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WIN A BID TO WORLDS AT JAMZ!
All-Star Cheer & Dance National Championships
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Dear Coach and Team Members:

Enclosed in this packet is information that will:

- 1) Clarify the process of how World's bids are distributed at JAMZ 2010 All-Star Cheer & Dance Nationals
- 2) Help teams plan their trip to Worlds should they win a bid

There will be stringent deadlines imposed by the USASF for bid winners for acceptance of a bid. Please read all of the enclosed information and inform your parents of this process prior to traveling to JAMZ All-Star National Championships. Complete information about Worlds can be found on the USASF website at www.usasf.net.

This document was revised as of December 15, 2009.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our championship staff at 1-800-920-4272 or email questions to championships@jamz.com. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Sincerely,

JAMZ Staff

PLEASE NOTE: This information is subject to change per the USASF. JAMZ will not be held responsible for these changes, but will communicate all updated information to teams attending JAMZ All-Star National Championships via email in a timely manner once received from the USASF.



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CHEER BIDS

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WIN A BID AT JAMZ NATIONALS... *(and a whole lot more!)*

JAMZ is giving away \$25,000 in prizes, jackets, trophies, medallions, banners, and bids to the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds! With a customized electronic scoring system and experienced staff, JAMZ events are on-time and professional. JAMZ panel judges have years of experience and rules judges are certified in USASF Levels 1-6! Cheer teams warm-up and compete on Olympic Elite Fiberglass Spring Floors. With over 30,000 people, this is one event you don't want to miss!

4 Cheer Worlds Bids

- 1 Paid Bid (\$25,000)
- 3 At Large Bids

THE CHEERLEADING WORLDS... *(when and where)*

Prelims: Saturday, April 24, 2010 **Finals:** Sunday, April 25, 2010 **Location:** Walt Disney World Resort®, (Orlando, Florida, USA)

WHAT DOES A PAID BID INCLUDE?... *(see definition of a team member)*

- Hotel Accommodations for three nights - One hotel room will be provided for two coaches.
- Travel arrangements to Orlando, FL (event producer will provide the safest and most economical transportation possible)
- Four-Day Walt Disney World PARK HOPPERS Pass, which includes:
 - 1) Admission to the Prelims and/or rehearsals
 - 2) Admission to Finals
 - 3) Entry into any of the four Walt Disney World theme parks during your stay
 - 4) Airport transfers and transportation to all event locations in Orlando, FL
 - 5) Admission to a Private Block Party hosted by the USASF
 - 6) All Taxes and Gratuities related to the event
 - 7) USASF Reception, Dinner & Awards Banquet (FREE for two coaches or gym owners per each team)

PER USASF: All paid bids have a maximum cap of \$25,000 per team. This does not mean a "PAID" bid team is guaranteed "\$25,000" towards their trip to Worlds. Any additional expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the team/gym. Once travel arrangements have been approved and confirmed for a "PAID" bid, any changes that result in additional cost will be charged to the team, even if the maximum cap of \$25,000 has not been reached- this includes charges for substitutions. Event producers will not be responsible for late charges/fees if the registering team does not meet the registration deadline.

Specific details on the event and accommodations are available on the USASF website at www.usaf.net. This info will include specifics on airfare, hotel, substitution policies, offer limitations, and more. This information will also be distributed to bid winners upon the announcement of winning, BUT JAMZ RECOMMENDS TEAMS REVIEW THE COMPLETE WORLDS INFO PACKET ON THE USASF WEBSITE PRIOR TO COMING TO JAMZ NATIONALS. Bid winners will be required to fill out time-sensitive info including a written form of acceptance or declination of the Worlds Bid. Bid winners will be expected to comply with all deadlines to avoid forfeiture of their Worlds Bid. Thus, decisions about whether or not to attend Worlds will need to be decided prior to attending JAMZ Nationals.

VIP COACHES RECEPTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The IASF & USASF will host this very special and elegant function on **Friday, April 23, 2010**. It is MANDATORY for two (2) representatives (gym owners and/or coaches) from each team participating in either The Cheerleading or Dance Worlds to attend. Awards will be presented by each of the sponsoring event producers to their teams represented at the Worlds. The event is "free" for the two representatives from each team. USASF will have transportation from the host hotel to Epcot's World Showplace scheduled to begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. Please make travel arrangements accordingly to ensure your representatives are there on time. Note: If you have additional coaches and/or gym owners that would like to attend, additional tickets for this function will be available on a first come/first served basis. See the Ticket Order Form in The USASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds Information and Registration Packet.





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What is the distribution process at JAMZ Nationals?

