



Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc.

2009-2010 AIA State Spiritline

TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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1A Conference

East

Cibecue
Clifton
Duncan
Fort Thomas
Gilbert Christian
Salt River
Superior

North

Mogollon
St. Michael

South

St. David
Tanque Verde

West

Bagdad
Joy Christian
Mayer
San Pasqual
Valley Lutheran

2A Conference

East

Benson
Bisbee
Morenci
Pima
Thatcher
Tombstone
Willcox

Central

Camp Verde
Horizon Honors
North Point Prep
Northwest Christian
Phoenix Country Day
Scottsdale Christian
Valley Christian

North

Greyhills Academy
Hopi
Many Farms
Rough Rock
St. Johns
Williams

South

Hayden
Miami
Pusch Ridge
Ray
San Carlos
San Manuel
San Miguel

West

Antelope
Bourgade Catholic
Phoenix Christian
Tonapah Valley
Westwind Prep
Yuma Catholic

3A Conference

East

Alchesay
Blue Ridge
Payson
Round Valley
Show Low
Snowflake

North

Chinle
Ganado
Holbrook
Monument Valley
Tuba City
Window Rock
Winslow

South

Coolidge
Empire
Florence
Fountain Hills
Globe
Safford
San Tan Foothills
Santa Cruz

West

Chino Valley
Estrella Foothills
Parker
River Valley
Sedona Red Rock
South Pointe
Wickenburg



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4A Conference

Division I

Desert Sky

Apache Junction
Cactus Shadows
Campo Verde
Combs
McClintock
Poston Butte
Queen Creek
Saguaro

Kino

Cienega
Desert View
Marana
Nogales
Sahuaro

Sonoran

Canyon del Oro
Catalina Foothills
Flowing Wells
Pueblo
Sabino
Vista Grande

Western Sky

Apollo
Glendale
Independence
Moon Valley
Prescott
Shadow Mountain
Sunnyslope

West Valley

Agua Fria
Bradshaw Mountain
Copper Canyon
Dysart
Peoria
Raymond S. Kellis
Sunrise Mountain

4A Conference

Division II

East Sky

Arcadia
Coronado
Higley
Maricopa
Notre Dame Prep
Seton Catholic
Tempe
Williams Field

Gila

Amphitheater
Catalina
Cholla
Douglas
Palo Verde
Rio Rico
Sahuarita
Santa Rita

Grand Canyon

Coconino
Flagstaff
Mingus Union
Mohave
Page
Sinagua

Skyline

Buckeye
Desert Edge
Liberty
Shadow Ridge
Sierra Linda
Verrado
Youngker

Black Canyon

Cactus
Cortez
Greenway
Paradise Valley
Thunderbird
Washington

5A Conference

5A Conference

Desert West

Centennial-D2
Cesar Chavez-D1
Ironwood-D2
La Joya-D2
Millennium-D2
Tolleson-D2
Westview-D2

Gila Valley

Cibola-D2
Gila Ridge-D2
Kofa-D1
Lake Havasu-D2
San Luis-D1
Yuma-D2

Northwest

Barry Goldwater-D2
Boulder Creek-D2
Deer Valley-D2
Kingman-D2
Mountain Ridge-D1
Sandra D. O'Connor-D2
Valley Vista-D2
Willow Canyon-D2

Southern

Buena-D1
Ironwood Ridge-D2
Mt. View (Marana)-D2
Rincon-D2
Salpointe-D1
Sunnyside-D2
Tucson-D1

5A Conference

Central

Basha-D1
Corona del Sol-D1
Dobson-D1
Gilbert-D1
Highland-D1
Mesquite-D1
Mt. View (Mesa)-D1

Desert Valley

Chaparral-D2
Desert Mountain-D2
Horizon-D2
North Canyon-D1
Pinnacle-D2
St. Mary's-D1

East Valley

Casa Grande-D1
Desert Ridge-D1
Marcos de Niza-D2
Mountain Pointe-D1
Perry-D2
Skyline-D1
Westwood-D1

Fiesta

Chandler-D1
Desert Vista-D1
Hamilton-D1
Mesa-D1
Red Mountain-D1
Xavier-D1

Metro

Alhambra-D1
Betty Fairfax-D2
Camelback-D2
Carl Hayden-D2
Central-D2
Maryvale-D1
North-D1
South Mountain-D2
Trevor Browne-D1



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Sites: **Agua Fria State Qualifier** – Shadow Mountain HS; 2902 E. Shea Blvd., Phoenix, AZ. 85028
San Tan State Qualifier – Estrella Foothills HS; 13033 S. Estrella Pkwy., Goodyear, AZ. 85338
State Championship – Tim's Toyota Center; 3201 N. Main St., Prescott Valley, AZ. 86314

Agua Fria State Qualifier: Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009
(1A-5A Conferences – Coed Only)
(4AI & 4AII Conferences– All Girl Only)

Timeline to Come

San Tan State Qualifier: Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009
(1A-3A Conferences – All Girl Only)
(5AI & 5AII Conferences – All Girl Only)

Timeline to Come

2010 AIA State Spiritline Championships: Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010
Tim's Toyota Center
(Prescott Valley)

Timeline to Come

2009-2010 ADMISSION PRICE

State Qualifiers: \$5.00 per person (No re-entry) or \$10.00 All Day Pass (Re-entry privileges)
State Championship: \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students with proper student ID (No re-entry)
or \$15.00 All Day Pass (Re-entry privileges)

After all registration materials have been received by the AIA Office and plans are finalized, participating schools will be provided with a timeline which will show the order and times of performances, as well as the times of the awards ceremonies. The timeline will be available on the Spiritline section of the AIA website: (http://www.aiaonline.org/activities/spirit_lines.php)



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The AIA is pleased to host its 4th Annual Spiritline State Qualifiers on Nov. 14, 2009 at Shadow Mountain High School and Nov. 21, 2009 at Estrella Foothills High School. The 2010 AIA Spiritline State Championship will be held Jan. 30, 2010, at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley, Arizona.

RULES

The rules and regulations contained in this tournament guide have been established to promote safety, equity, and consistency on a statewide basis. As is true in all AIA tournaments, the AIA is obligated to enforce both AIA and National Federation rules without favor or exception.

Beginning in August 2009 the AIA distributed copies of the National Federation Spirit Rules Book to each member school Spiritline coach in attendance at a NFHS Spirit Rules Course. As it is the responsibility of Spiritline coaches to understand and consistently enforce National Federation rules at any Cheerleading, Pom, or Spiritline practice, game, performance or competition during the school year, each Spiritline, Cheerleading, or Pom coach should have a personal copy of this rules book.

A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009-2010

- **** NEW **** The Performance Cheer category has been omitted from the AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers and AIA Spiritline State Championship.
- Only those schools whose Spiritline coaches are in compliance with the AIA Bylaws will be allowed to compete.
- Only those Spiritline coaches who are in compliance with the AIA Bylaws will be allowed to enter with their team at no charge. All others will need to purchase a ticket.
- Video Request Form (See "Previewing Tapes of Routines" section on page 11).
- Team photos and roster process (See "Team Photos" section on page 37).
- Locker rooms may be available at the State Qualifiers **ONLY** for participants to change in (DO NOT bring valuables as the AIA and host school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items).
- **** NEW **** A Team Holding Area will be available for teams to relax and eat and teams will still be allowed to watch in the gym as well. However, all teams may be moved to the Team Holding Area permanently, if necessary, to allow seating for spectators.
- Participants must place their bag under their seat at the State Championship as there will be a limited number of seats in the team sections.
- If a team qualifies at an AIA State Spiritline Qualifier for the AIA State Spiritline Championship, they **DO NOT** have to re-register for the AIA State Spiritline Championship.
- If a team has a change in roster or music, they will need to **EMAIL** the **Participant Roster and ASCAP/BMI Music Form ONLY**. (Please make a notation of **"REVISED"** on the forms.)
- Coed teams can compete in the Partner Stunt category but **CANNOT** compete in the All-Girl Stunt category.
- **** NEW **** The Coed Division will have their own Coed Pom category (See page 29).



