

Rec Policy Update – 1/1/2026

Over the past several seasons, we have seen continued growth and overlap between Rec-based and All-Star programs. To ensure fairness, consistency, and competitive integrity for all teams, we are implementing a standardized verification process for Competitive Rec teams.

What is Changing

Effective January 1, 2026, all teams registering in Rec divisions will default to All-Star Rec unless documentation is provided confirming eligibility for Competitive Rec.

Programs that meet the Competitive Rec criteria are still welcome to compete in those divisions once verification is complete.

Competitive Rec Eligibility Overview

Competitive Rec teams must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be affiliated with a nonprofit or recognized youth organization such as YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Pop Warner or AYF, or YCADA
- Operate independently from any All-Star Novice, Prep, Elite, or International program
- Use a program name that is not shared with any All-Star team
- Have coaching staff that does not coach All-Star teams

Athletes on Competitive Rec teams may not be rostered on All-Star Rec, Prep, Elite, or International teams at the same event

Competitive Rec divisions include Music Rec and Cheer Rec, both of which remain eligible for Competitive Rec Grand Champion at applicable events.

Required Documentation

To be classified as Competitive Rec, programs must submit one or more of the following:

1. Proof of nonprofit status or official documentation showing affiliation with a recognized youth organization
2. An official letter on organizational letterhead confirming nonprofit or youth organization affiliation
3. A signed Competitive Rec declaration confirming program structure, coach separation, and athlete eligibility requirements
4. Programs that do not submit documentation will be placed in the All-Star Rec division by default.

Important Notes

Teams that are not part of an All-Star program may still choose to compete in either Competitive Rec or All-Star Rec divisions, provided eligibility requirements are met

Competitive Rec will not be offered at ASWC

Competitive Rec will continue to be offered at Prep and Rec Grand Nationals & Kalahari Super Nationals

When bids are awarded to Prep and Rec Grand Nationals or Kalahari Super Nationals, bid declaration policies will be followed and awarded to the highest scoring eligible team regardless of Rec division

Next Steps

If you are a true Competitive Rec program, you must complete this form before your next event: <https://wkf.ms/4sv7QmV>

This link takes you to our “Competitive Rec Eligibility Verification & Declaration Form”. Please allow 5-10 minutes to be completed thoroughly. As always, we are here to assist if you have any questions.

Our goal is to create a consistent and fair experience for all teams while protecting the integrity of each division. We appreciate your cooperation and continued trust in our events.

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