



**AUSTRALIAN  
CHEER UNION**

**Australian Cheer Union  
Multi Club Membership**

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## 1. OVERVIEW

With the occurrence of athletes training and competing for different clubs/studios under the different genres of Cheer and Performance Cheer. This policy has been developed to ensure all membership details and guidelines are adhered to and athletes are treated fairly and equally.

## 2. WHO DOES THIS APPLY TO?

Athletes that compete / or train at more than one club in different genres. i.e Trains and competes Cheerleading at one club/gym and trains and competes Performance Cheer (dance) at another gym/studio.

## 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This section specifies the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in the multiple club registration process.

### 3.1 Registered Athletes

A registered athlete wishing to train and/or compete at a club/studio where their membership is not held must:

- Comply with this policy
- Advise the additional club(s) that they are already a registered athlete

### 3.2 Affiliated Clubs

A club/studio involved with a multiple club registered athlete must:

- Comply with this policy
- Ensure formal requests for multiple club registration are presented to Australian Cheer Union
- Distribute, promote and implement this policy and its related administration procedures
- Deal with multiple club membership in an impartial, sensitive, timely and confidential manner.

### 3.3 Australian Cheer Union (ACU)

Australian Cheer Union, in matters regarding multiple club membership must:

- Comply with the policy
- Deal with multiple club membership in an impartial, sensitive, timely and confidential manner.
- Investigate and ensure that all multiple club registration requirements have been met.
- Complete all administrative procedures to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the national membership database and the athlete's best interest are met.

## 4. GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

With regards to Multiple Club athletes the following principles should be understood and adhered to.

Athletes should only be registered to one club as their primary club, this will be the club that the ACU membership fees are paid and registered with. As well as the primary

club the athlete may be registered with a secondary club as required, without the payment of the ACU membership fee.

The following should also be noted:

- Insurance cover is valid regardless of which club the athlete trains within as long as policy requirements are met (i.e.: within an affiliated club, under an accredited coach and all relevant safety requirements are met)
- Membership fees are annual and can only be charged through the primary club who is registering the athlete.

Where an athlete trains for different genres they can compete with the relevant secondary club at Australian Cheer Union sanctioned events (i.e.: if an athlete is training Cheerleading at Club A and Performance Cheer (Dance) at Club B they can compete Cheerleading for Club A and Performance Cheer (Dance) for Club B).

Where an athlete trains for the same genre at multiple clubs they can only compete with the club with which is registered as their primary club. (i.e. If an athlete is training at Club A for Cheerleading and also training at Club B for Cheerleading, and Club A is the athlete's primary club then they can only compete for Club A).

When a request for a multiple-club membership is provided to Australian Cheer Union documentation will be provided to both the primary and secondary clubs on processing of this request. The second registration will be valid until the end of the current calendar year. Each year the multiple-club registration will need to be re-requested.

## **5. PROCEDURAL STEPS**

The administration procedure for multiple-club registrations will require that the following steps be undertaken.

1. The athlete advise the secondary club that they are already a registered athlete
2. Secondary club to complete a "Request for multiple-club membership" form and send to Australian Cheer Union.
3. Australian Cheer Union will verify the current status of the athlete's registration.
4. A new record will be created on the national database for the athlete's registration at the secondary club, noting the required information.
5. A confirmation of multiple-club registration letter will be produced and sent to both clubs as proof of registration.

## **6. CHANGES TO THE POLICY**

Changes to this policy may be submitted by ACU Board, State Advisory Boards and other relevant National Sports Management Committees for review and approval by the ACU Board. Once a change has been approved, the policy will be updated in the official ACU policy register and the Internet and circulated to ACU Club/Studio Members.