All teams in Senior, International, and Open Level 5 & 6 divisions (Small, Large, Limited (Small) Coed & Unlimited (Large) Coed) will compete TWICE over two days. **Senior Open Level 5 is not eligible for the Cheerleading Worlds.** Each division will be judged by the same panel of judges for both performances at JAMZ Nationals. Please note your performance times within the performance schedule posted on www.jamz.com at least one week prior to the event. A team's first performance score will count 40% and a team's second performance score will count 60% in determining a team's overall placement. A team's overall combined score as weighted 40/60 will be used to determine which teams will win bids to the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds. In the case of a tie JAMZ will break the tie by first giving the team that scored the highest in their second performance the tie-breaker. If a tie remains JAMZ will then determine which team had the lowest deductions over the 2 days of performances. If the tie remains the final tie breaker will be recalculating a team's score using the "high" and "low" judges score sheets. JAMZ reserves the right to all final decisions.

SCORING EXAMPLE... *Let's do some math. C'mon, it will be fun!*

As mentioned above, 40% of the first day's score and 60% of the second day's score will be totaled to create each team's final ranking score. As an example:

Day 1: Teams raw score is 80 out of a possible 100 points. (40% of 80 = 32 points).

Day 2: Team's raw score is 90 out of a possible 100 points. (60% of 90 = 54 points).

The final ranking score would equal 32 Points (Day 1) + 54 Points (Day 2) for a total of 86 points.

THE ONE (1) PAID BID (\$25,000 MAX) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE HIGHEST SCORE OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

- Senior Level 5 All-Girl Divisions (Small & Large)
- Senior Level 5 Limited Coed Division (Small & Large)
- Senior Level 5 Unlimited Coed Division
- Senior Semi-Limited Level 5 Coed Division

PAID BID EXCEPTION: If a team with the highest score has already received a PAID BID from another company, the PAID BID goes to the next highest score of the above listed Senior divisions until it finds a team that has not yet received a PAID BID.

This method of distribution ensures that (Small, Large, Limited (Small) Coed & Unlimited (Large) Coed) teams all have a chance to earn bids. Due to the determination by next highest score, there is a chance that the same division may receive multiple bids. Please call the JAMZ office for any further clarification on this process at (800) 920-4272.

THE SENIOR AT-LARGE BID WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- 2nd Highest Score of all Senior Level 5 Divisions

THE INTERNATIONAL AT-LARGE BID WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- Highest Score in the following International Level 5 and 6 divisions
- International Open Level 5 Divisions
- International Open Level 5 Coed Divisions
- International Open Level 6 Divisions
- International Open Level 6 Coed Divisions

THE FINAL AT-LARGE BID WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

• The 3rd Highest eligible score in the Level 5 Senior Divisions and the 2nd Highest eligible score in the Level 5 & 6 International Divisions will be reviewed for performance and competitive abilities in The Cheerleading Worlds by the JAMZ World Judging Panel. The JAMZ World Judging Panel will then decide by a majority vote which team will receive this final At-Large Bid. Therefore both the International and Senior divisions have an equal chance to win the 4th bid.

AT-LARGE BID EXCEPTION: If a team winning an AT-LARGE BID already received one from another company, the AT-LARGE BID goes to the next highest score of all eligible divisions until it finds a team that has not yet received an AT-LARGE BID. They all may fall within one division or be dispersed between two separate divisions.



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CHEER BIDS

FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IF MY TEAM WINS JAMZ' PAID BID BUT ALREADY WON A PAID BID AT A PREVIOUS NATIONALS?

As per the USASF bid guidelines, teams that already have a paid bid to the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds forfeit their right to a 2nd paid bid. That paid bid automatically goes to the next placed team that has not already received a bid at another championship. However, 1st place teams that forfeit their Worlds bid, do NOT forfeit their title of the "2010 JAMZ National Champion" and still receive the following:

- JAMZ National Champion Jackets (one per each champion participant)
- JAMZ National Champion Medallions (one per each champion participant)
- JAMZ National Champion Banner (one per each champion team)
- JAMZ National Champion Trophy (one per each champion team)

WHAT IF MY TEAM WINS JAMZ' PAID BID BUT ALREADY WON A PARTIAL BID AT A PREVIOUS NATIONALS?

Teams that already have already won an PARTIAL bid at a previous championship may choose to keep the JAMZ' PAID bid but must notify JAMZ of the championship where they received the PARTIAL bid and that championship company so the companies can transfer the necessary funds to resolve the issue. Teams in this situation that accept JAMZ' PAID bid must still follow all deadlines as described throughout this packet.

