



**Gymnastics
Australia**



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Invitation

Aussie Downunder, in partnership with Gymnastics Australia, is proud to present the 2008 Downunder *Spirit* Championships, "Australia's Premier International Cheer, Pom, Dance & Sport Aerobics Competition".

The DOWNUNDER *Spirit* Championships attracts cheer, dance and sport aerobics teams from across Australia and around the world. This prestigious competition is *seriously* fun with awesome awards – so catch the *spirit!*

This exciting event provides international cheer, pom dance & sport aerobics athletes the opportunity to meet and compete downunder, while presenting an array of additional optional activities.

The Downunder *Spirit* Championships will be held on Queensland's wonderful Gold Coast on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June, with additional optional activities being held on Monday 30th June. Courtesy training for Cheer, Pom and Dance Teams, and Podium Training for Sport Aerobic athletes, will be held on Friday 27th June.

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre will again be the venue for the 2008 Downunder *Spirit* Championships. With more teams this year from across the globe, the DOWNUNDER *Spirit* Championships are sure to be 2008's not to be missed cheer event!

Included within this bulletin, you will find information regarding details on finances, benefits and the proposed program.

In addition, to assist in keeping all teams up-to-date check out the website at:

www.downunderspirit.com

If you require further information or assistance please contact:

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We look forward to welcoming your team to the 2008 Down Under Spirit Championships!

What's New in 2008?

Eligibility (Cheer, Pom & Dance)

The Downunder Spirit Championships is open to all teams from Australia and overseas. Entry to the Downunder Spirit Championships is at the discretion of Aussie Downunder. Expressions of Interest will be invited, upon which Aussie Downunder will extend official invitations.

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

Residential Teams:

Cheer: Teams must be accompanied by a coach holding any one of the following acceptable Cheerleading Certifications:

- Gymnastics Australia (GA)*
- United States All Star Federation (USASF) *
- National Council for Spirit Safety Education (NCSSE) *
- Other countries credentialling may be accepted upon request.*

Pom and Dance: Teams must be accompanied by a coach trained in relevant safe coaching practices.*

*Evidence of qualification is required and must be submitted with definitive entries.

International Teams:

Cheer, Pom and Dance Coaches must be trained in relevant safe coaching practices. It is highly recommended that coaches have attended a coaching/safety certification course.

Event organisers reserve the right to refuse entry if competencies are not evidenced.

Cross Competing (Cheer, Pom & Dance Teams)

Participants may cross compete in teams within the same organisation. Please note the following cross over policies:

- Participants may only represent one organisation.
- Participants may not compete in the same division.
- Participant may only represent up to a maximum of two teams.
- A maximum of five crossover participants is allowed per team.
- Participants must pay the full entry fee for each team on which they compete.
- We cannot guarantee separation between competition times.
- Warm-up times may overlap.
- Award ceremonies may overlap with warm-up or competition times.

Two new exciting Competition Categories!

Group Stunt and Partner Stunt have been added to the Competition Program. Please refer to the Cheer, Pom & Dance Rules and Regulations for performance guidelines.

Early Bird Preliminary Registrations

The Downunder Spirit Championships have added an Early Bird Preliminary Registration incentive. Early Bird Registration is due on **Friday 4th April**. Early Bird Registration will ensure that your team will receive a 2008 DUSC T-shirt and goody bag. Preliminary Registrations received after this date will not receive the event goody bag.

Accommodation Packages

The Downunder Spirit Championships have secured great accommodation for teams. The preferred suppliers for the 2008 Down Under Spirit Championships are Break Free and Mantra. All accommodation is within walking distance to some of the Gold Coast's best shopping destinations, beaches and restaurants, as well as a short walk to the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre where the 2008 DUSC will be held.