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- Coed teams must compete and qualify at the AIA State Spiritline Qualifier in Coed Cheer, Coed Pom and Partner Stunt to be eligible to compete for the Overall Award at the AIA State Spiritline Championship.
- **** NEW **** Coed Division will consist of Coed Cheer, Coed Pom (at least one boy) and Partner Stunt (Coed Pom will not compete against All-Girl Pom).
- 1A-5A All-Girl Divisions teams must compete and qualify at the AIA State Spiritline Qualifier in Show Cheer, All-Girl Pom and All-Girl Stunt to be eligible to compete for the Overall Award at the AIA State Spiritline Championship.
- The top five (5) teams per conference/multi-conference in the Show Cheer, Coed Cheer, All-Girl Pom, Coed Pom, All-Girl Stunt and Partner Stunt categories will qualify to compete at the AIA State Spiritline Championship.
- The entire team, including the head coach, will be allowed on the floor during the awards ceremonies.
- The Winner and Runner-Up teams and coaches will be expected to shake hands and congratulate each other after the awards presentation of their conference/multi-conference category.
- Programs at the State Qualifiers will **NOT** have team photos.
- Team Photos will be taken as the **FIRST STAGE** of the warm-up process per conference/multi-conference category at the State Qualifiers and State Championship.

B. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

Any questions concerning the rules of the competition, scoring of participants, or ranking of squads will be handled exclusively by the head coach of the squad and are to be directed only to the Tournament Director. This must be done after the day of the competition.

C. AD HOC SPIRITLINE COMMITTEE

Sarah Webb	Spiritline Coach	Bagdad (1A)
Duane Ediger	Administrator	Scottsdale Christian High School (2A)
Lisa James	Spiritline Coach	St. Johns (2A)
Tamie Ramsey	Spiritline Coach	Winslow (3A)
Annie Valencia	Spiritline Coach	Florence (3A)
Samantha Baxter	Spiritline Coach	Palo Verde (4AII)
Hailey Tyler	Spiritline Coach	Higley (4AII)
Tim Colgate	Administrator	Nogales High School (4A I)
Julia Ebel	Spiritline Coach	Dysart High School (4AI)
Barbara Dobbs	Administrator	Deer Valley high School (5A II)
Robin Konderick	Spiritline Coach	Centennial (5AII)
Kris Gorovitz	Spiritline Coach	Desert Vista High School (5A I)
Dannis Zazueta	Spiritline Coach	Mountain View Mesa High School (5A I)



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D. GAMES COMMITTEE

Michele Staples, AIA State Tournament Coordinator, will serve on the Games Committee with the following individuals:

Duane Ediger	Scottsdale Christian
Tim Colgate	Nogales
Barb Dobbs	Deer Valley

The responsibility of the Games Committee is to serve as advisors related to this tournament and to provide expertise to the Tournament Director. This involves planning, preparation, implementation and/or follow-up procedures for the tournament.

The Games Committee, upon the request of the Tournament Director, will consider and take appropriate action on any protest of the tournament operation. Decisions of the Tournament Director and/or Games Committee are final.

E. ELIGIBILITY

- Participation in this event is open to all **eligible** Arizona Interscholastic Association member high schools.
- Only those schools whose Spiritline coaches are in compliance with the AIA Bylaws will be allowed to compete.
- The AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers and State Championship are limited to **Varsity squads only**.
- There is **NO ENTRY FEE** for eligible AIA member high schools at either the State Qualifiers or State Championship.
- All student participants, including alternates, must satisfy all AIA and local campus eligibility requirements.
- Members of a Varsity squad must be enrolled in grades nine through twelve at the same high school. (Please refer to AIA Bylaws related to home-schooled students.)
- A roster of participating squad members and alternates must be submitted as part of the registration packet. Should an injury occur to a member of the competitive varsity squad, alternates included on the school's roster will be eligible to substitute for an injured participant. Other students are not eligible to serve as alternates.
- **Penalty for use of an ineligible participant:** Any school for which an ineligible participant performs shall be disqualified from consideration for awards.
- The AIA will continue with the same divisions this year which consist of the following: 1A/2A Metro (schools within the city limits of Yuma and Tucson and all schools within a 25 mile radius of the AIA office.), 1A/2A Rural (all other schools not included in the 1A/2A Metro division), 3A, 4A I, 4A II, 5A I and 5A II.

F. ALTERNATES

Each squad may bring up to three alternates to the tournament (Five alternates are allowed for All-Girl Stunt only). Only those alternates listed on the original roster are eligible to substitute. Alternates must satisfy the same eligibility requirements as other participants.



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A. UNIFORMS

- **Without exception**, all participants must be dressed in age-appropriate, **traditional** school cheer or pom uniforms (not a dance costume) approved by their school.
- When participants are standing at attention, no part of the buttocks, chest, or midriff shall be visible. **Bare backs are not allowed**. Hair, makeup (glitter), nails, jewelry, etc. must be in accordance with the National Federation Spirit Line rules. *** NOTE: The AIA does not allow glitter to be worn at anytime on a participant.**

Uniforms must be **coordinating** and consist of:

- **Tops:** Waist-length sweater, shell, vest, or t-shirt
- **Bottoms:** Skirts with briefs or shorts
- **Footwear:** Cheerleaders must wear appropriate athletic-style shoes of the same color (no hard soles). Socks/footies are required and must be coordinating in color. Each team member must wear the same style of sock: knee-high, calf-length, ankle, or footie. Jazz shoes may be worn for pom performances. Pom squad members may also wear panty hose, however, cheerleaders may not.
 - It is suggested that bows and laces be tucked inside the shoe to prevent accidental untying of the shoe during the performance.
 - **Proper athletic footwear must be worn at all times** (i.e., no bare feet, slippers, thongs, etc. are permitted). (Refer to NF Spirit Rules Book for shoe clarification).
- **Allowable/Optional Accessories:** Turtlenecks, bodysuits, leotards (under the uniform top), nylons/pantyhose and Jazz pants (for pom only; not permitted for cheerleading).
- **Please Note:** Unitards, single-shoulder uniform tops, sports bras in lieu of a uniform top, or other non-school attire **are not permitted**. Sports bras may be worn **under** the uniform top.

B. ROUTINE MATERIAL/CHOREOGRAPHY

Although there is no penalty for using camp material or professionally choreographed routines, the AIA encourages squads to use original material. During judging, **deductions will be given for vulgar or suggestive movements** (i.e., hip thrusting, inappropriate touching, slapping, gesturing, inappropriate positioning towards one another, etc.). Routines must utilize **age-appropriate movements** and **music must be appropriate** for a family environment.

C. MUSIC

- It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure that their squads' music is delivered in a timely manner to the sound technician. Coaches will be notified in the materials provided at registration where they should deliver their music.
- Squads must perform to recorded music only. No live music will be allowed during the entrance, routine, or exit.

***** Note: Upon registering, you will need to complete the ASCAP/BMI Music Selection Form and FAX it to the AIA office as proof of approved music selection. *****



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- **Lyrics must be appropriate for a public high school performance.**

Procedure to be Used Related to Music

- Tapes will be taken to the sound technician just prior to a squad's performance. All squads are required to have a coach or designated representative from their school sit with the technician during their school's performance and retrieve the school's tape/CD at the end of the performance.
- All tapes/CDs should be labeled with the name of the school, squad and head coach.
- Each squad's designated representative must know exactly when to start their squad's music, and the music must be cued to the appropriate starting position when it is taken to the sound technician at the music table. The representative should report to the music table when their squad is called on deck and must stay at the music table throughout the squad's performance. Then, at the end of the performance, the tape/CD will be returned to the squad representative.

Guidelines to Prevent Music-Related Problems

- It is to each squad's advantage to use a top quality tape or CD to record their music.
- Music should be recorded at medium volume.
- Avoid making a "copy of a copy" as the sound will be distorted over the amplified sound system.
- Each squad should bring **two copies** of their music tape or CD.
- Tape players or CD players are NOT provided for use during practice at the State Championship (A tape/cd player will be available for use at the State Qualifiers). Therefore, if a squad wishes to use their music during practice, they will need to bring their own tape player or CD player at the State Championship. *(Don't forget batteries and the electrical cord)*. Remember that squads may only practice in the designated warm-up areas and music is only allowed while at the Final Routine station.
- Coaches are strongly advised to create routines where the music finishes a few seconds under the time limit to ensure that the squad does not receive a music-related penalty. Timing Judges' decisions on the timing of total routines and music portion of routines are final.

