



Scottish National Team Club Application Process

ICU World Cheerleading Championships & International Cheerleading Cup

The Scottish National Cheer and Performance Teams are made up of the most talented teams in Scotland with athletes aged 11 years and above. These teams compete at the International Cheer Union (ICU) World Cheerleading Championships each April in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Scottish clubs have the opportunity to be the 2027 Scottish National Teams by applying through video entry. The Cheer, Hip Hop and Pom teams must consist of a **minimum of 16** and maximum of 24 athletes. The Jazz team must consist of a **minimum of 18** and maximum of 24 athletes. Doubles teams must consist of a **minimum of 2** athletes. Each team can have up to three coaches.

To apply for the Scottish National Teams, the submission process will consist of the following:

- Complete the online application (below)
- Teams must be SportCheer Scotland Club Members to apply.
- Select coaches may go through interview process (Not all candidates will be interviewed)
- Submit video via email to national.team@sportcheerscotland.org.uk

Video Requirements:

Showcase a routine in its entirety showing all team members. Routines should adhere to ICU rules which may differ from other events. Please see routine/skills video requirements and formatting:

- Each video must ONLY include athletes who will be age eligible for the 2027 competition and meet minimum numbers provided above.
- For all Cheer, Hip Hop and Pom submissions, each athlete must match in the same color and or costume. (Such as all black, hair pulled back, preferably no loose clothing. Tops and shorts are ideal to showcase legs and technique. Your costume may also be worn in video.)
- For all Hip Hop submissions, each athlete must wear all black (or matching apparel/costume) and have hair pulled back.

Videos must follow the format below. Any videos not following this format will not be eligible for consideration for the Scottish National Team.

Requirements for Submitting Video:

To be eligible for consideration, submit your video no later than **Sunday 28th June 2026, 11.59pm**, to national.team@sportcheerscotland.org.uk via YouTube video link. Any applications submitted but never sent in a video, will not be considered. Please follow the link below for instructions on how to create video link if you have not done this before. It is our recommendation to make it a private link. <https://www.lifewire.com/making-youtube-videos-1082488>

Ages for Competing:

For ICU, all members of the team must be born in years detailed below. Any team proven to be in violation of the ICU age requirements will be automatically disqualified.

- Youth - born 2012 - 2015
- Junior - born 2008 - 2012
- Senior - born 2011 or before

Expectations for Selected Teams:

- Teams will be responsible for all expenses. Items that go into costs are, but not limited to; transportation, hotel costs, competition costs, uniform/costume updates, athlete apparel packages, & food. You are welcome and encouraged to do fundraisers with your team/programme but there will be set guidelines on what you are able to do for fundraising.
- All coaches must be registered as part SportCheer Scotland Club Membership and undergo PVG checks. (PVG checks cost £18-£59 depending on current status)
- All athletes will need to obtain a SportCheer Scotland Travel Athlete Membership if selected. (The fee is £20 per person).
- Team selections will be announced as soon as possible after the selection process. Once selected, you have a **max of 48 hours to accept**, or SportCheer Scotland has the right to move on with another team.
- 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.
- Weekly communication is required in this process.
- Teams will stay in hotel accommodation for the duration of their trip - not villa or rental home accommodation.
- Teams will present themselves in a manner befitting of National Teams and as such will be subject to SportCheer Scotland approval of music, costumes and routines.
- 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 team must also be available to attend opening ceremonies.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ICU Opening Ceremonies & ICU Junior World Championship Semi-Final Rounds – Wednesday, 21st April 2027
- ICU Junior World Championships Finals and World Championship Semi-Final Rounds – Thursday 22nd April 2027
- ICU World Championship Finals and Closing Ceremonies – Friday 23rd April 2027
- ICU International Cheerleading Cup Saturday 24th April - Monday 26th April 2027

**Please Note: The National Team Committee reserves the right to individually select a team to represent the Scottish National Teams if there are a small number of teams that apply. Additionally, if submission entries lack the skill level to be competitive, a team may not be selected. We also reserve the right to appoint a team if the selection panel finds that submitted teams lack in any or all areas to be competitive. Finally, SportCheer Scotland reserves the right to extend a team into a consecutive season based on ability, the team's/club's historical success, and coach's leadership.*