WHAT IF MY TEAM WINS JAMZ' PAID BID BUT ALREADY WON AN AT-LARGE BID AT A PREVIOUS NATIONALS?

Teams that already have already won an AT-LARGE bid at a previous championship may choose to keep the JAMZ' PAID bid but must notify the championship where they received the AT-LARGE bid so that championship can award the AT-LARGE bid to another team. Teams in this situation that accept JAMZ' PAID bid must still follow all deadlines as described throughout this packet.

PLEASE NOTE:

Based on scores, there is a chance that the same division may receive multiple awards or bids. JAMZ reserves the right to all final decisions and selection of teams who will represent them at Worlds.

Per USASF...Should a champion team already have been awarded a Worlds bid, decline acceptance of a PAID bid by the deadline noted within this packet, or fail to accept the PAID bid by the deadline noted, the PAID bid may be transferred to an alternate team at the sponsoring company's discretion within 96 hours.

WHEN WILL MY TEAM PERFORM?

All teams in Senior, International, and Open Level 5 & 6 divisions (Small, Large, Limited (Small) Coed & Unlimited (Large) Coed) will compete **TWICE** over Saturday and Sunday. *Senior Open Level 5 is not eligible for the Cheerleading Worlds.* Please note your performance times within the performance schedule posted on www.jamz.com at least one week prior to the event.

WHO ARE THE JUDGES FOR THE BID DIVISIONS?

JAMZ will have judges from across the country with extensive All-Star cheer, All-Star industry backgrounds. World's caliber panel of Judges will be judging your routine. Many judges are USASF/AACCA certified safety/rules/execution. Each division will be judged by the same panel of judges for both performances at JAMZ Nationals. In order to create complete fairness and impartiality in the judging process JAMZ drops the highest and lowest score submitted from the 5 Panel Judges.

Each judging panel with consist of:

- 5 panel judges - high and low scoring judges WILL be dropped - teams' score based on 3 panel judges
- 2 rules/execution judges (one head rules judge)



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DANCE BIDS

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6 Dance Worlds Bids

- 2 Partial Paid Bids (\$3,500)
- 2 At Large Bids
- 2 International At Large Bids

THE DANCE WORLDS... *(when and where)*

Prelims: Saturday, April 24, 2010 **Finals:** Sunday, April 25, 2010 **Location:** Walt Disney World Resort®, (Orlando, Florida, USA)

WHAT IS A PARTIAL PAID BID?

The All Star Dance teams that are awarded the Partial Paid Bids will be invited to represent JAMZ at the 2010 Dance Worlds with \$3500 of expenses paid for squad members and coaches who attended the JAMZ National Championship. One team could earn both partial paid bids if they perform two routines, and their two routines were the highest average scores from the qualifying divisions - that's up to \$7000 for the Worlds Dance Titles. Partial paid bids are the only option offered by USASF at this time for dance teams.

Specific details on the event and accommodations are available on the USASF website at www.usasf.net. This info will include specifics on airfare, hotel, substitution policies, offer limitations, and more. This information will also be distributed to bid winners upon the announcement of winners, BUT JAMZ RECOMMENDS TEAMS REVIEW THE COMPLETE WORLDS INFO PACKET ON THE USASF WEBSITE PRIOR TO COMING TO JAMZ NATIONALS. Bid winners will be required to fill out time-sensitive info including a written form of acceptance or declination of the Worlds Bid. Bid winners will be expected to comply with all deadlines to avoid forfeiture of their Worlds Bid. Thus, decisions about whether or not to attend Worlds will need to be decided prior to attending JAMZ Nationals.

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What is the distribution process at JAMZ Nationals?

All teams in the following divisions will be given the opportunity to compete for two (2) PARTIAL PAID BIDS and two (2) AT-LARGE BIDS to the Dance Worlds.

- Senior Jazz
- Senior Pom
- Senior Hip-Hop/Funk

The two (2) PARTIAL PAID BIDS (\$3,500 max) will be distributed to the 1st and 2nd Highest Scores of all the qualifying divisions.

The two (2) AT-LARGE BIDS will be distributed as follows:

- 2nd & 3rd Highest Combined Scores of all three Senior Divisions not already holding an At-Large Bid.
- 1st & 2nd Highest Combined Score of all three International Open Divisions not already holding an At-Large Bid.

All teams in the following divisions will be given the opportunity to compete for two (2) AT-LARGE BIDS to the Dance Worlds.

- (International) Open Jazz
- (International) Open Pom
- (International) Open Hip-Hop /Funk

AT-LARGE BID EXCEPTION: Per new USASF restrictions, JAMZ will no longer hand-down AT-LARGE BIDS to the next team in line. If an AT-LARGE BID is turned down by a team, it will no longer be in play. Also, if a team has already accepted an "At Large" bid from another company and opts to compete for another bid, they will be eligible only for a "Partially Paid" bid at JAMZ.

