

General Rules

German All Level Championship 2023



1. General Regulations

The following rules and regulations apply to the German All Level Championships 2023 series. The championship is organized and operated by the Varsity Europe Sports Support gGmbH (www.varsity-europe.org).

1.1 Registration

The registration for the championship can only be made online through the booking portal of Varsity Europe on www.booking.varsity-europe.org. In order to register for the competition you need to create an account for your gym. Since there is only one account available for each gym, make sure to share the account information with your coaches. The registration is completed by Varsity Europe receiving the full registration fee payment on their bank account. The registration for the championship is binding.

Deadline for the registration

Event	Early Booking Rates	General Admission	Late Booking Rates
GALC North	31.10.2022	28.11.2022	19.12.2022
GALC West	11.12.2022	16.01.2023	30.01.2023

Additional registrations and changes of individual athletes of a team already registered is possible until 12 days before the competition. The participant can cancel his or her participation and other special offers until 28 days prior to the competition. In this case there will be a cancellation fee of 80% of the initial competition fee and special offers. No fees can be refunded when participants cancel or withdraw from the competition and special offers after 28 days prior to the event. The number of the participating teams is limited. Therefore the registration will be confirmed by Varsity Europe if a participation is possible. Every participant has to be in the possession of a valid photo identification (e.g. passport, drivers license). This identification needs to be available at all times during the event. Photocopies are fine. Every participant has to accept the rulebook and the general terms and conditions of the German All Level Championship 2023. Otherwise the person can not participate in one or more of the championships.

All changes made after the final registration deadlines will be invoiced with a 15,00€ processing fee per name (Exception: Simple name changes of individual participants). Changes of the division the team participates in will result in a 100,00€ changing fee.

1.2 Exceptions & Substitutes & Coed Divisions

Exceptions

All exceptions regarding the age levels have to be applied for in writing and need to be approved by the event organizer. In general, Age Rule exceptions following the current Age Grid are not allowed and will result in disqualification or competing as an exhibition team.

Substitutes

Team divisions can register up to 5 substitutes.

Group stunts divisions can register up to 2 substitutes per team.

Partner Stunt division can register up to 2 substitutes per couple (if 2 substitutes are registered then one must be male and one female athlete). Partner stunt couple division must have one male and one female athlete.

Coed Divisions

In Coed divisions at least one male athlete must be participating with the team.

No male athletes are allowed in All Girl divisions.

Small Coed (C4) Divisions can have a maximum of 4 male athletes.

Large Coed (C16) Divisions need to compete with minimum 5 and maximum 16 male athletes.

1.4. Cross-overs

Each athlete may only compete on one team in the specific division. Cross-overs to other divisions (cheer, stunt divisions, dance) are allowed at the coaches' discretion as scheduling conflicts are likely to occur.

Each athlete may only compete in one age group. Cross-overs to other age groups are **NOT** allowed.

Cross-Over in general:

- Participation for two different clubs at one championship is **NOT** possible.
- Cross-overs in either a dance-, cheer- and/or stunt division are allowed (participation fee per division).
- Cross-overs in Cheer as well as Dance categories in different age groups are possible.

Cheer divisions

- Cross-overs in two different cheer divisions are **NOT** possible.
- Cross-overs in two different age groups are **NOT** possible.
- It is possible to compete in the same cheer division and age class with two different teams of the same club. In this case, the same athletes may not compete more than once.

Dance divisions

- Cross-overs in several dance divisions are allowed. The competition schedule can not be adjusted to accommodate cross-overs.
- Cross-overs in two different age groups are **NOT** possible.
- It is possible to compete in the same dance division and age class with two different teams of the same club. In this case, the same athletes may not compete more than once.

1.5 Time of the routine

A. Team Cheerleading: Maximum two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30)

B. Team Cheerleading Non-Tumbling: Maximum two minutes (2:00)

C. Team Cheerleading Global: Maximum two minutes, thirty seconds + Cheer (2:30+Cheer)

D. Team Dance: Minimum 1 minute, forty five seconds and maximum two minutes, fifteen seconds (1:45 - 2:15)

E. Stunt Divisions: Maximum one minute (1:00)

1.6 Music / Entrances

1. Every effort should be made to ensure that the lyrics of the music are appropriate for all audience members.
2. Timing will begin with the first choreographed movement or note of the music whichever comes first and end with the last choreographed movement or note of music whichever comes last.
3. If a team exceeds the time limit, a deduction of .5 will be taken off the teams final score.
4. Because penalties are severe, it is recommended that all teams time their performance several times prior to competition and leave several seconds to allow for variations in sound equipment.
5. Each team is required to assign a coach/representative to play their music who knows the routine and music to stay with a phone at the music station during the team's performance. This representative is responsible for starting and stopping the music on their own phone!
Please make sure that:
 - the music is downloaded
 - all devices are fully charged
 - placed in airplane mode
 - the volume is turned up

In case of music mishaps that are the teams responsibility it is up to the event directors discretion if the team can compete again.

6. In order to keep the competition running on time, teams must enter the performance floor as quickly

as possible. Teams will have limited time to enter the floor and start their routine. Elaborate choreographed entrances will not be allowed.

1.7 Performance Surface

- **Cheerleading:** Foam Block Floor (same attributes as Spring floor), standard foam mat surface - 7 mats with 2m x 14m . With a surface area of 14 meters x 14 meters.

