

CONGRATULATIONS! You earned a bid to THE ONE!

www.theonefinals.com

Are You The ONE?

The One Cheer and Dance Finals is THE end of the year final championship for ALL levels of cheer and dance. Premier independent event producers all over the world sponsor their best teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place only) to compete at The One Cheer and Dance Finals. Teams will compete first at a The One Territory Championship (Chicago, New Orleans, Orlando, etc. Check the website for dates and locations) where winners take home championship rings! Teams may choose the territory final that best suits their travel desire/needs.

If they win first place at a territory final, their best scoring video from the territory final will enter the “winner takes all” Virtual Finals where they will compete head to head against the first place team(s) from other territories. The winners in each division will be crowned THE ONE and be awarded the coveted championship jackets.

Bid Types & Event Pricing

NOTE: all pricing is in USD

Event Pricing is \$115 per athlete
Prep Teams: \$95 per athlete

*Prep teams will compete one day only

What type of bid did you earn?

1st Place – Gold Bid (AKA Partial Paid)

Team receives \$50 registration discount = \$65 per athlete (Prep = \$45 per athlete)

2nd Place – Silver Bid (AKA Partial Paid)

Team receives \$20 registration discount = \$95 per athlete (Prep = \$75 per athlete)

3rd Place – Bronze Bid (AKA At Large) Team

pays full registration price = \$115 per athlete (Prep = \$95 per athlete)

FULL PAID BID – PLATINUM BID Sponsoring event producer provides full payment of competition fees. Typically awarded to Level Champs/Style Champs, etc. *see more info in the Bid Guidelines section.



Early Payment Discount:

Register within 10 days of receiving your bid to receive a \$10 per athlete discount.

Late Payment Fee:

Additional \$20 per athlete late fee if registration & payment is not received prior to the due date:

- Bid events up through January 31:
Deadline: March 1
- Bids events after February 1: Deadline:
March 25

*If your qualifying event occurs after March 18th your registration is due within ONE (1) week of your qualifying event.

All teams are responsible for their own accommodations, travel and all other related expenses.

Divisions & Rules

- All USASF Divisions for All Star Cheer (except Level 5 & 6 Worlds Team Divisions).
- All Star D1 and D2 divisions will also be offered.
- All USASF Dance Divisions
- All Star Prep
- School and Recreation

Check the website for more information on divisions.

All divisions (except school) will follow USASF Rules (www.usasf.net). School teams will follow AACCA rules (www.aacca.org).

A team that receives and accepts any type of bid must compete in the same division they were in at the qualifying event where their bid was awarded.

We recognize that school and recreational divisions may not be the same across all qualifying events. Teams are asked to select the division that most closely matches their ability level using the guidelines and descriptions listed on our website.

Score Sheets & Judging

The One Cheer and Dance Finals will be using the common industry standard All Star Scoring System for All Star Cheer, Prep and Recreational Teams.

Dance teams will follow the industry standard USASF Dance Worlds scoring system found on the USASF website www.usasf.net

Scoring System information and Score Sheets for School teams can be found on our website at www.theonefinals.com

Judges decisions will be final and will not be subject for review after awards have been given. Each team expressly waives any legal, equitable, administrative or procedural review of such decisions.

All Star Cheer, Dance, and Prep Teams are encouraged to send in legality questions to the USASF for legality review. More information on the process can be found at www.usasf.net.

Bid Guidelines

Bids may never be passed to a lower placing team (i.e. a 3rd place team may not be given a Gold Bid even if the 1st and 2nd place teams do not accept the bid, etc).

Teams may only be awarded one bid type. If a team wins an At Large Bid earlier in the year, they may still accept a Paid or Partial Paid bid at another later event. The At Large Bid then becomes null & void. It does not get passed down.

Teams winning a Paid Bid are eligible to compete at The One Cheer and Dance Finals with the sponsoring event producer providing full payment of competition registration fees at the Gold Bid rate (\$65 per athlete/\$45 Prep x number of athletes on the floor at the qualifying event plus two coaches).

Event producers will not be responsible for late fees if their representing team does not meet the registration deadline. Event producers will not be responsible for change fees if their representing team has to make changes to the original registration.

Company sponsored Paid Bid checks will be made out to "The One" and should be mailed directly to The One head office with your team's registration. The check must be used towards the team's registration. The gym is responsible for the balance of the team's competition packages (extra coaches, additional members, travel, accommodations, etc).

Event producers have the discretion to select the divisions and the process by which Paid Bids are awarded (i.e. level champs, style champions, grand champions, etc). All Paid Bids are for FIRST PLACE ONLY teams and may never be passed to a second place team (or lower ranking team).

Event producers should publish the procedures they will follow for awarding bids prior to the start of their qualifying competition.

THE ONE Online Registration

For your convenience we provide online registration. Go to www.theonefinals.com to get started. Team registration packet, payment and required documents must be received in The One office by the registration deadline. Please note the early payment discount and late payment penalties on page 1.

Any changes in registration within 3 weeks of the event will incur a \$200 change fee per change.

Any cancelled registration after 30 days prior to event will result in FULL FORFEITURE of all monies paid. All cancellations must be in writing to The ONE: Cheer and Dance Finals.

We will not accept cancellations by phone.

The One is not responsible for deposits paid on travel, accommodations or other such expenses in the event of team cancellation.