PLEASE NOTE:

This method of distribution ensures that Senior teams all have a chance to earn bids and cash prizes. Due to the determination by next highest score, there is a chance that the same division may receive multiple bids. Please call the JAMZ office for any further clarification on this process at (800) 920-4272. **JAMZ reserves the right to all final decisions and selection of teams who will represent them at Worlds.**

WHEN WILL MY TEAM PERFORM?

All Studio/Dance teams will perform on Friday, 2/19/10. Performance times will be posted on www.jamz.com at least one week prior to the event. JAMZ reserves the right to all final decisions. **TEAMS WILL ONLY PERFORM ONCE.**

WHO ARE THE JUDGES FOR THE BID DIVISIONS?

JAMZ will have judges from across the country with extensive All-Star and Studio Dance industry backgrounds. World's caliber panel of Judges will be judging your routine. In order to create complete fairness and impartiality in the judging process JAMZ drops the highest and lowest score submitted from the 5 Panel Judges.

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- 1 rules/execution judges



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CHEER & DANCE WORLDS

General Bid & Event Info

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING... *(more legal stuff you should read)*

- Additional expenses incurred beyond the \$25,000 cap or not listed above as covered is the responsibility of the gym/studio.
- If airfare is the method of transportation, JAMZ will book all flights from major airports at the discretion of the company.
- Transportation from the gym's hometown to the airport is the responsibility of the gym/studio.
- All flights for each team member must depart from and return to the same city.
- Once travel plans have been approved and confirmed for a PAID bid, any changes that result in additional cost will be charged to the affected team - this includes charges for substitutions, even if the max cap of \$25,000 has not yet been reached.
- If additional room nights are desired, those would be the responsibility of the gym.
- Registration forms for Worlds must be sent by the USASF registration deadline as listed in the Cheerleading World's Information and Registration Packets distributed to winning teams at JAMZ Nationals.
- A **team member** is defined as an individual that was **on the roster and performed** at the time that squad received a bid from JAMZ. The team competing at the Worlds can have up to 10 substitutes to replace the team members. Those individuals acting as substitutes must be a regular paid participant from another team at the same gym and must have competed on another team from that gym at JAMZ All-Star Nationals. *Please see further explanation below under 'At Large Bids' for substitution rule.*
- Crossovers are NOT permitted at Worlds. If your team qualifies at JAMZ Nationals with crossovers, please make sure they compete on only one team (and are from the same gym) when going to Worlds. This crossover rule applies to cross competitors in Dance and Cheer. Individuals may not attend Worlds as a competitor in the Cheer categories and also a competitor in the Dance Category.
- The number of participants that "performed" on the competition floor at the qualifying event where the team received their "Paid"/"Partial Paid"/"At Large" bid may not exceed that number of participants competing in that same division and category at the Cheerleading Worlds.
- Each competing gym or organization must be a member of the USASF and in good standing with the USASF and the USASF Event Producer.
- Must be listed as a coach of the performing team on all paperwork received by the USASF Worlds qualifying event producer.
- Must be a coach in good standing at the gym they are representing.
- Must understand that they are a representative of the USASF Event Producer that awarded them the bid ("Paid"/"Partial Paid"/"At Large") at the USASF Worlds Championship. They agree to act with complete respect, sportsmanship, and graciousness at all times while representing the USASF Event Producer they represent at the USASF Worlds Championships.
- **NEW!!** - JAMZ highly recommends that all teams submit a video of their team's performance prior to JAMZ All-Star Nationals. This will help ensure JAMZ rule judges have ample time to identify and alert teams of possible rules infractions. Please submit videos to arrive no later than 1 weeks prior to Nationals. Contact JAMZ at (800) 920-4272 to determine the best shipping method relative to sending date and deadlines. Videos may also be uploaded to youtube and emailed to the *Head Rules Judge* at: rules@jamz.com.
 1. Teams that receive BIDS to the Cheerleading world's are strongly encouraged to submit a video or DVD of the routine they will perform at Worlds competition regardless if that routine has been changed from the JAMZ Nationals to the Cheerleading Worlds. Please see the WORLDS INVITE PACKET on details of how to submit video for legality and rules.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!! In order for a winning team to accept or decline a PAID bid, they must complete the **BID ACCEPTANCE FORM** and fax it to JAMZ **within 72 hours after they have received their PAID bid!!!** Teams that fail to meet this deadline will have their PAID bid automatically converted to an AT-LARGE bid.