

CANADIAN CHEER FINALS



Canadian Finals Invite Qualification

Canadian Cheer is proud to once again host the two most coveted invite-only events in Canada. Please read below to learn how to qualify for an invitation to Canadian Finals 2027.

How to Qualify for the 2026-2027 season

- Receive an invite at designated Canadian Cheer qualifying events/Event Partners. The number of invites allocated to each event is outlined below. Canadian Finals Invites will be awarded on-site at designated Canadian Cheer qualifying events/Event Partners.
- Receive a Wild Card invite in March 2027.
 - The exact release date is TBD (see Wild Card details below)
- Ensure your program admin has submitted the opt-in form for the team. All teams must read the rule set and "opt-in" to be considered for a Canadian Finals invitation.
- **By opting in, you confirm that your team meets the eligibility requirements and will participate in the event.** This documentation MUST be received by the time the team is checked in to compete.

Designated Qualifying Canadian Cheer Events and Invite Allocation

See the FAQs section for information on the inclusion and eligibility of 2-5 NT/4.2/ Non-Worlds 5*

EVENT	# of INVITES	QUALIFYING METHODS
Big East Showdown	15-18	Top 3 in levels 1-4 & 3 additional invites guaranteed <i>Up to 3 additional invites from next placing teams from any level</i>
Border Showdown	15-18	Top 3 in levels 1- 4 & 3 additional invites guaranteed <i>Up to 3 additional invites from next placing teams from any level</i>
Quebec Championship	4-7	Top team in levels 1- 4
Cheer for the Cure	3	Best performing teams in any level 1-4
Montreal Mayhem	3	Best performing teams in any level 1-4
CheerFest BC	3	Best performing teams in any level 1-4
Ontario Championship	3	Best performing teams in any level 1-4
Wild Cards	3 <i>Unused invites from other events will be given out as Wild Cards</i>	-Best performing teams in any level 1-4 from any Canadian Cheer events in the 2026/2027 season -Best performing teams who competed at one of our partner events -Teams who would like to be considered for a Wild Card invite are still required to opt-in - Teams who do not have a Canadian Cheer or partner event in their province may compete virtually at a Canadian Cheer event that offers virtual participation in order to be considered for a Wild Card invite

Other Considerations for Wild Card Invites:

We strive to maintain the high standards required to participate in Canadian Finals while also recognizing the need for diverse program representation. If two teams have very similar scores and skill level, the deciding factor may be the inclusion of a different program. Crossovers at Canadian Finals



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Crossovers at Canadian Finals

- Athletes in Canadian Finals may only crossover 1 level up or down attending Canadian Finals

Clarification: Crossovers competing on two teams during Canadian Finals may cross over to another team in the same level however a team can only have a maximum of 2 crossovers in the same level. Note that athletes may not compete on two teams in the same age and level division (ie both teams competing in the U16 level 2 division)

- Athletes are only allowed to compete on a maximum of two cheer teams at Canadian Finals

TEAM SIZE	# OF WORLDS CROSS OVERS (15%)
5-6	0
7-13	1
14-19	2
20-26	3
27-30	4

- No schedule changes will be accommodated due to a team having crossovers to another team competing in Canadian Finals
- Teams vying for a Canadian Finals Invite may have a maximum of 15% of their team who cross over from a level 5, 6 or 6 NT Worlds Team regardless of their bid status. This cross-over restriction applies whether or not the worlds team competes at any Canadian Cheer events and they may only cross over to a level 4 team.
- If Level 4.2/NT are invited, the following will apply:
 - Exception: L4.2 may only crossover to L2, L3, and/or L4
 - NT will still be held accountable to the one-level cross-over restriction
 - Exception - Athletes who compete at The Cheerleading Worlds in a level 6 Non-Tumbling division may compete in a Canadian Finals division in level 4.2, if level 4.2 is included.

2026-2027 Canadian Finals Partner Events

EVENT	DATE	# OF INVITES	QUALIFYING TEAMS
Imagine Cheer Championship	January 30-31, 2027	2	Any best performing teams in any level 1-4
Maritime Meltdown	February 27-28, 2027	2	Any best performing teams in any level 1-4
Warman Cheer Classic	TBD	2	Any best performing teams in any level 1-4

Frequently Asked Questions

When will invitations be announced?

- If invites are being awarded at a specific event, the event schedule will outline when the invites are being awarded (ie which awards ceremony). Partner events may indicate the awards times differently, so please check with the Event Producer.
- Canadian Finals Invites will be awarded on-site at designated Canadian Cheer qualifying events/Event Partners.
- Canadian Finals Wildcard invites announcement date is TBD



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What does "Best performing teams" mean?

