

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DRILL TEAMS / MAJORETTE SQUADS / SOLO TWIRLER

Classification

Drill Teams and Majorette Squads will be classified according to ability levels. Units shall select their own classification as follows:

HS NOVICE - A low level of competitive experience
HS INTERMEDIATE – A mid level of competitive experience
HS ADVANCED - A high level of competitive experience
MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Drill Team consists of four (4) or more members.* The following categories are offered:

Rifle Drill Team Pom Pon Drill Team
Flag Drill Team Dance Drill Team
Swing Rag

Three or more of one specific type of Drill Team will result in the creation of a separate category. Less than three (3) of any type of Drill Team will result in one general classification.

A Majorette Squad consists of four (4) or more members using batons and/or other twirling equipment.

Solo Twirlers will be in one class and not divided by ability levels.

Contest Floor

For the purpose of interpretation, the competition area will be the entire gym floor and surrounding area in which the unit competes. The contest floor will be part of the competition area and will be 50 feet by 70 feet with the outside lines clearly marked in such a manner that the inside edge of boundary lines indicates the floor dimensions. The inside edge of the tape will be out of bounds.

There will be visible markers at all four corners and the front center line clearly marked. The circumference of the two center circles normally on a basketball court, using the bisection of the center line and outer slash as the center of each, will be marked. These circles have diameters of 12 feet 52 inches. No other special markers may be used.

All measurements shall be made from the center of the floor, and the center floor shall be clearly marked with an X.

Timing

Units will line up at ready lines and, when designated by the Chief Judge to set up, will place themselves anywhere in the competition area, not judged, by moving immediately and directly to position. When the unit is in position, the Chief Judge will then ask if the judges are ready and then if the unit is ready. Timing starts with the first motion of any member of the Unit. The minimum time limit is four (4) minutes for Majorette Squads and three (3) minutes for Drill Teams. The maximum time limit is seven and one-half (7 1/2) minutes for Majorette Squads and six (6) minutes for Drill Teams. All personnel and equipment must be clear of the contest floor by this time limit. Each unit with all competing personnel shall be judged in execution for the minimum time limit.

All competing members must be on the contest floor within thirty (30) seconds after the start of the execution judging.

Exit may be over any line except front side line.

All personnel and equipment must be out of the competition area at the conclusion of the maximum time limit. If other than competing personnel are removing props or excess equipment, they may begin to do so as the unit is leaving the contest floor and competition area.

Solo Twirling

Time limits for Solo Twirling will be a minimum of two (2) minutes and a maximum of four (4) minutes. The above regulations regarding timing do not apply to Solo Twirling.

Penalties

Only the Chief Judge may assess a penalty. Judges must report all rule violations to the Chief Judge.

A unit violating any timing requirement shall be penalized 0.1 point for every three (3) seconds or fraction thereof over a maximum or under a minimum timing requirement.

A unit failing to report to the ready line for competition at the stipulated time shall be penalized 0.5 point for each five (5) minutes of lateness or part thereof up to the conclusion of the contest.

Any infraction of field entry or exit rules shall be assessed 0.1 point penalty for each member of the unit in violation per offense to a maximum of 2 points penalty for 20 members or more.

Any infraction of any boundary shall require 0.1 point penalty for each member for each offense.

Any individual who falls to the floor will not be assessed a penalty.

There is no penalty for dropped equipment, and members may pick up dropped equipment without penalty provided they do not step out of bounds. They may reach out of bounds for equipment, or one (1) non-competing designated person may return or replace identical equipment to its bearer without penalty.

General Information

MUSIC FESTIVALS will provide the necessary tape recorders, record players, and public address systems; however, units are urged to utilize their own equipment to avoid unnecessary sound, speed, and set-up problems. Units utilizing their own equipment must supply their own personnel for the operation of such equipment.