

WVI Marching Band Festival

October 15, 2011

Guidelines

- **Classification:**

The number of wind and percussion players determines band classification. The classifications are:

Class A = up to 25 players
Class AA = 26 to 49 players
Class AAA = 50 to 74 players
Class AAAA = 75 to 94 players
Class AAAAA = 95 + players

Bands may be entered to participate in a higher classification if so desired. No changes in band classification will be allowed after ten days preceding the contest date.

- **Registration Requirements:**

To be officially registered, WVI must have received a completed registration form and \$100 check made out to WSHS Band Boosters, Inc. by Sept. 17, 2011. Order of performance will be determined by postmark on registrations.

- **General Conduct:**

This is a school event. The standards of conduct that apply during the school day are applicable at this event and will be enforced. Participating band members, staff, adult and student assistants are to use appropriate behavior while on the WSHS campus. Inappropriate behavior, including, but not limited to, foul language, intimidation, reckless action, vandalism, violence is cause for removal from the premises without a refund.

- **Event Day Check-In:**

All band buses and equipment vehicles must enter via Mohican Road and check in at the check-in tent. Band students, staff, chaperones and equipment volunteers will receive hand stamps at this location for access to the field and bleachers. Parents and others attending the event, who are not performing or directly assisting the band in the above-described capacity, are expected to pay the admission fee. A guide will be assigned to each band at check-in. It is crucial that band staff work closely and cooperatively with their guide. Each guide is there to assist with parking and timely movement to warm-up areas, staging and the field. The guide is also each band's link to the event staff should such communication become necessary.

- **Performance Times and Standards:**

Bands and auxiliary are expected to arrive at least one hour prior to performance. Bands and auxiliary will be provided with a telephone number to notify event check in staff of unexpected travel delays.

Each band and auxiliary will be provided with a flow sheet upon check in indicating times of

arrival at holding area, warm-up, staging and performance. It is important that each band and auxiliary adhere to the schedule.

Bands and auxiliary must follow the directions of their guide at all times to ensure safe and efficient movement of students, staff and equipment.

Bands and auxiliary must warm up in the assigned area upon escort by their guide and nowhere else. Any band or auxiliary that performs or warms up outside the designated areas may be disqualified from placing in the competition.

Bands and auxiliary will be given 30 minutes in the warm-up circle prior to performance.

Bands and auxiliary will perform at 15 minute intervals. Each band and its accompanying auxiliary and pit is allowed a three-minute set-up/warm-up time on the field. A drum tap or cadence is permitted for entrance. A performance time of no more than 11 minutes is allowed. Timing commences upon the announcement to the Drum Major that the band "may enter the field for competition."

Bands, auxiliary and pit equipment must leave the competition area upon the conclusion of the performance. A drum tap only is permitted for exit, but cadences are not allowed. A guide will direct bands, auxiliary and pit equipment out of the stadium and back to the bus and pit loading areas.

- **Restrictions:**

Failure to adhere to "Guidelines for Participants" could disqualify a band from placing in competition at the discretion of the event chairman in consultation with the WSHS Director of Bands.

- **Weather, Field Conditions:**

If weather or field conditions make use of the Woodbridge Senior High School football field impractical, the competition will be moved into the school's gymnasium for stand-still performances.