Limited numbers are available, so to avoid missing out contact kyle@downunderspirit.com to secure your teams accommodation *today*. To view the rates please visit www.downunderspirit.com/packages.htm

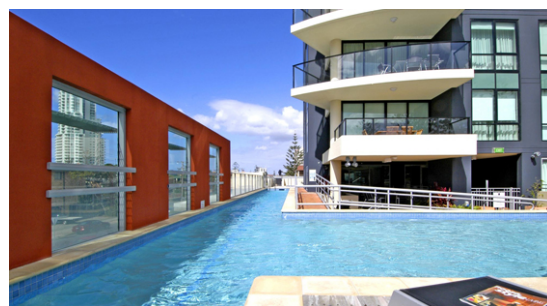
Please contact

Aussie Downunder

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REGISTRATION DATES

Key dates to meet are:

- **Expression of Interest**
 - Register now to receive an Event Information Kit & ongoing bulletins
- **Preliminary Registration**
 - Friday 4th April.
 - A \$15.00 entry fee per team member will be required with preliminary entries.
- **Definitive Registration (Closing Date)**
 - Friday 16th May
 - Final payment due with definitive entries.

Video Policy

The Downunder Spirit Championships will be professionally videoed. Therefore, please be advised **NO VIDEO TAPING IS ALLOWED**.

Anyone with a video camera will be asked to remove it from the facility or place it in our administrative office. Video camera's may not be "put away" into a case. Please pass this onto your parents and friends who will be attending so they may plan ahead. Still photography only is permitted.

Event T-Shirt

The Order Form for Event T-shirts has been included within this bulletin.

To ensure your Team Members don't miss out, please return the Order Form along with your preliminary entries by Friday 4th April.

Athletes receive one t-shirt. Participants entering multiple events receive a discounted entry fee, therefore do not receive additional t-shirts.

Coaches & Team Officials may purchase an event t-shirt using the attached order form. Cost is \$20.

Additional Activities

Two fantastic opportunities are provided for teams to make this event even more exciting!

Cheerleading Workshop

For all Australian competitors, coaches, attending. With your team as our number one focus, we are determined to make your experience at the workshop the best yet! Our material and techniques have been created with you in mind, bringing you the most creative and innovative trends in the industry. We bring professional staff from the USA

The 1 day workshop program will include the following sessions:

- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Drill
- ◆ Cheer
- ◆ Stunts
- ◆ Coaches Network Forum

Workshop Format

10.00am – 12.00pm

Coaches Workshop - NCSSE Accreditation Class

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Athlete Workshop

Club Downunder

Last years Club Downunder Party Cruise was a huge success, with hundreds of DUSC participants enjoying the night cruising the beautiful waters of the Gold Coast and dancing the night away. The Club Downunder Party Cruise provides an opportunity for participants to enjoy their new friendships following the conclusion of competition on Sunday. This celebration is jam-packed with excitement including a DJ. The venue will be closed to the public and open only to participants who have registered for the Celebration Party. Security and chaperones will be provided.

This years Club Downunder Party Cruise promises to be just as good with an additional cruise being added for 2008. The first cruise will be an *under 18* cruise featuring the latest and best music, dancing soft drinks and food. Upon returning its time for the *over 18's* to hop aboard for a fun filled cruise.

Expenses

Event Participation Fee (Athletes):

Event	Entry Fee	GA Members
Cheer &/or Pom	\$88.00/person	\$66.00/person
Group Stunt	\$88.00/person	\$66.00/person
Partner Stunt	\$88.00/person	\$66.00/person
Dance	\$88.00/person	\$66.00/person
Sport Aerobics	\$88.00/person	\$66.00/person

This fee includes the following benefits:

- ◆ Event Accreditation (access to all performance areas)
- ◆ Right to perform in 1 team
- ◆ Event t-shirt (Preliminary entries must be received by April 4th)

Entry to additional event categories will cost an extra \$33 per person (a 2nd t-shirt will not be provided).

e.g. The Entry fee for athletes entering Cheer/Pom & Partner Stunt is \$66.00 + \$33.00 = \$99.00.

One complimentary Coach and Team Official (per team entered) will be issued a complimentary event accreditation. The will include the following benefits:

- ◆ Event Accreditation (access to all performance areas)

Coaches & Team Officials may purchase an event t-shirt using the attached order form. Cost is \$20.

