

SPIRIT COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Deadline to Declare – Competitive or Non-Competitive: June 1 (without penalty)

COMPETITIVE CHEER COACHES

- A. Licensed Teacher – regularly employed and paid by the local board of education for professional duties which shall be for a minimum of three regular class periods or equivalent time each day. Assignment to a professional education duty other than a classroom teaching assignment all or part of the required three periods is permissible, but such assignment does not excuse a coach from the licensure required as a teacher.
1. Currently AACCA Safety Certified – 4-year certification, renewable by retaking the course.
 2. Successfully complete the NFHS Coaches Education online courses – *Fundamentals of Coaching, First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches, Fundamentals of Coaching Cheer and Dance*
 3. AAA state rules exam.
 4. Certification – CPR (recertification as required)
 5. Certification – AED – (Automatic External Defibrillator) – (recertification as required)
 6. Complete the AAA Heat Illness training.
 7. Complete the AAA Concussion Training
 8. Complete the AAA Communicable Disease Course.
 9. Complete the online Spirit Rules Meeting under own username; login and verify online.
 10. Those meeting these criteria can be paid a stipend for coaching.
- B. Licensed Teacher with ADE coaching endorsement – regularly employed and paid by the local board of education for professional duties which shall be for a minimum of three regular class periods or equivalent time each day. Assignment to a professional education duty other than a classroom teaching assignment all or part of the required three periods is permissible, but such assignment does not excuse a coach from the licensure required as a teacher.
1. Currently AACCA Safety Certified – 4-year certification, renewable by retaking the course
 2. Complete the AAA Heat Illness training.
 3. Complete the AAA Concussion Training
 4. Complete the AAA Communicable Disease Course.
 5. Complete the online Spirit Rules Meeting under own username; log in and verify online
- C. Registered Volunteer – Employed by the school district, not as a licensed teacher (ex.: aide, tutor, secretary, bookkeeper, study hall supervisor, cafeteria worker, etc.) **OR** a community volunteer not employed by the school.
1. Meet ALL of the following criteria:
 - a. Currently AACCA Safety Certified – 4-year certification, renewable by retaking the course.
 - b. Successfully complete the NFHS Coaches Education online courses – *Fundamentals of Coaching, First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches, Fundamentals of Coaching Cheer and Dance*
 - c. AAA state rules exam.
 - d. Certification – CPR (recertification as required)
 - e. Certification – AED – (Automatic External Defibrillator) – (recertification as required)
 - f. Complete the AAA Heat Illness training.
 - g. Complete the AAA Concussion Training
 - h. Complete the AAA Communicable Disease Course.
 - i. Must present to the school a current health certificate (tb skin test).
 - j. Must present to the school results of a criminal background check (fingerprinting).
 - k. Upon completion of the above requirements, obtain a letter from the school administration authorizing the volunteer to represent the school in the named sport(s) for the current (name year) school year *ONLY*.
 - l. Complete and send to the AAA office a *Registered Volunteers Enrollment Form*. This must be submitted again each year that the individual serves in this volunteer capacity. (Printable form on Coaches Education web page)
 - m. School submits your name and Registered Volunteer assignment to the AAA on the *School's Required Registered Volunteer-Coach Verification* form indicating that the school has ON FILE documentation of all the required items. (Printable form on Coaches Education web page) This must be done each year also.
 - n. Complete the online Spirit Rules Meeting under own username and login and verify online.

2. A Registered Volunteer may not receive monetary compensation for services; however, the school can reimburse the RV for expenses such as travel, clinics, etc.

NON-COMPETITIVE CHEER ADVISORS (Sideline only)

- A. Full time licensed teacher or classified employee (minimum of three periods a day)
 1. Must meet ALL of the following criteria:
 - a. Complete the online Spirit Rules Meeting under own username and login and verify online.
 - b. Currently AACCA Safety Certified – 4-year certification, renewable by retaking the course.
 - c. Certification – CPR (recertification as required)
 - d. Certification – AED (defibrillator – recertification as required)
 - e. Complete the AAA Heat Illness training.
 - f. Complete the AAA Concussion Training
 - g. Complete the AAA Communicable Disease Course.
 - h. Current health certificate (tb skin test-repeat as required for teachers)
 - i. Current background check (fingerprinting – repeat as required for teachers)
 - j. A minimum of six hours of in-service training provided by the school specific to the activity in which the advisor is involved
 2. Those meeting these criteria can be paid a stipend for being the spirit advisor.
- B. Registered Volunteer – Employed by the school district in a job not defined as a faculty member **OR** a community volunteer not employed by the school.
 1. Must meet ALL of the following criteria:
 - a. Complete the online Spirit Rules Meeting under own username and login and verify online.
 - b. Currently AACCA Safety Certified – 4-year certification, renewable by retaking the course.
 - c. Certification – CPR (recertification as required)
 - d. Certification – AED (defibrillator – recertification as required)
 - e. Complete the AAA Heat Illness training.
 - f. Complete the AAA Concussion Training
 - g. Complete the AAA Communicable Disease Course.
 - h. Current health certificate (tb skin test-repeat as required for teachers)
 - i. Current background check (fingerprinting – repeat as required for teachers)
 - j. A minimum of six hours of in-service training provided by the school specific to the activity in which the advisor is involved
 - k. Upon completion of the above requirements, obtain a letter from the school administration authorizing the volunteer to represent the school in the named sport(s) for the current (name year) school year *ONLY*.
 - l. Complete and send to the AAA office a *Registered Volunteers Enrollment Form*. This must be submitted again each year that the individual serves in this volunteer capacity. (Printable form on Coaches Education web page)
 2. A Registered Volunteer may not receive monetary compensation for services; however, the school can reimburse the RV for expenses such as travel, clinics, etc.

COMPETITIVE / NON-COMPETITIVE DANCE ADVISORS

Competitive or non-competitive dance advisors must meet the same criteria as the corresponding cheer advisor EXCEPT THAT dance advisors are not required to be AACCA safety certified.