



Spiritline FAQ

- Where can I find the AIA Bylaws for Spiritline?
 - The Spiritline Bylaws (Article 36) can be found at http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/Article_36_1374005317.pdf.

COACHES CERTIFICATION (Article 36.10)

- What is required to be a Spiritline coach for an AIA member school?
 - AACCA Safety Certification (*Through the AIA*)
 - NFHS Spirit Rules Course & Exam (*Through the AIA*)
 - NFHS Concussions in Sports (*Online at www.nfhslearn.com*)
- How often do these courses need to be taken?
 - AACCA – Every four years
 - NFHS Spirit Rules Course and Exam – Every year
 - NFHS Concussion in Sports – One time
- What is the cost for each course?
 - AACCA - \$75
 - NFHS Spirit Rules Course and Exam – FREE
 - NFHS Concussion in Sports – FREE
- Does a volunteer coach have to take these courses?
 - Yes. ALL Spiritline coaches (paid or volunteer, Pom or Cheer, head coach, assistant coach, Varsity, JV, Freshman, etc.) are required to take the Spiritline Certification courses.
- What does a Spiritline consist of?
 - A Spiritline consists of both Pom and Cheer teams.
- Do Spiritline coaches have to take these courses if their team does not stunt, tumble or compete?
 - Yes. ALL Spiritline coaches are required to take the Spiritline Certification courses.



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TRYOUTS (Articles 36.6 & 15.3.1)

- When can tryouts be held for Spiritline?
 - Per AIA Bylaw Articles 36.6 and 15.3.1, practices, competition and tryouts must be held during the season of activity.
- Does the AIA Bylaw Article 15.3.1 apply to all sports or only Spiritline?
 - The AIA Bylaw Article 15.3.1 applies to *all sports, including Spiritline*.
- When is the season of activity for Spiritline?
 - The season of activity for Spiritline is from the first week of Football practice by AIA Bylaw Article 23.2.3 until the last day of the school year (Article 36.6).
- Can a school hold a Spring tryout for Spiritline?
 - Yes, but only currently enrolled 9th, 10th and 11th grade students may tryout.
- When can students tryout for the high school Spiritline?
 - Students are eligible to tryout for the high school Spiritline during the season of activity once they are enrolled at the high school which is defined as the first week of Football practice.
- If a school has received AIA Executive Board approval to start their football practice in the zero week can their Spiritline also start in the zero week?
 - Yes, if a school's football team has been approved by the AIA Executive Board to begin their practice in the zero week then their Spiritline is automatically eligible to begin during the zero week.
- Can eighth graders participate in a clinic or camp in the Spring?
 - Yes, any students grades K-8 can participate in a clinic or camp during the season of activity.
- Can the current 9th, 10th and 11th graders who were selected for the Spiritline during a Spring tryout participate with eighth graders at a clinic or camp (stunting, etc.)?
 - Yes, because the clinic or camp would be considered instructional.
- Can the eighth graders who are interested in trying out for the Spiritline attend a summer camp with the already selected (current 9th, 10th and 11th graders) Spiritline members?
 - Yes, see AIA Bylaw 36.10.1.
- If the AIA does not oversee any summertime activities, are the students still covered by the student excess accident insurance (Article 9.2.2) during the summer?
 - No, the student excess accident insurance is intended to cover students at AIA sanctioned events during the season of that sport or activity.



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NON-SCHOOL / CLUB PARTICIPATION (Article 36.12)

- What does this AIA Bylaw mean?
 - AIA Bylaw Article 36.12 states that a student who is a member of a school Spiritline team shall not practice or compete with any other cheer/pom group, team, club, organization, association, etc., during the interscholastic season of competition.
- When is the season of competition for Spiritline?
 - The season of competition for Spiritline is the first week of football practice until the individual school's last basketball game, including Post-Season competitions.
- What happens if a student participates in a non-school or club group in conjunction with their high school Spiritline?
 - Any student violating the Non-School/Club Participation rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that athletic-activity or up to a maximum of one calendar year. The member school would need to forward a violation form to the AIA office.
- Is it true that this AIA Bylaw has been changed and students can now participate in both high school and non-school/club during the season of competition for Spiritline?
 - No, the Non-School/Club Participation Bylaw is still in effect for the upcoming school year.
- Does this AIA Bylaw include dance and gymnastics?
 - No, this AIA Bylaw does not include dance and gymnastics because the AIA does not sanction either one as a sport/activity.
- Can a Spiritline practice stunting and tumbling at an outside gym?
 - Yes, a Spiritline can practice their stunting and tumbling at an outside gym.