

USASF Sanctioning Standards

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The requirement for USASF sanctioning is USASF membership of the competition event producer and adherence to the following criteria.

Minimum Requirements to be USASF Sanctioned.

1. All USASF member competition event producers who produce competitions must meet the following **minimum** standards in order for their competitions that include allstar divisions to be sanctioned:
 - a. On-site medical personnel (doctor, EMT, paramedic, certified athletic trainer, or nurse).
 - b. \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance coverage.
 - c. Follow USASF rules.
 - d. Only offer divisions from the approved USASF list.
 - e. Follow USASF logo requirements.
 - f. Have at least one company representative attend the annual USASF Rules Interpretation meeting.
 - g. A performance floor of at least 40' by 40' matted with 1 3/8 inch carpet bonded foam.
 - h. A matted practice area.
 - i. An unobstructed ceiling height of 20' over the performance floor and the practice floor if Levels 3 and above are offered.
 - j. If performance or practice areas are outdoors, provide suitable foul weather alternatives.
 - k. Sanitize performance and practice mats of bodily fluids.
2. The USASF recommends that every competition with all stars competing have a 54' X 42' spring floor performance area, but the minimum acceptable at this time is a 40' X 40' 1 3/8 carpet bonded foam mat.
3. The mat in 1(h) above is defined as 1 3/8 inch carpet bonded foam or the equivalent.
4. Competition event producers that desire to have their competitions recognized for exceeding the minimum standards must meet the specific requirements for the appropriate Star level, 3 through 5.
5. These guidelines will apply to Cheer only. Dance will be addressed separately.
6. The USASF Sanctioning Compliance Committee will oversee all reported sanctioning violations. This Committee will be composed initially of the USASF Area Directors (Jeff Miller, Gena Evans, and Amy Clark), Steve Peterson (responsible for member competition event producer compliance), Tammy van Vleet, Gwen Holtsclaw, and Serena Andrews. Serena's term will be 1 year. Tammy and Gwen's terms will be 2 years. Upon the expiration of the terms for Tammy, Gwen, and Serena, their replacements will be elected by the full Sanctioning Committee for 2 year terms.

5 Star Requirements (in addition to base USASF requirements)

1. Must be a Tier 1 Worlds qualifying event.
2. A minimum of 125 allstar cheer teams.
3. A minimum of 5 year history for the specific event
4. 2 performances (prelims and finals acceptable).
5. A 54' by 42' flat performance area spring floor, a 54' X 42' 1 3/8 "carpet bonded foam warm up floor, and a double wide spring tumble strip.
6. If the performance floor is on an entirely built stage, the stage height must not exceed 4' high and must have a minimum 4' border, including any slope, from the 54'X42' flat performance floor,
7. Minimum arena, hotel resort, or convention center venue. High school and below venues do not qualify.
8. All coaches of level 5 teams must be USASF credentialed and carry a USASF issued ID card. International teams are exempted until further notice.
9. Event champion team member awards.
10. Mandatory division consolidation to create competition in divisions with only one team – small and large. Exception – no consolidation required if consolidation will force teams from the same gym to compete against one another. Other exceptions to follow.

4 Star Requirements (in addition to base USASF Requirements):

1. Must have a minimum of 100 or more allstar cheer teams.
2. A minimum 3 year history for the specific event
3. 2 performances (prelims and finals acceptable).
4. A 54' by 42' flat performance area spring floor, a 54' X 42' 1 3/8 "carpet bonded foam warm up floor, and a double wide spring tumble strip.
5. If the performance floor is on an entirely built stage, the stage height must not exceed 4' high and must have a minimum 4' border, including any slope, from the 54'X42' flat performance floor,
6. Minimum arena, hotel resort, or convention center venue. High school and below venues do not qualify.
7. Mandatory division consolidation to create competition in divisions with only one team – small and large. Exception – no consolidation required if consolidation will force teams from the same gym to compete against one another. Other exceptions to follow.

3 Star Requirements (in addition to base USASF Requirements):

1. Must have a minimum 75 or more allstar cheer teams.
2. A minimum 3 year history for the specific event
3. 1 performance, 1 day minimum.
4. A 54' by 42' flat performance area spring floor, suitable warm up floors, and a double wide spring tumble strip.
5. If the performance floor is on an entirely built stage, the stage height must not exceed 4' high and must have a minimum 4' border, including any slope, from the 54'X42' flat performance floor,

6. Mandatory division consolidation to create competition in divisions with only one team – small and large. Exception – no consolidation required if consolidation will force teams from the same gym to compete against one another. Other exceptions to follow.