

2011-2012 ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS—PHASE 1

Registered Athlete Member MEMBERSHIP FEE: FREE

Benefits of Registered Membership

- ★ Printable Member ID Card
- ★ Eligible to participate in events hosted by USASF Member Event Producers

Membership Period

- ★ The USASF athlete membership period is from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012
- ★ Membership Fees will not be pro-rated for late-season or delayed registration
- ★ Athlete Membership, once paid to the USASF, is NON-refundable and NON-transferrable *(The funds may not be applied to a different athlete. Once the membership has been paid for a specific athlete, the membership belongs to that athlete only and may not be transferred to anyone else.)*

Proof of Age

- ★ Each athlete will provide an original copy of their birth certificate to the gym/program that will be entering the athlete in the USASF athlete data system
- ★ The athlete's parent may receive an e-mail requesting confirmation of the birth date that was entered for the athlete by the gym
- ★ Any athlete found to have provided an incorrect birth date and/or birth certificate that has been falsified or altered in any manner may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to restriction of membership and eligibility

Athlete Membership

- ★ Belongs to the athlete (regardless of who registers the athlete and pays for membership)
- ★ Allows participation in USASF Member Event Producer Events
- ★ Is a way to identify the athletes in all star cheer and dance
- ★ Is a way to verify age of participating athletes
- ★ Is a way to legitimize all star cheer and dance in the sports world
- ★ **Does not** prohibit an athlete from attending an event that is hosted by a non-USASF Event Producer
- ★ **Does not** prohibit an athlete from leaving the gym that initially registered the athlete and joining a second gym during the same membership term
(Exception: Participation in 2012 Cheerleading Worlds, see below)

Full Athlete Member MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$25

Benefits of Full Membership

- ★ Plastic Member ID Card
- ★ Eligible to participate in events hosted by USASF Member Event Producers
- ★ Eligible to apply for USASF Scholarships
- ★ \$1 Million Catastrophic Insurance
- ★ Eligible to participate in The Cheerleading Worlds
- ★ Annual Magazine: *American Cheerleader's Worlds Coverage Issue* (delivered in bulk to the gym)

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Athlete Membership and Worlds Participation

Any athlete that has competed on the floor with a team in any level from a gym (Primary Gym), during the Worlds competition season (November 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012), will have to have a USASF Gym Release Waiver signed by the owner of that gym (Primary Gym) before that athlete is eligible to compete with another gym (Secondary Gym) at the 2012 Cheerleading Worlds. The USASF Gym Release Waiver is located on the www.USASF.net website.