Cheerleading Workshop Participation Fee:

Event	Entry Fee
Coaches Workshop*	\$45.00/person (includes entry to athlete workshop)
Athlete Workshop	\$45.00/person

*NCSSE Certification additional. Cost TBA.

Club Downunder Party Cruise

Cost will be confirmed in Bulletin 2.

Refund Policy

Up to May 16th

A refund, less 20% administration fee, will be available to any team/member withdrawing prior to this date.

From May 16th

No refunds will be available for withdrawals following this date, unless under special circumstances.

Competition Information

Cheer & Pom Dance

For information on the Cheer, Pom & Dance competition, please refer to the Cheer, Pom & Dance Rules and Regulations, available for download at www.downunderspirit.com

The following competition divisions are available:

Cheer

Division	Age	Gender	Team Size	Level
Small Junior	7 - 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	5-20 Members	1, 2, 3
Large Junior	7 - 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	21-36 Members	1, 2, 3
Small Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	5-20 Members	1, 2, 3, 4
Large Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	21-36 Members	1, 2, 3, 4
Small Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	5-20 Members	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Large Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	21-36 Members	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Cheer Teams will follow the USASF Level Rules and the DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Group Stunt

Division	Age	Gender	Team Size	Level
Senior All Girl	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female	4 – 5 Members	3, 4
Senior Mixed	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	At least 1 Male & 1 Female	4 – 5 Members	3, 4
Open All Girl	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female	4 – 5 Members	3, 4, 5, 6
Open Mixed	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	At least 1 Male & 1 Female	4 – 5 Members	3, 4, 5, 6

Group Stunt will follow the USASF Level Rules and the DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Partner Stunt

Division	Age	Gender	Team Size	Level
Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	1 Female/ 1 Male	2 Members	3, 4
Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	1 Female/ 1 Male	2 Members	3, 4, 5, 6

Partner Stunt will follow the USASF Level Rules and the DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Pom

Division	Age	Gender	Team Size
Small Junior	7 – 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Junior	7 – 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	21-36 Members
Small Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	21-36 Members
Small Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	21-36 Members

Pom Teams will follow the DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Dance

Division	Age	Gender	Team Size
Small Junior	7 – 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Junior	7 – 14 yrs (born 2001 – 1994)	Female/Male	21-36 Members
Small Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Senior	10 – 18 yrs (born 1998 – 1990)	Female/Male	21-36 Members
Small Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	5-20 Members
Large Open	14 yrs & older (born 1994 ⁺)	Female/Male	21-36 Members

Dance Teams will follow the DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Note: Age is determined by the age turning in the year of competition.

Competition Information

Sport Aerobics

For information on the Sport Aerobics competition, please refer to the Sport Aerobics Rules and Regulations, available for download at www.downunderspirit.com

The following competition divisions are available:

Division	Age	Category
Level 1	7-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs	Individual & Team
Level 2	7-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs, 18+	Individual & Team
Level 3	7-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs, 18+	Individual & Team
National A	7-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs, 18+	Individual, Pair & Team
National B	7-10yrs, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs, 18+	Individual, Pair & Team
International Age Group 1	12-14yrs	Individual & Trio
International Age Group 2	15-17yrs	Individual & Trio
International Senior	18+yrs	Individual, Mixed Pair & Trio

Sport Aerobics will follow the 2008 Gymnastics Australia Aerobic National Stream Rules, 2005-2008 FIG Code of Points and DUSC Rules & Regulations.

Note: The age of the competitor as of Dec 31, 2008 will be the age used for competition purposes for all divisions in 2008.