D. PREVIEWING TAPES OF ROUTINES

- The AIA has made arrangements with **Beverlee Nielsen**, NFHS Tech Judge, to preview videotapes for schools who want to make sure that their routines do not include a violation of National Federation safety rules. If a school is uncertain whether a particular stunt or any part of their routine violates National Federation safety rules, they may send a videotape of the routine, along with a **\$20.00 processing fee** (Made payable to Beverlee Nielsen), to the AIA office, which we will then forward to Ms. Nielsen.
 - Please include the **Video Request Form** that is located on the Spiritline page, under "Activities", of the AIA website with your video and payment.



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- Schools need to be sure that their tapes are identified with the name of the squad, school, head coach, telephone number, email address of the head coach and the rule(s) in question. Schools also need to indicate the best time of day that their head coach may be reached. Ms. Nielsen will preview the tapes and contact the coaches to provide comments and/or recommendations within one week of the day she receives the tapes.
- To ensure adequate time to preview a school's tape and give a squad time to modify their routine (if necessary) prior to the AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers or State Championship, Ms. Nielsen must receive the tapes **no later than 30 days prior to the State Qualifiers or State Championship dates**. The sooner a school submits their tape, the better!
- Tapes will be returned to the head coaches at the AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers or State Championship.

Important Note:

- The AIA **does not require** that AIA member schools have videotape previews of their performances. This is simply a service that is being made available to member schools should they wish to take advantage of it.

Also remember that whether or not your school's routine was previewed, **the actual performance given at the State Qualifier or State Championship will be judged for National Federation violations that could occur DURING THE PERFORMANCE** and, if necessary, deductions for safety violations will be assessed.



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A. OPENING OF STATE QUALIFIERS SITES AND TIM'S TOYOTA CENTER DOORS

- Until the registration deadline has passed so that the State Qualifiers and the State Championship timelines can be completed, the starting time of the first event and the subsequent official opening time of the State Qualifier sites and Tim's Toyota Center cannot be determined. Timelines will be posted on the Spiritline of the AIA website at (http://www.aiaonline.org/activities/spirit_lines.php) on the following dates:

- | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| • | <u>STATE QUALIFIERS</u> |
| • | October 23, 2009 (Block |
| Format) | |
| • | October 30, 2009 (Block |
| Format) | |
| • | November 6, 2009 (Exact |
| Timeline) | |
| • | November 12, 2009 (Exact |
| Timeline) | |

1. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**
2. January 8, 2010 (Block Format)
3. January 15, 2010 (Exact Timeline)
4. January 22, 2010 (Exact Timeline)
5. January 28, 2010 (Exact Timeline)

- So that safety and security staffs can be placed at their stations prior to squads and spectators entering the building, the State Qualifiers sites and the Tim's Toyota Center doors will not be unlocked until the officially designated opening time. Squads who arrive prior to that time will not be permitted to enter the building until the doors are unlocked.

B. ARRIVAL AT THE EVENT

- Squads should plan to arrive at the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center in sufficient time to permit compliance with the timeline (including warm-up/practice times), as adjustments cannot be made.
- Squads should arrive together, in uniform, and enter the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center at the marked door for squads.
 - Tim's Toyota Center –Northeast Entrance – Buses/school vehicles can drop off the squads and park in the lot Northeast of the entrance.
- Coaches or squad members entering the building at State Qualifiers sites or the Tim's Toyota Center at any location other than the marked door for squads must purchase a ticket.

C. REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN



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- Upon arrival at the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center, coaches **must** sign in at the Registration Table (located just inside the team entrance) in order for their squads to be eligible to compete.

C. REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN (CONT'D)

- Only those Spiritline coaches who are in compliance with the AIA Bylaws will be allowed to enter with their team at no charge. All others will need to purchase a ticket.
- Squads **must remain in a group** and may not enter the interior of the building (corridors, restrooms, seating, etc.) until their coaches have completed registration.
- At sign-in, coaches will be provided with all necessary materials, including an up-to-date timeline, coaches' wristbands, and a map of the State Qualifiers site or Tim's Toyota Center showing locations of the first aid facility, coaches' meetings, where the squad's music should be taken prior to their performance, etc. Subsequent timeline updates and other pertinent information will be discussed at the coaches' meetings.

D. WITHDRAWAL CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

We have implemented **Article 11.2.9 of the AIA Bylaws** for withdrawals. Once the AIA office receives a registration form from a school and that school does not follow through with their obligation to compete at the AIA Spiritline State Qualifier and/or State Championship that school will be in violation of Article 11.2.9 of the AIA Bylaws and the school's Athletic Director will need to submit a Violation Form to the AIA office.

E. DRESSING FACILITIES / RESTROOMS

- Participants will be directed to the appropriate area upon arrival at the competition.
- The AIA, the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. To keep lost items to a minimum, participants and coaches should limit the number of non-essential items they bring with them.
- Locker rooms will be available at the State Qualifiers for changing purposes only.
- **Participants must place their bag under their seat at the State Championship** as there will be a limited number of seats in the team sections.
- It is highly recommended that squads dress in their uniforms before arrival at the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center and that hair be fixed and makeup applied before arriving.
- In the interest of safety, warm-up and practice times (which are critical in order to reduce the risk of injuries) should not be used for dressing.
- **Squad members are not permitted to change clothes in any area where the public might view them.**
- Squad members are expected to dress appropriately **at all times** (i.e., no pajamas, sports bras, various stages of undress, etc.). Appropriate behavior will help to set the stage for cheerleaders to receive respect and be treated with dignity, as they deserve.

F. FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION BY COACHES AND SQUADS



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With the exception of water in sealed, plastic containers (and/or medically-required glucose or juice drinks) food or beverages may not be brought into the State Qualifiers site gym and Tim's Toyota Center by coaches or squads. The approved items must be brought to the squad entrance; however, State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center concession stands will be open throughout the event.

G. AIA SPOTTERS

The AIA will provide official tournament spotters who **will not** be part of a squad's routine and **will not** take the place of the squad's spotters. **Remember that inattentive individuals are not spotters.**

H. PERFORMANCE AREA, SURFACE, ETC.

- Cheerleading performances will take place on the performing floor on a conventional competition mat (approximately 42' by 42'). **(NOTE: Spiritlines are not allowed to practice, perform or compete on spring floors, except tumbling skills only, as a stricter ruling to the NFHS Spirit Rule 2.1.7).** Boundaries will be clearly marked, and **a 2-point deduction per person/per occurrence will be assessed for stepping out of bounds.** Appropriate matting will also be provided in the practice/warm-up area.
- Pom performances will take place on the wooden performing floor.

I. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- The order of performance will be determined by random drawing. A time line for performance order and approximate performance time will be provided on the AIA website prior to the tournament. Up-to-date time lines will be provided in the coaches' packets distributed at registration.
- Coaches and squads should pay close attention to the announcer to keep track of where their squad falls related to the performance schedule. The announcer will tell who is performing, who is on-deck, etc.

J. CATEGORIES/TIMELINE/SQUAD LINE-UP CHANGES ON DAY OF TOURNAMENT

- Category changes on the day of the tournament due to participant injury will not be permitted.
- Requests for time line changes due to late arrival, injury (**with doctor approval**), etc. will require approval of the Games Committee and the Tournament Director.
- In case of illness or injury on the day of competition, a coach may choose to **enter an alternate or may compete with less than the number of participants declared** on the squad's registration form.
- Should an alternate be used, the ill or injured competitor may not return to any subsequent performance during the tournament.
- Only those alternates listed on the roster submitted with the registration packet are eligible to substitute for an injured participant. **Certified Athletic Trainer or doctor's verification is required** for a substitution due to injury.



