, Norway, June 2024 and 2025	ICU Cheerleading World Cup, Seoul, Nov 2024	ICU World Cheerleading Championship, Florida, April 2025	ICU International Cheerleading Cup, Orlando April 2025
Cheer				
Youth All Girl Median Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• equivalent to Level 3, females• minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Youth Co-Ed Median Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equivalent to Level 3, males/females • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Junior All Girl Advanced Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equivalent to Level 4, females • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Junior Co-Ed Advanced Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equivalent to Level 4, males/females • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Senior All Girl Elite Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equivalent to Level 5, females • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Senior Co-Ed Elite Cheer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equivalent to Level 5, males/females • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Performance Cheer				
Youth Freestyle Pom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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athletes, males and/or females				
Youth Hip Hop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Junior Freestyle Pom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Junior Hip Hop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Junior Jazz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 18, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	No	No	No
Senior Freestyle Pom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Senior Freestyle Pom Doubles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 athletes, male and/or female 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior Hip Hop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum 16, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Senior Hip Hop Doubles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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• 2 athletes, male and/or female				
Senior Jazz • minimum 18, maximum 24 athletes, males and/or females	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Please note that ICU rules, scoring and age categories are different from both USASF and IASF therefore it is your responsibility to ensure your team application conforms to these rules. The rules can be found by clicking the relevant competition here: <https://cheerunion.org/championships/>

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- Age of Athlete
 - o Youth – born 2010 - 2013
 - o Junior – born 2006 - 2010
 - o Senior – born 2009 or before
- All coaches must satisfy the following conditions:
 - o Be a current PVG member
 - o Adhere to the SportCheer Scotland Minimum Operating Requirements
 - o Be a current club member of SportCheer Scotland
 - o Complete roster including alternates/substitutes (Team leader must confirm all athletes are age eligible), if including alternates/substitutes, please specify.
 - o Have at least one (1) athlete participating in unified teams.

EXPECTATIONS OF SELECTED TEAMS

VIDEO ENTRIES: When filming your video application, please ensure all athletes are dressed in black with no Allstar logos visible. The background of the videos must also be free from any Allstar branding. This allows for fair judging based on routine/athleticism only. Video entries must be of the style in which you wish to represent our country in, at the available ICU competitions. Length of routine must be between one (1) minute & fifty (50) seconds to two (2) minutes for performance cheer and three (3) minutes for cheer. Videos must be submitted no later than 2nd June 2024.

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COACHES REQUIREMENTS: Coaches must have up to date and valid qualification in the chosen coaching discipline and be responsible for understanding the ICU rules and scoresheets for the relevant level and discipline, please note these rules are completely different from IASF. Each Coach must be a member of the PVG Scheme along with a current child protection/safeguarding qualification. Coaches should also be a qualified First Aider. All staff and volunteers needing access to the warm-up and coaches viewing area/music must also be a member of the PVG Scheme.

TEAM ROSTER: Proposed team must include at least 80% of athletes who will be included on teams' final roster. Teams must have at least sixteen (16), Senior Jazz eighteen (18) competitors including an additional five (5) reserves per routine. Roster must be completed with athletes name, age & date of birth, scanned & attached to video entry. If successful, a copy of athlete's passport must also be sent to SportCheer Scotland. Athletes' passport must be valid with a minimum of six (6) months past the date of return from Championships.

MUSIC LICENCE: All music must be licensed, and a copy of the licence must also be sent alongside your video entry. Any entries which are submitted without proof of music licence will not be processed any further. If music used in video entry will not be utilised in 2025 Championships, new music licence must be submitted alongside acceptance of representation. Music must not contain any reference to Allstar programme.

TEAM SELECTION: Video entries will be submitted to a panel of judges following ICU guidelines. Team selections will be announced as soon as possible after the selection process. No later than four (4) weeks after the video entry deadline. Once selected, you have a max of forty-eight (48) hours to accept, or SportCheer Scotland has the right to move on with another team. If successful, the Allstar programme must become a member of SportCheer Scotland.

FINALISATION OF ROUTINE: SportCheer Scotland will coordinate dates for the National Team Committee or its appointed individuals to come in and work directly with your team and finalise the routine/s. All members are required to be at this practice. Monthly communication/videos of routine must be made available to SportCheer Scotland on request.

FUNDING: At the present time there is no funding available for athletes, coaches or officials; however SportCheer Scotland are keen to support clubs/programmes as much as possible. We are therefore willing to support clubs/programmes taking opportunities as SportCheer Scotland members however this does not include ICU World Cheerleading Championships and ICU

International Cheerleading Cup taking place in Orlando, Florida. Teams will be responsible for all expenses as well as athlete training, music and associated licensing and items that go into costs are, but not limited to; competition entry, transportation, hotel costs, competition costs, uniform/costume hire, athlete apparel packages and food. Where financial support is available this will be discussed with the relevant teams. SportCheer Scotland has fundraising ideas and a platform to assist your team with their efforts therefore is happy to assist where possible. You are welcome and encouraged to do fundraisers with your programme.

TEAM SCOTLAND APPEARANCES: All athletes must be available to attend Team Scotland showcases as deemed appropriate by SportCheer Scotland. All athletes must also be available to attend at least one (1) training sessions alongside all other National Teams. Locations will be decided by SportCheer Scotland and not by the Allstar team.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS: Teams must arrive at least two (2) days prior to any competitions although we recommend arriving up to five (5) days before, particularly for long-haul or where acclimation to weather and humidity is a concern. All athletes & coaches will be required to attend any ICU allocated training slots. Selected teams must also be available to attend opening ceremonies as prescribed by the event organiser.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS: It is a stipulation that all athletes participating in unified teams stay with the team at SportCheer Scotland's chosen accommodation. Although this requirement is not extended to Allstar bid teams, it is mandatory that those representing Team Scotland or SportCheer Scotland stay in hotels or apartments. Allstar bid teams will not be permitted to stay in villas and booking of such will result in withdrawal of bid. This is to safeguard our athletes, coaches and spectators as well as protect the integrity of our sport.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP ONE: Initial Application – due 2nd June 2024

- A signed SportCheer Scotland Coach Code of Conduct
- A copy of a valid cheer/dance coaching certificate (for all coaches associated with the team)
- A copy of a valid first aid certificate (at least one coach associated with the team)
- A copy of a valid child protection/safeguarding training certificate (for all coaches associated with the team)

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- A copy of a PVG Scheme Membership certificate including PVG membership number (for all coaches associated with the team)
- Application fee of £50

STEP TWO: Video Entry – due 31st August 2024

- Video of athlete introducing themselves and their date of birth
- Landscape video of your team performing the style in which you wish to represent our country. Length of routine must be between one (1) minute & fifty (50) seconds to two (2) minutes for performance cheer or three (3) minutes for cheers.

STEP THREE: Acceptance of Bid

- Head coach/programme owner must accept the bid within 14 days of offer from SportCheer Scotland.
- Provide copy of full roster including reserve/alternate athletes and coaches
- Make payment of £300 (approximately £10 per head)

If you have any questions concerning the application process you should contact SportCheer Scotland via email, national.team@sportcheerscotland.org.uk