- Teams that have the highest placings in their division/level will be considered.
- If divisions/levels are split across panels or separated throughout the day, judges will be consulted to directly compare the top teams from each panel/session.
- If Level A has stronger scores than Level B, it is possible that multiple teams from Level A will be awarded invites (unless it is specified that each level will receive a specific number of invites such as at Showdowns).
- If Level A and Level B are adjudicated on different panels, it is possible that a team from Level A may receive an invite but have a lower score than the highest scoring team on Level B. Differentiations in top scores between panels will be considered when reasonable.

How will additional invites be awarded?

- This statement means that if the strength of the teams attending the event and the level of participation at the event warrants handing out additional invites, the event may award up to the listed number of additional invites.
 - Any level refers to the event producer's ability to select the levels from which the invites are awarded.
 - Considerations for choosing a level include:
 - # of teams already receiving invites in that level
 - Exceptionally strong teams competing in a specific level making the field of play for that level very strong
 - Teams will still be selected by score, see details about "highest score" above for further information.

Roster Changes/Substitutions

- Teams may add up to 2 additional athletes to the total number of athletes on the floor at the qualifier event.
- In the event that a rostered athlete was injured close to the event and a substitute did not participate on the floor during the qualifier event due to injury/sickness/exceptional circumstance, the rostered total number of athletes will be the basis for determining substitutes and additions.
- Teams may substitute age eligible athletes.

Can Level 4.2 & Non-Tumble teams qualify for Canadian Finals?

- Canadian Cheer will be including Level 4.2 and Non-Tumble teams in the 2027 edition of Canadian Finals
- These teams will need to demonstrate exceptional skills in their respective levels to be invited
- If invited, Level 4.2 teams will compete against Level 4 teams however, the expectations for tumbling will be consistent with Level 2 requirements
- If invited, Non-Tumble teams will compete against same level team (ie Level 3 NT team will compete against Level 3 teams) and % of perfection (by putting their total score out of 100) will be used to rank the competing teams if non-tumbling teams are included

Can Non-Worlds Level 5 divisions (U16 Level 5 & Level 5 NT) teams qualify for Canadian Finals?

- Canadian Cheer will evaluate the participation level of teams in non-worlds Level 5 & 5 NT from events leading up to the Wild Card invitations.
- A minimum of 20 unique teams in level 5/5NT will be required to have participated throughout the event season for the level to be considered for inclusion in Canadian Finals
- We do not anticipate that Level 5/5NT will be included in this year's Canadian Finals due to low participation in these levels in comparison to Levels 1-4.



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Invite Eligibility

- Teams must have completed the entirety of the registration process in order to qualify for an invite, this includes but is not limited to:
 - Full and timely payment of registration fees at the qualifying event
 - Full and accurate completion of rosters and waivers
 - Full completion of the coaches code of conduct and associated documents
 - Confirmation of "opt in" for Canadian Finals Invites by the time team checks in to compete
- Canadian Cheer reserves the right to remove an invitation from a team should any of the above processes be proven to be incomplete and/or violations of age eligibility or code of conduct is found at any event in the 2026/27 season.
- Revoked invites will be added into the WildCard invite count.

Note: that there will not be a Non-Ranked option for the 2027 edition of Canadian Finals

Days of Competitions

- Canadian Cheer Worlds Face Off: Friday, April 9th, 2027
- Canadian Finals: Saturday, April 10th, 2027

Prizing Canadian Finals

- Teams placing 1 - 3 will receive a placement banner
- Teams placing 1 - 3 will receive a placement medal for each athlete. Level Champions will receive an iconic jacket (2 jackets included for team coaches)
- Final Champion will receive a custom sized championship ring (2 rings included for team coaches)
- Additional champion prizing available for purchase upon request

Scoring

- Specific details regarding warnings/deductions may be sent out in advance of the event to all registered programs. These details would relate to teams participating in Nationals, Finals or Face-Off.
- The Canadian Cheer Scoring Policy will apply unless otherwise stated
- The Cheer Canada score sheet will be used for all speciality events
- The top team from each level will be compared by the judges to select the Final Champion

Disqualification

- Any team that does not adhere to the terms of the competition may be subject to disqualification and the forfeiture of any associated prizing. Additionally, teams/programs may be prohibited from receiving an invitation to the following year, at the sole discretion of Canadian Cheer and its associates.

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