- **Stunts:** Foam Block Floor (same attributes as Spring floor), standard foam mat surface - 7 mats with 2m x 14m . With a surface area of 14 meters x 14 meters.

- **Dance:** Foam Block Floor (same attributes as Spring floor), Marley Dance floor surface. With a surface area of 14 meters x 14 meters - 7 mats with 2m x 14m .

Stepping off the competition floor will result in a .5 deduction per occurrence off the the teams final score.

1.8 How to handle procedural questions

A. Rules & Procedure - Any questions concerning the cheer and dance level rules will be handled exclusively by the advisor / coach of the team and will be directed to the IASF. Such questions should be made prior to the team's competition performance.

- Legality questions Cheer: <https://varsity-europe.org/file/uploads/IASF-Rules-Questions-Tabellenblatt1-1.pdf>

- Legality questions Dance: <https://varsity-europe.org/file/uploads/IASF-Rules-Questions-Tabellenblatt1-1.pdf>

Questions about procedures of the competition will be handled exclusively by the advisor / coach of the team and will be directed to the event director at events@varsity-europe.com

B. Performance - Any questions concerning scoring of the team's performance should be made to the Head Judge via Email at rules@varsity-europe.com.

1.9 Sportsmanship and Disqualifications

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the championship. The coach and / or gym owner of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliated with the team conduct themselves accordingly. Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for disqualification.

Further specified points that can lead to disqualification and removal from the event are:

- Assault or insult to the judges, officials, participants, spectators or any other person associated with the event
- Competing of a non-registered person
- Violation of the anti-doping-decree
- Violation of age requirements
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

1.10 Interruption of the Performance

A. Unforeseen Circumstances

1. If, in the opinion of the competition officials, a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the competition equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the competition rather than the team, the team affected should stop the routine.
2. The team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated only from the point where the interruption occurred. The degree and effect of the interruption will be determined by the competition officials.
3. If a team needs to re-perform a routine but fails to do the routine in its entirety, then this team will receive a score based on the lower scored performance.

B. Fault of Team

1. In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own equipment, the team must either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition.

2. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If decided by officials, the team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated only from the point where the interruption occurred.
3. If a team needs to re-perform a routine but fails to do the routine in its entirety, then this team will receive a score based on the lower scored performance.

C. Injury

1. The only persons that may stop a routine for injury are:
 - a) competition officials
 - b) the coach of the team performing
 - c) an injured individual
2. The competition officials will determine if the team will be allowed to perform at a later time. If the competition officials allow a routine to be performed at a later time, the spot in the schedule where the re-performance is to take place is at the sole discretion of competition officials. The team will perform the routine again in its entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
3. If a team needs to re-perform a routine but fails to do the routine in its entirety, then this team will receive a score based on the lower scored performance.
4. The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless:
 - a. The competition officials receive clearance from:
 1. the medical personnel attending to that participant,
 2. the parent (if present)
 3. AND THEN the head coach/advisor of the competing team.
 - b. If the medical personnel do not clear the participant, the participant can only return to the competition if a parent or legal guardian in attendance agrees to let the athlete return.
 - c. In the event of a suspected concussion / head injury, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a medical professional, even with a waiver from a parent or legal guardian.

1.11 Interpretations and / or Rulings

Any interpretation of any aspect of the Rules and Regulations or any decision involving any other aspect of the competition will be rendered by Varsity Europe and the judges. The judges will render a judgment in an effort to ensure that the competition proceeds in a manner consistent with the general spirit and goals of the competition. If the interpretation needs to be made during an ongoing competition, it is made together by the judges present and the Head Judge.

1.12. Disqualification

Any team that does not adhere to the terms and procedures of these "Rules and Regulations" will be subject to disqualification from the competition, will automatically forfeit any right to any prizes or awards presented by the competition, and may also forfeit the opportunity to participate the following year.

1.13. Scores and Rankings

Individual score sheets are for the exclusive use of each particular judge. Each judge has the responsibility and authority to review and submit his or her final scores and rankings prior to the final tally of the scores for all teams. Scores and rankings will be available only to coaches or captains at the conclusion of the competition. No scores or rankings will be given over the telephone or by text or any other form of communication. After each round of competition, teams will receive the judges' score sheets as well as their score.

1.14. Finality of Decisions

By participating in this championship, each team agrees that judges' decisions are final and will not be subject for review. Each team acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition and each team therefore expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

1.15. Appearances, Endorsement and Publicity

All teams winning titles or awards agree to have all appearances, endorsements and publicity approved by Varsity Europe.

1.16 General Safety Guidelines

These can be found in the IASF Cheer Level Rules under:

<http://www.iasfworlds.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/IASF-2021-23-Rules-Final-.pdf>

2. Team Divisions

All teams must follow the general cheer safety guidelines and the cheer level guidelines for their division.

These Cheer Level guidelines can be found in a separate document on the Varsity Europe website (<https://varsity-europe.org/rules-scoring-en/>).

The judging procedures, the judging criteria and the distribution of the maximum achievable scores for the different criteria of the different judges as well as possible point deductions can be found on the Varsity Europe website under Scoring. All varsity Europe Competitions follow the United Scoring System for Cheer and the Varsity All Star Dance Scoring System for Dance Divisions.

Every Routine needs to follow the IASF Rules for Cheer and Dance.

If you have any questions about our Scoring Process please email rules@varsity-europe.org.

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