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K. TIMING REGULATIONS

- Entrances and exits are not timed and will not be judged. However, promptness is encouraged.
- Timing of the routine by the officially designated timer will begin with the first note of the music, voice command, or movement by a squad. Timing will end with the last beat of the music, or when the final position is hit if music has already stopped. Routine timing does not include entrances or exits unless exit is part of the routine and no end pose is hit.
- Grace periods for timing violations are not allowed. Timing penalties will not be assessed if teams are in violation due to circumstances beyond their control (**exception: variations in speed of music systems**).
- Music utilized during a performance will be timed and penalties will be assessed for violations.

L. TIME-OUTS

- Under the following circumstances, a coach may call a time-out by walking onto the performance floor and signaling to one of the timers:
 - An unsafe situation detected by the coach or team member(s)
 - An injured athlete
 - Technical difficulties with music

Procedures followed when dealing with a time-out will be determined by the situation at hand.

Minor adjustments in music, etc., will be corrected immediately and the squad will start the performance over.

Time-Out Due to Injury

Non-Blood Related - In the event a squad's routine is interrupted because of an injury occurring during the routine which does not involve the appearance of blood, the squad will be given the option of continuing or stopping the routine. Depending upon the severity of the injury, the coach will remove the squad from the performance area so the next squad can begin their performance. The Certified Athletic Trainer and coach will assess the injury to determine if the injured member can perform at a later time. Should the routine be stopped, the squad will be given the option of performing the routine later in the rotation.

Injury Involving Blood - Should an injury involving blood occur during the performance, the performance must stop immediately. National Federation procedures pertaining to blood-related clean up will be followed. The squad will be given the option of performing the routine later in the rotation.



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The Games Committee reserves the right to stop the routine if an injury occurs.

M. RESCHEDULING OF INTERRUPTED PERFORMANCES

- The Games Committee will determine the new time the squad will be placed in the competition line-up. The squad will be allowed to perform its entire routine **without penalty or deduction for interruption of the first performance**.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all squad members understand time-out procedures.

N. PERFORMANCE INTERRUPTION(S) BY GAMES COMMITTEE

- The Games Committee reserves the right to stop the routine if an injury occurs.
- If, in the opinion of the Games Committee, a squad's routine is interrupted because of failure of the tournament equipment, facilities, or other factors attributable to the tournament rather than the squad, the affected squad will be instructed to stop their routine. The squad will be allowed to repeat its routine at a time determined by the Games Committee.
- Should a situation occur which requires interruption of a performance (for example, a ball is thrown onto the performing floor), or a decision involving any aspect of the competition not clearly specified in these rules and regulations must be made, the Games Committee will render an appropriate judgment. This judgment will be made in an effort to ensure that the competition continues in as equitable a manner as possible for all squads and is consistent with the general spirit of the rules and goals of the competition.

All squads agree to accept any and all decisions made by the Games Committee as final.

O. PRACTICE AREA & PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING THE PERFORMING FLOOR

Upon registration and check-in, coaches will be given information in their coaches' packets on how to reach the practice/warm-up area. **Squads should plan to arrive at the TEAM HOLDING AREA 30 minutes prior to their scheduled WARM-UP CHECK-IN time. (See timeline)**. This will allow teams to be ready to check-in when called upon without causing a delay of looking for the team. They will then proceed to the Warm-up Check-in station to begin the warm-up process. Teams will then move from the practice area to the on-deck area prior to being called onto the performing floor.

- Warm-up times **may not be adjusted** should a squad arrive late.
- Eating, drinking, chewing gum, spraying hair products, perfume, etc. **are not permitted** in the warm-up area (**specifically near or on the mats**).
- Appropriate matting will be provided in the practice area. (Mats will be sprayed with static guard).
- AIA spotters will be present during warm-up sessions.



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- Squads **may not practice their routines anywhere other than the designated warm-up area** (i.e., not in the corridors, the stands, the bathrooms, outside of the arena/facility, etc.)
- To promote participant safety, squads are required to report to the practice/warm-up area at their designated times.
Each squad should plan to utilize their entire allocated time. Coaches whose squads do not adequately warm-up **assume all responsibility for any injuries occurring to squad members due to inadequate warm-up.**

Squads will proceed through the practice/warm-up area to the on-deck area and on to the performing floor as follows:

- Squads **may not** practice in the corridor outside the warm-up area. Squads must adhere to the time line and wait until their scheduled time to report to the warm-up area.
 - After teams check-in at their designated time per category, squads will have a **TEAM PHOTO** taken **PRIOR** to the start of the warm-up stations.
 - Squads will move through four separate warm-up stations before being cleared for the on-deck area.
 - The first station will be utilized for stretching out. Matting is not provided for this station. **(NOTE: This area is for stretching ONLY, NO PRACTICING ALLOWED)**
 - The second station will be used to; **CHEER:** Warm-up stunts/tosses and tumbling **(NO MUSIC)**. Mats will be used for both stunt and tumbling warm-ups; **POM:** A non-matted area will be provided for pom to warm-up without music.
 - The third station will be used to; **CHEER:** Warm-up stunts/tosses **(NO MUSIC)**; **POM:** A non-matted area will be provided for pom to warm-up without music.
 - The fourth station will be used to; **CHEER:** “Mark” the squad’s routine **WITH MUSIC**, which can include stunts, tosses and limited tumbling for cheer. Matting will be used at this station for cheer routines; **POM:** A non-matted area will be provided for pom to “mark the squad’s routine **WITH MUSIC**.”
 - Squads will then proceed to the on-deck area.

The announcer will request the team, by school name, to enter the competition area and take its starting position. The team must move without delay to its starting position. Although the entrance is not timed or judged, promptness is appreciated.



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Please be assured that the AIA will take all reasonable action to promote the safety and well being of participants, coaches, spectators and staff. Law enforcement officers, in addition to regular security guards, will be on site during the entire competition.

A. NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES

Official rules followed at the State Qualifiers and the State Championship will be those delineated in the current National Federation Spirit Rules Book, the AIA Constitution and Bylaws, and tournament instructions specified in this tournament guide.

- The National Federation Spirit Rules Book regulates Spiritline activities. All routines must be planned in accordance with NF safety rules. Each Spiritline coach receives a NFHS rules book when they attend the required NFHS Spirit Rules Course. If additional copies are needed, contact the AIA Office.
- ALL NF rules, including those related to jewelry, nails, hair devices, glitter, etc., will be enforced. A National Federation certified technical penalty judge will check each member of each squad related to these rules before each performance. A 10-point penalty will be assessed to squads should a squad member be found in violation of these rules. There will be no exceptions. **Both coaches and squad members are responsible for ensuring that these avoidable penalties are not incurred.**
- Coaches are responsible to carefully review all National Federation safety rules and should pay particular attention to new or revised rules.

B. TOURNAMENT SAFETY RULES

- To guard against dehydration, **please bring an adequate supply of water in sealed, plastic containers.** The AIA will provide Gatorade at the State Qualifiers and the State Championship.
- Should a coach or a participant of a squad have a medical condition that could result in the need for glucose drinks, juice, candy, etc., coaches must make certain that these items are brought to the tournament and kept close at hand; however, **National Federation rules prohibit eating candy or chewing gum during practices or performances.**
- **Earphones or wireless microphones** are **not permitted** by squad members during their performances, as they constitute a safety hazard to the participants.
- **Signs** may be used by a performing squad during a performance provided they are in accordance with National Federation rules (i.e., no glitter, etc.). Squads should keep in mind that stepping on a sign during the performance will result in a National Federation 10-point technical violation. Squads should also be aware of the NFHS ruling for discarding signs during a performance.
- **Squad Spotters:** Spotters are required for extended stunts. Remember that an inattentive person is not considered a spotter (a National Federation technical violation will be assessed if a spotter removes his or her eyes from the extended stunt).
- **Inappropriate Substance Use:** Any coach or competitor using tobacco, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while participating in AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers or the State Championship will be disqualified from the competition.
- Possible security checks of personal belongings upon entering the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center: expect that camera cases, large purses, etc., may be opened and inspected prior to entering the building.
- Participants **may not** climb, stand, or sit on balcony railings or seats.



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All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner displaying good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The coach and captain of each squad are responsible for seeing that squad members, coaches, parents, and any other persons affiliated with the squad conduct themselves accordingly.