	Friday 27 th June	Saturday 28 th June	Sunday 29 th June	Monday 30 th June
Arena 2	12.00pm – 6.00pm Sport Aerobics Podium Training by State: - Levels - National A & B - International	8.30am – 12.00pm AER Qual. National A & B Pom <i>Pom Presentations</i> 1.00pm – 3.00pm AER Levels <i>Presentations</i> 3.30pm – 5.00pm Round 1: Cheer Level 1, 2 6.00pm – 9.00pm AER Qual. International Round 1: Cheer Level 3, 4, 5	8.30am – 11.00am AER National A & B Final <i>National B Presentations</i> 11.30pm – 1.00pm Partner/Group Stunt Open Dance 1.00pm – 3.00pm Round 2: Cheer Level 1 – 5 <i>Partner/Group Stunt/Open Dance/Cheer Presentations</i> 3.30pm – 5.00pm International Stream Final <i>Presentations</i>	
Arena 1B	11.30am – 6.00pm Cheerleading “Courtesy” Training	7.30am – 9.00pm AER Warm up		
Arena 1A		7.30am – 9.00pm CHL Warm up		
Exhibition Hall			7.30am – 5.00pm AER Warm up 8.30 – 3.00pm CHL Warm up	10.00am – 12.00pm Cheerleading Workshop for Coaches 10.00am – 12.00pm Sport Aerobics Workshops 1.00pm – 4.00pm Cheerleading Workshop for Athletes
Other			7.00pm – 9.00pm Downunder Celebration Party Cruise (under 18) 9.15pm Downunder Celebration Party Cruise (18 & over)	



Down Under *Spirit* Championships

“Australia’s Premier International
Cheer, Pom, Dance & Sport Aerobics Competition”



PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

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Club Name: _____ Team Name: _____

(Please list your name how you would like it to be printed in published materials)

Contact Person (Team Manager): _____

Coach: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ City State Zip/Postcode

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Divisions:

Cheer (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Team Name	Division	Team Size (Small/Large)	Level
1.			
2.			
3.			

Group Stunt (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Team Name	Division	Level
1.		
2.		
3.		

Partner Stunt (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Participants Name		Division	Level
1.	2.		
1.	2.		
1.	2.		

Pom (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Team Name	Division	Team Size
1.		
2.		
3.		

Dance (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Team Name	Division	Age	Category
1.			
2.			
3.			

Sport Aerobics (please refer to the Rules & Regulations for the available divisions)

Participants Name	Division	Age	Category
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Coaches

One Coach per team will be issued with a complimentary event accreditation. Proof of safety certification is required. Please tick the accreditation/safety certifications held by the Coach:

Name	GA	USASF*	NCSSE*
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please send a copy of certification verifying credentials

Team Official (one per team)

One Team Official per team will be issued with a complimentary event accreditation.

Name	Position (e.g. Team Manager)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Competition Guidelines acceptance

I have reviewed the official DUSC Competition Handbook and the USASF Level Rules (Cheer only) with my team members and their parents. On behalf of my team, my gym/program/school and all team parents, I accept these Guidelines as the governing rules and agree to adhere to the policies, penalties and procedures contained herein. I hereby verify that the members of my team meet the age criteria of the divisions designated above.

Coaches Signature

Date

Event Participation Fee:

Total Number of Team Members:

	Athlete***
	Coach
	Team Official
	Total

Workshop Entry Fee:

Available only for accredited athletes & coaches:

	Athlete
	Coach
	Total

Deposit Information:

	Total Number of Athletes***
\$15.00	@ \$15/person
	Total

**** Each of these should be the same number

By submitting this form, I confirm that I have included the appropriate deposit and that I will comply with all policies regarding registration/payment for the 2008 DUSC, including full payment by Friday 16th May.

Any changes made to this original form must be made in writing and faxed to: (+617) 5580 5310

Please return to:

Aussie Downunder
PO Box 1016, Oxenford QLD 4210
Fax: (+61 7) 5580 5310





EVENT T-SHIRT



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This form is due Friday April 4th

Note: Teams must have completed the Preliminary Registration Form and forwarded the appropriate deposit to Aussie Downunder.

Team Name: _____

Contact Person (Team Manager): _____

Postal Address: _____

City

State

Postcode

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please indicate quantity of each size. Please note: Additional t-shirts ordered (for coaches & team officials) cost \$20 each and will be included on your invoice.

Youth

8	10	12	14	16

Ladies

8	10	12	14	16

Mens

Small	Medium	Large	X Large	XXL Large

Please ensure this form is returned by April 4th to guarantee t-shirts for your team.

Please return to:

AUSSIE DOWNUNDER
PO Box 1016, Oxenford QLD 4210
Fax: (07) 5580 5310