

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MARCHING DRUM LINE OR CONCERT PERCUSSION

CLASSIFICATION

Percussion Ensembles will be classified according to types of group with two categories for each:
Middle School Marching Drum Line
High School Marching Drum Line
Middle School Concert Percussion
High School Concert Percussion

ADJUDICATION

The percussion judges will adjudicate the performance offering written and taped comments. No clinics are provided for Concert or Marching Percussion.

PREPARED SELECTIONS

All groups will be required to perform two compositions of the director's choice. We encourage directors to select literature which is of the appropriate grade level for the performing group.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Concert Percussion: Total time for set-up, warm-up, performance and exit is not to exceed 15 minutes. Director shall furnish three (3) original conductor's scores with measures numbered for each selection adjudicated. Four timpani, one concert bass drum, xylophone, chimes and music stands will be provided. Instruments other than percussion may accompany the ensemble. The percussion ensemble, however, must be featured.

Marching Percussion: Total time for set-up, warm-up, performance and exit is not to exceed 10 minutes. No scores are required for the judge in this event. There are no special requirements or restrictions. Judging will be based on creativity, musicality, technique and precision.

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PARADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Forward motion must be maintained the entire length of the parade route. Judging will cease at the end of the adjudicated selection or after the last member crosses the end line, whichever is first. Bands are reminded that they should be playing as the first member of the unit enters the judging area and continue playing until the last member of the unit crosses the end line. The judging area in Islands of Adventure begins when group crosses from the pink Sues Landing to the brown pavement in the Port of Entry and continues to the bridge under the Hulk Coaster.

Units carry an identifiable lead banner with the school name indicated.

If a fall should occur, the member may return to an upright position and resume marching without penalty.

Dropped equipment will not be penalized but may effect the General Effect of the performance.

Only score sheet procedures will be used in the judges' scoring. Cassette tape procedures will not be used in the Parade.

Use of the National Colors is optional, but if used it must always be guarded by a rifle, saber, or sidearm within three paces of the flag. The National Colors shall never be dipped in any direction or to any person; it shall never be permitted to touch the ground; and it's bearer shall not engage in back steps, side steps, dance steps, etc.

AWARDS

Units may enter for rating only or competition.

Rating Only. Adjudication forms, rating of Superior, Excellent or Good with appropriate trophy.

Competition. Adjudication forms, rating and placement of first through fifth place or participation in each class with appropriate trophy.

Additional awards include:

Outstanding Drum Major
Outstanding Majorette/ Pom Pon Squad
Outstanding Auxiliary
Outstanding Drum Line