NOTE: TEAM PAYMENT MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A CREDIT CARD, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. NO GYM/BOOSTER/PERSONAL CHECKS! ALL REGISTRATION MATERIAL WILL BE RETURNED IF SUBMITTED WITH A GYM/BOOSTER/PERSONAL CHECK.

ALL PRICING IS IN US DOLLARS

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are to be booked on a first come-first served basis through our travel partner Competition Travel. Hotel information can be found online at www.theonefinals.com

Coaches, Gym Owners, & Organizations:

The One does not restrict participation in other organizations or affiliations with other end of year events. However, bids may not be offered to another multi-brand event at the same event in which they award The One bids, with the exception of the USASF Cheerleading and Dance Worlds.

- Coaches must be listed as a coach of the performing team on all documents received by The One. Only team members and accredited coaches may enter the warm up room.
- Teams/Coaches must understand that they are a representative of the event producer that awarded the bid and agree to act with dignity, respect, sportsmanship, and fair play at all times.
- One gym owner/coach or responsible adult (21 years of age or older) for every nine participants is required.

The One Finals meet all USASF sanctioning standards.

Eligible Athletes, Substitutions and Crossovers

All athletes must be registered members of that team's gym during the 2015 – 2016 competition season.

Bids will be awarded as a team and based on

the number of members competing on the floor at the qualifying event. Members may be added or removed so long as the division does not change. Substitutions are limited to 6 for small divisions and 10 for large divisions.

Crossovers are permitted between teams of one gym. However, registration is not discounted and The One will not consider crossovers during scheduling. An athlete may compete on a maximum of 3 teams (cheer and/or dance).

International/Dance bid winning teams who opt to use their bid the next season are limited to 10 substitutions for small teams and 18 for large teams. See more info on page 3.

Tie Breaking

Ties will not be broken except for Bronze, Silver and Gold rankings. In the event of a tie, the team with the least amount of deductions will be placed above the other team. If there is still a tie, the team with the highest overall Execution/Technique score will be placed above the other team. If there is still a tie, the judges will be polled. All judge's decisions are final.

Event Schedule

A detailed order of competition will be posted online 1 week prior to the event which will include the location and exact times that your team will report backstage, take pictures, warm up, compete, etc.

Sportsmanship

All participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout and following the event. The coach and/or gym owner of each team is responsible for seeing that team members, coaches, parents and any other persons affiliate with the team conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

Severe cases of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for penalties and/or disqualification.

Opting to Use A Bid The Following Season

To qualify, one of the following conditions/situations must apply: a) The bid qualifying event occurs after the last The ONE Territory event in 2016, b) International Bid Events (for international teams only), and c) Dance Only Events:

Teams earning bids from the above event types who opt to use their The ONE bid the next season must follow these guidelines:

- a) Teams must register for The ONE in the same division the following season (i.e. Small Youth Level 2; or Senior Hip Hop, etc)
- b) Teams must register and compete at the SAME bid giving event the following season in the same division (i.e. if you win your bid at CheerExpo Nationals (Canada) in March 2016 and opt to use your bid for The ONE in 2017, you must register and compete at CheerExpo Nationals 2017). However, since the team has already earned a bid, they do not have to win another bid again.
- c) Cheer teams are limited to 10 substitutions for small teams and 18 for large teams. Dance teams must consist of at least 50% of the same dancers as the group who earned the bid. If the number of dancers is an odd number (with 50% resulting as a fraction), rounding down one person is permitted (i.e. if there were 25 dancers only 12 need to remain the same; not 13).
- d) Bids earned may only be used once.

Teams may not use a bid earned in 2015/2016 season to compete in both the 2016 and 2017 The ONE Finals.

- e) Teams may upgrade their bid if they place higher than they did the previous season (however, the original bid becomes void), OR choose to again use the new bid for the next season.

Competing Twice in One Day

All of The ONE Cheer and Dance Finals divisions are TWO DAYS, requiring teams to perform once each day (except Prep). Competing twice in one day is strongly discouraged. Even in an extenuating circumstance, permission must be granted by a majority vote by the board of directors. There is no guarantee of approval. In the unlikely event that permission is granted, the team will be fined a penalty of \$2500 which must be paid prior to the team taking the floor.

Interruption of Performance

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. In the event a team's routine is interrupted because of failure of the team's own

equipment and/or music, the team must either continue the routine or withdraw from the competition.

Interruption of Performance Due to Injury

1. In the event that an injury causes the routine to be interrupted, the participant can stop the routine at any time and seek medical assistance.
2. Competition officials reserve the right to stop the routine if an injury occurs.
3. 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 may perform the routine again in its' entirety, but will be evaluated ONLY from the point where the interruption occurred.
4. The injured participant that wishes to perform may not return to the competition floor unless the competition officials receive clearance from, first, the medical personnel attending to that participant, the parent (if present) AND THEN the head coach/advisor of the competing team.

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 signs a return to participation waiver. In the event of a suspected concussion, the participant cannot return to perform without clearance from a medical professional, even with a waiver from a parent or legal guardian. No exceptions.

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Gifts & Prizes:

- All participants in the One Cheer and Dance Finals will receive a beautiful custom event medal.
- First, Second and Third Place teams will receive a custom event banner.
- In addition to above, first place All Star teams in our territory championships will move to the Virtual Finals, will receive title of Territory Champions and CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS for all team athletes and coaches.
- First place teams in the virtual finals will be listed as The ONE Champions in all social and print media nationally and will receive CHAMPIONSHIP JACKETS for all athletes and coaches. Are YOU the ONE?



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