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A. CODE OF CONDUCT

The AIA expects that all squads, coaches, and spectators will represent themselves, their schools, and their communities in a positive way. We would appreciate coaches and squads discussing these issues with their parents, friends, and classmates.

Unsportsmanlike behavior by coaches, participants, or spectators may result in removal from the event. **Severe** demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of a participating squad **will result** in the squad's disqualification.

Appropriate attire is expected by coaches, participants and spectators who attend the State Qualifiers and the State Championship (for example: school shirts, business casual attire, no vulgar shirts, etc.). Coaches, participants or spectators who are found wearing inappropriate attire may be removed from the event.

B. TAUNTING

Taunting **will not** be tolerated.

Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, participants, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar, sexist, or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs, or personal matters.

Examples of taunting that could lead to disqualification include but are not limited to “trash talk,” physical intimidation outside the spirit of the game, reference to sexual orientation, and/or “in-the-face” confrontation by a participant.

Security staff may eject spectators who taunt others.



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A. CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS/MEDICAL CARE

The AIA will provide a Certified Athletic Trainer throughout the competition to respond in case of injuries or emergencies. At registration, coaches will be told where the official Certified Athletic Trainer is located. Please keep in mind that, while the Certified Athletic Trainer is available to respond to emergencies, **squads should provide their own Certified Athletic Trainers if they anticipate the need for precautionary taping, etc.**

B. FIRST AID STATION

The location of the Tim's Toyota Center's First Aid Station will be clearly identified by large signs on the Arena concourse. At registration, coaches will be told where the first aid station is located. The location will also be reviewed at the coaches' meetings.

C. MEDICAL RECORDS, ETC.

The AIA recommends that each school have in their possession their squad's medical emergency plan, physical and other medical-related information specific to each squad member, names and telephone numbers of parents, doctors, etc.



Section VII: Coaches

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A. SEATING FOR PARTICIPANTS/COACHES

A special seating area will be designated for the exclusive use of squads and coaches. Coaches will be provided with information related to the location of this seating in their coaches' packets distributed at the registration table. ***NOTE: Teams will be able to go back and forth between the Team Holding Area and the gym, however, teams may be required to stay in the Team Holding Area to allow seating for spectators, if necessary.*** Your cooperation is appreciated!

B. COACHES AREA/SEATING DURING THEIR SQUADS PERFORMANCE

- During a school's performance, only that school's performing squad members will be allowed on the floor. **A total of two coaches (only those with lanyards or wristbands) from the performing school's squad** will be allowed in the **designated coaches' area** at the music table. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
- All other coaches must remain in the stands in the squad seating area.
- Coaches **are not permitted** on the performing floor, including in front of the judges' platform or music table.
- At the conclusion of the performance, coaches may enter the performance floor to assist in picking up any debris (such as pom pieces) that may have fallen to the floor. This should be done as quickly as possible so as not to delay the next performance.
- At the conclusion of each squad's performance, the coach(es) are to exit the performance floor with members of their squad as quickly as possible.

C. COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

- For safety reasons and to ensure adequate supervision, the squad's coach or a member of the school administration willing to assume responsibility for the squad should arrive at the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center with the squad. The coach/administrator must **accompany squad members to the practice area and performing floor.** It is recommended that the coach accompany squad members at other times as well.
- No one other than the school coach(es) or school administrator (i.e., a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.) may be put in charge of members of the squad, as these individuals may not be designated as legally responsible for the safety of students and would not be in compliance of the AIA Bylaw 37.10.4 and 37.10.5.
- ***Only those schools who are in compliance of the AIA Bylaw 37.10.4 and 37.10.5 will be allowed to participate.***
- **A squad will not be permitted to practice or perform unless a qualified coach is present.**
- Remember, for safety reasons and in accordance with National Federation rules, **NO CHILDREN are permitted in the designated participant areas or on the performing floor.** This includes those who are accompanying coaches or squads and children dressed as cheerleaders.
- For safety reasons and in accordance with National Federation rules, please review National Federation (NFHS) rules with your squad. These rules will be enforced upon arrival at the practice/warm-up area and on the performing floor.



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- Coaches **MAY NOT** approach Pom, Cheer or Tech judges at any time before, during, or after the competition. If you have questions, please see a member of the Games Committee.
- Should a safety-related technical violation be missed by the National Federation Technical judge prior to the performance (i.e., jewelry, nails, etc.) and discovered during the performance, penalties will be assessed.
- To avoid a squad or squad member not being permitted to perform due to safety concerns, please do not permit your students to use glitter or wear jewelry to the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center as it must be removed and placed in your care upon arrival. Please plan hairstyles in advance.
- **Students who do not wish to remove jewelry or glitter, or squads who do not choose to comply with behavior or safety considerations, will not be permitted to perform.**
- It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that the squad's music is delivered to the sound technician at the music table in a timely manner. Coaches will be notified where to deliver their music in the materials provided at registration.
- The coach is responsible to ensure that all rules and regulations contained in this tournament guide are followed at all times.

D. COACHES LANYARDS/WRISTBANDS

Bona fide coaches who are in compliance of the AIA Bylaws, a school Certified Athletic Trainer and one bus driver (paid or unpaid) who have been formally approved by the school principal and/or governing board (i.e., have been issued a stipend or zero contract, or other written documentation) will be admitted free of charge to the event. However, **a maximum of two coaches and one school Certified Athletic Trainer will receive lanyards or wristbands** and may accompany the squad through the warm-up area. (Bus drivers will receive a wristband at the Squad Entrance for the State Qualifiers sites and at the Pass Gate Entrance located at the NORTHEAST Entrance of the Tim's Toyota Center.)

- Lanyards and wristbands **ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE** to another individual.

E. COACHES MEETINGS

Upon registration check-in coaches will be provided with information as to the times and locations of the coaches' meetings. Coaches' meetings will be brief. During the meetings updates will be provided, and safety and other pertinent areas will be reviewed. Coaches will also have the opportunity to ask questions.



Section VIII: Judges & Scoring 2009 AIA State Spiritline Tournament Guide

A. JUDGE SELECTION/QUALIFICATIONS

- Judges for this event will be appointed at the sole discretion of the Games Committee and the AIA. They will be qualified, experienced individuals with a thorough knowledge and background in cheer, dance, and/or National Federation rules/regulations.
- Judges must be **at least 19 years of age** and must be **unaffiliated** with any squad participating in the conference they are judging. In order to prevent conflicts of interest, the AIA typically uses out-of-state judges. However, in-state judges who are not affiliated with Arizona squads may also be utilized.

B. JUDGES' SEATING AREA

To ensure that the concentration of judges is not interrupted during performances, the seating area directly behind the judges' table will be cordoned off. Seating in this area will not be permitted.

- Coaches or participants **may not** approach judges.

C. JUDGES' / TOURNAMENT STAFF HOSPITALITY ROOM

A hospitality room for use by the **judges and AIA tournament staff only** will be provided. Participants, coaches and other individuals are asked to respect the privacy of this room.

D. JUDGING PROCEDURES

- Up to twelve (12) judges will be assigned for the State Qualifiers competitions and State Championship to be: six for Cheer (two groups of three each), three for Pom, and two (State Qualifiers competitions) or three (State Championship) Technical (National Federation rules).
 - To ensure consistency in judging, the same set of judges will judge all entries within a category (for example, one set will judge 3A Show Cheer; the other set will judge 4A Show Cheer, etc.)
- National Federation Technical Judges (safety judges) are responsible to detect, record, and report violations committed during a performance. They will identify illegal skills, use of improper spotting techniques, etc., and record such violations.

For samples of judges' score sheets (which provide more details on how judging will take place), visit the Spiritlines section of the AIA website:

http://www.aiaonline.org/activities/spirit_lines.php

E. SCORING PROCEDURE

Judges will score teams according to the judging criteria on a 100-point system. Final scores will be based on the accumulation of the scores of the three judges in each category, penalties related to missing or disallowed components, and those assessed by the National Federation Technical judges and timer(s).



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F. TIES

In case of a tie, the tie-breaker procedure listed under the “Determination of Overall Event Winners” on page 33 will be taken into consideration.

