

Sanctioning Committee's Approval Process & Criteria For Tier 1 and 2 Event Producers and & Worlds Bid Eligibility

The IASF Sanctioning Committee will follow the IASF Sanctioning Standards and the IASF Event Producer & Affiliate Memberships requirements. Additionally, the Sanctioning Committee will follow the guidelines, listed below, in deciding which Cheerleading Worlds qualifying competition to sanction among IASF member event producers that meet the specific Tier Level guidelines but have the potential to conflict from either a date or location standpoint. The Sanctioning Committee cannot unreasonably deny sanctioning and or tier approval for any company that complies with all requirements. The IASF Board of Directors retains the ultimate final approval authority.

1. The IASF will sanction championships to give Worlds bids on an annual basis. Each company that applies to be a Tier 1 or 2 member, and award Worlds bids, must submit an application before the March 1 deadline each year to qualify initially or to requalify. All companies will be notified of their approved Tier level by May 1 of each year. A bid is defined as an invitation for a winner of the event producer's qualifying event to attend the Cheer Worlds. All bids can be awarded at only one qualifying event within 13 months of the Worlds for which they are awarded.
2. The date the event producer became a member of the IASF.
 - Priority will be given to members based upon their seniority as member event producers. Member's seniority is based upon the date they publicly became members.
 - A member event producer requesting a change in tier and/or location will maintain their priority status as of their membership date. The exception will be a member cannot be displaced from a bid giving nationals location by another company with an earlier member date moving more than 200 miles. The four week window will be taken into consideration as well.
3. The location of the competition the company desires to give Cheerleading Worlds bids. In order to protect member event producers, the Sanctioning Committee will endeavor to protect existing Tier 1 or 2 Championships in the same/similar market by addressing the considerations below:
 - The present market size and geographical location relative to existing Tier 1 or 2 Championships. This is a judgment based on the specific market's ability to absorb another Tier 1 or 2 Championship based on the number of all star teams in the market, the number of competitions in total in a market, the proximity of this market to other markets, and other factors that have a bearing on the number of Worlds bids that are appropriate within given markets.

- Tier 1 Championships will be protected for a 200 mile radius within a four week window, either side of the current Tier 1 nationals.

Exceptions:

- Current Tier 1 and 2 member event producers that fail to comply with the required membership criteria for an applied Tier Level, will have one year to meet all requirements before having their Championship Tier reduced to the Level it justifies by the Tier Criteria.
 - Event producers applying for Tier 1 or 2 inside an existing member company's protected geographical location and date, can appeal to the member company for approval. This approval, if granted, will satisfy the date and distance criteria.
4. The number and tier type bids being given by other event producers in that market.
 - The committee will consider the present market size and geographical location relative to existing Sanctioned Championships.
 5. The date of the Nationals.
 - The Sanctioning Committee will endeavor to protect existing Sanctioned Championships occurring within a four-week window either side of the requested date.
 - The date of the qualifying nationals must be within 13 months of The Worlds.
 6. Event Producer and Championship Background – The event producer desiring to give Tier 1 bids will be additionally evaluated based on number of years in business, number of multiple early round locations, number of all star competition participants annually, and the geographical scope of their competitions. Unless waived by the Sanctioning Committee Chairman, event producers being considered for sanctioning as a Worlds bid giving event must attend a Worlds prior to being allowed to give bids.
 7. Country Specific Issues – These guidelines can be modified to address country specific situations with the advice and consent of the members in that country.
 8. Rules Interpretation – Event producers must be able to properly apply and interpret all IASF rules and safety guidelines.
 9. Waiting List – An event producer may have the option to reserve, in a specific market pending the incumbent losing their right to give a bid or the market being opened up to more bids in the future, the right to give a bid. This waiting list will be an open record of the IASF.
 10. Appeals Process - If specific situations in a given market indicate the need for these guidelines to be applied differently or for exceptions to be made, the process to address this will be as follows:
 - The event producer requesting an exception will write it up and forward the document to the Chairman of the Sanctioning Committee.
 - The Chairman will verify the facts in the document and make an initial determination as to whether the proposal has merit. If in doubt, or if the proposal is deemed to have merit, it will be forward it to full Sanctioning Committee for discussion and a vote.

- Any exception requests voted upon positively by the Sanctioning Committee will be forwarded to The IASF Board for approval.
 - Approved exceptions will be recorded and the requesting event producer notified.
11. Eligibility - Bid giving eligibility is contingent on members maintaining their membership in good standing and continuing to give bids each year.
 12. Flexibility – The goal for Worlds bids is to be as flexible as possible to ensure participation by as many event producers as possible while still protecting the value of Worlds bids by not giving so many that they lose meaning, and recognizing the contribution made by the early IASF supporters whose financial support made the Worlds possible initially.