G. PENALTIES

- **Penalties issued are final**; decisions will not be reversed.
- It is suggested that you **bring your copy of the NFHS Spirit Rules Book** with you to the competition for referral as necessary. Refer to penalty sheet for penalty-related information.

The most commonly assessed penalties and National Federation Technical violations in Spiritline competitions include, but not limited to:

NFHS

Unsafe or Illegal Stunt	10 Points
Jewelry	10 Points
Fingernail Length	10 Points
Unsafe Hair	10 Points
Uncorrected Performance Hazard	10 Points
Glitter/Glitter-Based Makeup	10 Points
Inattentive Spotter	10 Points

OTHERS

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Music Related Timing	Varied
Inappropriate Movements	Varied
Disallowed/Missing Components	5 Points
Unsportsmanlike or Unethical Conduct	
• Possible Disqualification	
Ineligible Participant	
• Disqualification	

NOTE: Should a violation occur several times **during a performance**, penalties will be assessed **each time** the violation occurs.

Penalties for Violations of National Federation Rules

- Any violation of a National Federation rule occurring **during the performance** will result in a 10 point penalty.
- Each separate violation assessed by a Technical judge **prior to the performance** (i.e., jewelry, glitter, nails, etc.) will result in a 10 point deduction per squad.
- You may ask for clarification of any rule by a National Federation Technical judge **prior to competing**.
- Should a violation be missed by a National Federation technical judge prior to the performance and discovered during the performance, penalties will be assessed.



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Timing Penalties

- Timers will maintain records related to timing of routines and music. Please note that timing-related penalties will be assessed if necessary for **both the music portion of the routine and for the entire performance**. For example, if the music portion of your routine exceeds the maximum time allowed and it, therefore, causes your overall performance to also exceed the maximum allowable time, your squad will be assessed two timing penalties—one for music and one for the overall routine.

H. DISQUALIFICATION

It is understood that any squad that does not adhere to the AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers and State Championship rules and regulations may be disqualified from the competition.

I. FINALITY OF JUDGES' DECISIONS

By participating in this tournament, each coach and participant agrees that decisions by the judges **will be final and will not be subject for review**. Each coach and participant acknowledges the necessity for the judges to make prompt and fair decisions in this competition to the best of their abilities. Each coach and participant, therefore, waives any legal, equitable, administrative, or procedural review of judges' decisions.

In addition, time infraction and safety violation penalties **may not be refuted**.

J. SCORES AND OVERALL RESULTS

Judges' scores will be computer-tabulated. **Copies of individual squad score sheets** from each judge and the computer summary of **all squads' scores**, with team totals and rankings in each division will be mailed to all participating schools the week after the tournament. **(SCORE SHEETS WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT AT THE END OF THE COMPETITIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS)**



Section IX: State Championship Qualifying

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A. STATE QUALIFIERS ASSIGNMENTS BY CONFERENCE

- **Agua Fria State Qualifier –Shadow Mountain High School – Nov. 14, 2009**
 - 1A-5A Conferences (Coed Divisions) (Morning session)
 - 4A I & 4A II Conferences (All-Girl Divisions) (Afternoon session)
- **San Tan State Qualifier –Estrella Foothills High School – Nov. 21, 2009**
 - 1A-3A Conferences (All-Girl Divisions) (Morning session)
 - 5AI & 5AII Conferences (All-Girl Divisions) (Afternoon session)

B. QUALIFYING FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – Tim’s Toyota Center – Jan. 30, 2010

Below are the criteria for all 1A-5A member schools to **qualify in a Category** for the AIA State Spiritline Championship:

- Top five (5) teams per conference/multi-conference in a category

Below are the criteria for all 1A-5A member schools to **qualify to compete for the Overall Award** at the AIA State Spiritline Championship:

- **ALL-GIRL DIVISION:**
 - Teams must qualify in all three (3) eligible categories:
 - Show Cheer
 - All-Girl Pom
 - All-Girl Stunt
- **COED DIVISION:**
 - Teams must qualify in all three (3) eligible categories:
 - Coed Cheer
 - Coed Pom
 - Partner Stunt

A team may compete only in the categories they qualified for at the State Qualifying level for the AIA State Spiritline Championship.

All teams who qualify at the State Qualifying level are expected to compete at the AIA State Spiritline Championship. (Withdrawal Violation will be in effect.)

Placement Into Performance Divisions/Categories:

To prevent division changes and problems which may arise when a division change occurs, the Games Committee will determine appropriate division classifications approximately two weeks before the tournament date. The Committee will then place schools into appropriate division conference designations (i.e., 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, or 1-3A, etc.) and notify the schools at that time. **There must be a minimum of FIVE entries (State Championship) in a division category in order to allow that division category to compete for a Winner and Runner-up.**



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If there are not at least the minimum required in a division category then only the Winner will be given an award at the State Championship.

Categories of Competition:

- **Show Cheer:** The All-Girl division category that incorporates stunts and tumbling with limited music portion and consists of same sex.
- **Coed Cheer:** The Coed division category that incorporates stunts and tumbling with limited music portion and consists of any combination of boys and girls (One boy constitutes Coed).
- **All-Girl Pom:** The category that does not incorporate stunts or tumbling; strictly dance. (Chair lift, T-lift and Forward suspended roll to floor are allowed).
- **Coed Pom:** The category that does not incorporate stunts or tumbling; strictly dance. At least one boy must be included in the routine, however, the boy is not required to use poms. (Chair lift, T-lift and Forward suspended roll to floor are allowed).
- **All-Girl Stunt:** The All-Girl division category that incorporates stunting technique and consists of four or five girls. (Tumbling is not allowed).
- **Partner Stunt:** The Coed division category that incorporates stunting technique and consists of one boy & one girl (One spotter is allowed for safety but must not be a part of the stunt; Penalties will be assessed). (Tumbling is not allowed).

NOTE: Schools are limited to one entry in each of the following categories:

All-Girl Pom (No Stunts and/or Tumbling; Only the designated lifts are allowed)

- **Routine Time Limit:** Two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30)
- **Required Minimum Components of Routine:** 2 roll-offs, 1 kick line, 3 formation changes, use of poms during 50% of the routine. These are the minimum components required for each routine. Additional components may be included (i.e., extra roll-offs, etc.) as long as the routine does not exceed the time limit.
 - **There will be a 5-point deduction per judge for each missing component.**
- Emphasis on pom routine creativity, visual effectiveness, and synchronization. No stunts or tumbling allowed. Chair lift, T-lift and Forward suspended roll to floor are allowed. Traditional poms of any size are the only props allowed. **No novelty poms.**

Coed Pom (No Stunts and/or Tumbling; Only the designated lifts are allowed)

- **Routine Time Limit:** Two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30)
- **Required Minimum Components of Routine:** 2 roll-offs, 1 kick line, 3 formation changes, use of poms during 50% of the routine. These are the minimum components required for each routine. Additional components may be included (i.e., extra roll-offs, etc.) as long as the routine does not exceed the time limit.
 - **There will be a 5-point deduction per judge for each missing component.**



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- At least one boy must be included in the routine, however, the boy is not required to use poms.
- Emphasis on pom routine creativity, visual effectiveness, and synchronization. No stunts or tumbling allowed. Chair lift, T-lift and Forward suspended roll to floor are allowed. Traditional poms of any size are the only props allowed. **No novelty poms.**

Show Cheer (Same Sex Only, with Stunts and Tumbling)

- Routine Time Limit: Two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30)
- Emphasis on creative development of a performance routine, which may include stunting, dancing, chants, cheer motions, and tumbling. Music must be incorporated for a minimum of forty-five (45) seconds and a maximum of one minute, thirty seconds (1:30) of the routine. Music may be broken up into segments (i.e., 15 seconds, then an additional 20 seconds later in the routine, etc.) as long as it does not exceed the maximum music time limit of one minute, thirty seconds (1:30). The only props allowed are megaphones, poms, and signs. All props must be used in a safe manner.

Coed Cheer (with Stunts and Tumbling)

- Routine Time Limit: Two minutes, thirty seconds (2:30)
- Emphasis on creative development of a performance routine, which may include stunting, dancing, chants, cheer motions, and tumbling. Music must be incorporated for a minimum of forty-five (45) seconds and a maximum of one minute, thirty seconds (1:30) of the routine. Music may be broken up into segments (i.e., 15 seconds, then an additional 20 seconds later in the routine, etc.) as long as it does not exceed the maximum music time limit of one minute, thirty seconds (1:30). The only props allowed are megaphones, poms, and signs. All props must be used in a safe manner.

NOTE: One or more boys constitutes Coed.

All-Girl Stunt Group (No Tumbling)

- Limit of participants: Four or five girls
- Routine Time Limit: One minute (1:00)
- Emphasis on stunting technique, transitions, and creativity. No tumbling, jumps or chants allowed. Music required for entire Performance. There will be a **5-point deduction per judge** for each disallowed component (i.e., tumbling, jumps and/or chants), which is included in the performance (Backward roll, forward roll, back extension, etc. is considered tumbling).



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Partner Stunt (No Tumbling)

Limit of participants: One Girl and One Boy (One spotter is allowed for safety but cannot be a part of the stunt)

Routine Time Limit: One minute (1:00)

Emphasis on stunting technique, transitions, and creativity. No tumbling, jumps or chants allowed. Music required for entire Performance. There will be a **5-point deduction per judge** for each disallowed component (i.e., tumbling, jumps and/or chants), which is included in the performance (Backward roll, forward roll, back extension, etc. is considered tumbling).

Penalties

Time penalties and National Federation Technical violation penalties will be assessed in all categories.



Section X: Trophies/Awards 2009 AIA State Spiritline Tournament Guide

The goal of the AIA related to Spiritline is to encourage schools to enhance or expand their Spiritline program to permit as many students as possible to participate in some way in a Spiritline activity. The wide spectrum of activities, which fall under the Spiritline designation, provides many opportunities for students of varied skills or capabilities to find their niche.

At the same time, the AIA recognizes that many schools may not have the monetary or staffing resources required to offer numerous Spiritline activities, so they may limit their program to one or two categories.

A. AWARD STRUCTURE

- The AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers and State Championship will be conducted in the same manner as other AIA state tournaments.
- The AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers and State Championship award structure has been designed to encourage maximum participation in as many events as possible. The AIA Spiritline State Qualifiers will name individual event winners and the AIA Spiritline State Championship will name individual event winners and runners-up. As is true in other AIA events such as swimming, track, etc., determination of individual event winners (i.e., Pom, Show Cheer, etc.) will take place.
- However, in addition to these winners at the AIA Spiritline State Championship, the culmination of the championship will be the naming of an Overall Spiritline State Champion for each conference or multi-conference. This title is awarded to the school in each conference that has the best overall Spiritline program.

NOTE: Since the basic components of a Spiritline program are Cheer and Pom, **schools must qualify in All-Girl Pom (All-Girl Division Only) or Coed Pom (Coed Division Only), either Show Cheer (All-Girl Division Only) or Coed Cheer (Coed Division Only) and All-Girl Stunt (All-Girl Division Only) or Partner Stunt (Coed Only), in order to be eligible for the Overall Spiritline Award.**

B. DETERMINATION OF EVENT WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES AT THE AIA STATE SPIRIT LINE QUALIFIERS & CHAMPIONSHIP

All-Girl Pom - Coed Pom - All-Girl Stunt – Partner Stunt - Show Cheer - Coed Cheer

1. Score sheets for each school will be placed into the appropriate conference/multi-conference designation (i.e., 1A, 2A, 1A-3A, etc.).
2. At the conclusion of each school's performance, judges' scores (which will include penalties assessed for missing or disallowed components in the squad's routine) will be added together to determine the school's initial score.
3. National Federation and/or timing penalties will then be subtracted from the total score.
4. Based upon the total score for each school in the conference/multi-conference designation, schools will be placed into numerical order from highest score to lowest score.



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5. The school with the highest score in each conference/multi-conference will be named the event winner, and the school with the second highest score will be named the event runner-up.
6. In the event of a tie, judges' scores in the primary sections of the score sheets listed below will be added to the total scores of the schools who have tied. In the event that a tie still exists, judges' scores in the secondary sections of the score sheets listed below will be added to the total scores of the school who have tied.

Show Cheer & Coed Cheer – Primary Section = Cheering Fundamentals
Secondary Section = Variety of Routine

All-Girl Pom & Coed Pom – Primary Section = Execution / Technique
Secondary Section = Showmanship

All-Girl Stunt & Partner Stunt – Primary Section = Execution
Secondary Section = Technique

7. The resulting scores will be placed into numerical order from highest score to lowest score to determine the event winner and runner-up.

C. DETERMINATION OF CONFERENCE/MULTI-CONFERENCE OVERALL SPIRITLINE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP AT THE AIA SPIRITLINE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

- To be eligible for consideration for the Conference or Multi-Conference Overall Spiritline Championship, a school must qualify in: 1) All-Girl Pom (All-Girl Division ONLY) or Coed Pom (Coed Division ONLY); 2) Show Cheer (All-Girl Division ONLY) or Coed Cheer (Coed Division ONLY); and 3) All-Girl Stunt (All-Girl Division ONLY) or Partner Stunt (Coed Division ONLY).
- However, schools who do not qualify in all the appropriate categories or enter only one of these categories will have the opportunity to compete in, and hopefully win, individual category titles.
- We have applied a point system used to calculate the Overall Award.
 - If a conference **DOES** have to be combined with other conferences for the Overall Award, **PLACEMENT POINTS ONLY** will be used to determine the Overall Award winner for that conference.
 - If a conference **DOES NOT** have to be combined with other conferences for the Overall Award, the **SUM OF ALL THREE REQUIRED CATEGORY SCORES ONLY** will be used to determine the Overall Award winner for those conferences.



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Show Cheer/Coed Cheer		All-Girl Pom/Coed Pom		All-Girl Stunt/Partner Stunt	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	20	1 st	20	1 st	10
2 nd	15	2 nd	15	2 nd	7
3 rd	11	3 rd	11	3 rd	5
4 th	8	4 th	8	4 th	4
5 th	6	5 th	6	5 th	3
6 th	5	6 th	5	6 th	2
7 th	4	7 th	4	7 th	1
8 th	3	8 th	3		
9 th	2	9 th	2		
10 th	1	10 th	1		

D. TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE

- In the event of a tie in a category, the tie-breaker procedure listed in Section B above will be utilized.
- Should a tie occur when determining the Overall Spiritline Champion, the school that wins the most events in their conference/multi-conference will be named the champion.

E. AWARDS CEREMONIES

Types of Awards to be Presented at the State Qualifiers Competitions

- Plaques will be awarded to Event Winners

Types of Awards to be Presented at the State Championship

- Trophies will be awarded to Conference/Multi-Conference Overall Champions and Runners-Up who have at least five teams eligible. If there are less than five teams eligible then trophies will be awarded to the Conference/Multi-Conference Overall Champions only.
- Plaques will be awarded to Event Winners and Runners-Up who have at least five teams in a category. If there are less than five teams in a category then plaques will be awarded to the Champions only.

F. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- Specific details as to approximate times when awards will be presented will not be available until the AIA office has received all registrations and the time line has been completed. Upon finalization of the actual tournament structure, all registered schools will be provided with detailed information.



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G. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED DURING AWARDS PRESENTATION

- The top five teams in each category will be called to the floor **WITH THEIR HEAD COACH** for the awards ceremony. (Head Coaches **MUST** accompany their team when called to the gym floor for the awards ceremony.) **Appropriate sportsmanship is expected during the announcement of the award placements.**
- **Each squad and their coach** will be allowed to accept the trophy or plaque on behalf of their school.
- All squads that have placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th will have their team announced as an opportunity to be recognized as a team.
- It is expected that squad members **will be dressed in their complete uniforms** when gathering on the performance floor to accept their awards.
- Each squad and their coach are asked to return to the other teams on the floor as quickly as possible after receiving their award to permit the remainder of the awards ceremony to proceed smoothly and expeditiously.
- The Winner and Runner-Up teams and coaches will be expected to shake hands and congratulate each other after the awards presentation of their conference/multi-conference category.

All score sheets and scores from the State Qualifier competition and the State Championship will be mailed the following week to all participants at their school address. **SCORE SHEETS WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION, NO EXCEPTIONS**



Section XI: Admission/Entrance/Parking

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A. PARKING

- After dropping off their squads at the **Squad Entrance**, school bus drivers will park in the area designated for those vehicles.
- People arriving in private vehicles will be responsible for finding their own parking spaces.
- There will be **NO CHARGE** for parking at the State Qualifiers sites and Tim's Toyota Center.

B. ADMISSION

State Qualifiers: \$5.00

State Championship: \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students with proper student ID

NOTE: There will be no re-entry allowed at both the State Qualifiers and State Championship.

C. NON-COMPETING GROUPS

- All non-competing groups will be charged admission as spectators.

D. SPECTATOR ENTRANCES

- Spectators may enter at the designated entrance at the State Qualifiers sites.
- Spectators may enter the Tim's Toyota Center at the **NORTH** entrances.

E. PASS GATE

- The pass gate will be located at the **NORTHEAST ENTRANCE** of the Tim's Toyota Center.
 - Individuals to whom AIA passes have been issued and VIPS must enter through this gate; otherwise, a ticket must be purchased. **Please be prepared to show picture I.D.**

F. SEATING (NON-SQUAD)

Seating for Bus Drivers, Certified Athletic Trainers

- Certified Athletic Trainers and bus drivers may sit with their schools in the squad seating.

Spectator/Parent Seating

Parents and spectators may sit in any section that is not closed or designated for another group (i.e., squad seating). Parents may not sit in the squad seating area with participating squad members. However, squad members may sit with their parents in the spectator seating areas before and after performances **if allowed to do so by their coaches.**



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A. MEDIA CREDENTIAL POLICY

AIA has a Media Credential Policy that needs to be followed to protect the proprietary rights of the Association and to protect the student-athletes and coaches at region and state tournament events. The following link (http://aiaonline.org/news/press_center.php) is to the AIA Media Center which houses the AIA Media Credential Form and the AIA Approved Media List (those that have requested and been granted AIA media credentials). Please download the AIA Media Credential Form and should a media member need access that is not on the media list, they will need to sign off on the form. Please print out several of the Media Credential Forms so each media outlet fills out its own form. Should the media member refuse to sign off on the form, they will not be granted access to the region or state tournament event you're hosting.

At the conclusion of the event, please fax or mail those forms to the AIA so that we may follow up and credential those people on the approved media list will be updated as forms are received and processed. Please download the AIA Approved Media List (which is constantly being updated) so that those members of the media that are already approved may be granted access. Please note that some members of the media might show up with Freelance Credentials. These have no pictures on them, but do allow for access to the event per the designated media outlet on the AIA Media Credential.

STUDENT MEDIA CREDENTIAL POLICY

In order to obtain a student media credential for the state tournament, the Athletic Director or the member school must fill out and email the student media credential form. The student media credential form is available on the AIA website and is titled *AIA – Student Media Tournament Credential Form*. [The following link \(http://aiaonline.org/news/press_center.php\) is to the AIA Media Center which houses the AIA Media Credential Form and the AIA Approved Media List \(those that have requested and been granted AIA media credentials\).](http://aiaonline.org/news/press_center.php)

B. PROGRAMS, OFFICIAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS AND SOUVENIRS

- Kukulski Brothers is the official supplier for AIA Programs and Souvenirs. *Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament related game programs, t-shirts or any other souvenirs by any individual or company other than the Kukulski Brothers at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.*
- Programs, flowers, t-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at as many sites as possible.
- **NOTE:** Programs at the State Qualifiers will **NOT** have team photos.
- Parents, spectators and participants want to see their school team picture and names included in the souvenir program at the State Championship. Please make every effort to meet the following deadlines.
- **TEAM PHOTOS:** **Athletic Directors** will need to enter the Spiritline team roster(s) and upload the team photo(s) on the AIA website under “Athletics” and “Schedules, Results, Rosters” by **OCTOBER 30, 2009**. **(Please upload only ONE team photo per team (Cheer, Pom or Spiritline) – See Examples Below)**



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- The following are examples of what to input into the system:

	<u>School ID</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Sport Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
1).	(Your #)	Jefferson	Spiritline	Suzy	Cue	Cheer
2).	(Your #)	Jefferson	Spiritline	Samantha	Jones	Pom
3).	(Your #)	Jefferson	Spiritline	Tammy	May	

- The 1st example shows the entry “Cheer” under the “Position” column. This would apply to schools who have SEPARATE CHEER & POM teams (Participant is a member of the CHEER team).
 - The 2nd example shows the entry “Pom” under the “Position” column. This would apply to schools who have SEPARATE CHEER & POM teams (Participant is a member of the POM team).
 - The 3rd example shows NO ENTRY under the “Position” column. This would apply to schools who have a combined SPIRITLINE team (No entry is required in this column).
 - Enter “Coach” in the “Position” column for all coaches.
- Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding AIA Team Pictures, Team Rosters, Programs, Souvenirs or Digital Photography.
 - A professional photographer will be taking team photos and offering a variety of photo packages to coaches, participants and parents. There will be an area where print photography packages may be ordered. The photos will be mailed to customers several weeks after the event.
 - Photography by firms other than the official AIA vendor, Kukulski Brothers, is prohibited (i.e., photography for purposes of selling photos).
 - A professional video company will videotape the State Championship. Videos may be ordered at the State Championship.
 - Videotaping by firms other than the official AIA vendor, Kukulski Brothers, is prohibited (i.e., videotaping for means of selling videotaped footage).
 - For More Information Related to Souvenirs, Programs, Photos, On-Site Photos, Videos, etc. Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding AIA Programs, Souvenirs or Digital Photography.

C. EXHIBITION BOOTHS

It is anticipated that various booths will display merchandise on the concourse at the State Championship. These will include uniforms, accessories, footwear, etc. The AIA has also invited representatives from cheerleading and dance companies to be present to provide you with information related to camps and clinics. Universities and colleges in the state of Arizona may also be on hand to provide important information for high school seniors continuing their education.

D. NATIONAL ANTHEM

It is expected that all participants, coaches, and school personnel will stand in a respectful manner when the national colors are presented and during the playing of the national anthem.

E. VIDEO CAMERAS



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Video cameras will be allowed in the facility. However, videotaping must be done from the seats - you may not go onto the floor, in the warm-up areas or stand in areas that will block traffic or obstruct view. **Tripods will not be allowed.** Please note that electrical outlets will not be available for charging video camera batteries. Therefore, it is important that this be done before arrival to the competition.

F. CONCESSIONS

Concession stands will be open during the events. Except for water in sealed, plastic containers and/or medical-related juice, glucose drinks, etc., the State Qualifiers sites and the Tim's Toyota Center do not permit squads and/or coaches to bring food or beverages into the building.

G. SIGNS/BANNERS

Signs are **NOT PERMITTED** at the State Qualifier and the State Championship per the AIA Bylaws, Article 12.1.5, page 29.

H. NOISEMAKERS/BALLOONS/CONFETTI/MEGAPHONES/LASER LIGHT DEVICES

- Noisemakers, including sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, or any other type of artificial or mechanical noisemakers are not permitted.
- Megaphones are not permitted.
 - This does not apply to megaphones used by a performing squad during a performance.
- Balloons are not permitted.
- Confetti is prohibited, as it poses a safety hazard on the performance floor due to the possibility of squad members slipping and falling.
- Due to the severe safety hazard caused by laser light devices if aimed at an eye, **LASER LIGHT DEVICES** are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED!** Individuals who use one of these devices will be removed from the building and subject to possible prosecution.

I. LOST AND FOUND

- Neither the AIA, nor the State Qualifiers sites, nor Tim's Toyota Center is responsible for lost or stolen articles. Squad members and coaches are urged to leave valuables at home and to take special care of their possessions while at the tournaments.
- Should an item be lost, please check at the registration table to see if it has been turned in. Subsequent to the event, please contact the AIA office related to lost items.

J. PUBLICITY

Each school is asked to publicize the AIA Spiritline State Qualifier competitions and State Championship in its local media, school newspaper, and on its school's public address system.

