

Heart of Georgia

Marching Band Invitational

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with five and ten-yard lines, hash marks, and sidelines clearly marked. There is a fence enclosing the field, a regulation track inside the fence, and the bleachers are located outside the fence. The press box is above the highest rows of seats on the south side of the field.
2. **Performance Order** is determined by the postmark, and on-line registration on completed application. Earliest postmark and on-line registration date performs last in class. Latest postmark and on-line registration date performs first in class. All participating bands must perform in uniform.
3. The registration fee is \$100 per event. In addition to the registration fee, all bands must submit a \$500 performance bond. The performance bond should be submitted on a separate check which will be returned upon registration at the performance site. **Bands whose fees are not received within 7 days of registration may be moved to the beginning of their class or may be dropped from the event completely.**
4. The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational will strive to provide the best possible evaluation of each performing ensemble. We **may** offer a Festival performance option for ratings only. The Festival will utilize the OLYMPIC JUDGING system. The Contest will utilize the CAPTION JUDGING system. There will be two adjudicators for Visual and Musical Analysis: one adjudicator for Visual Effectiveness, one adjudicator for Music Effectiveness and one adjudicator each for Drum Major(s), Color Guard, Percussion, and Majorettes/Dance or Drill Team. Total Band scores will be derived by using the GMEA caption judging system whereby

Music Performance (2 judges) shall be worth 40%, Visual Performance (2 judges) shall be 30%, Music Effect (1 judge) and Visual Effect (1 judge) shall be 30%. Any penalty Points will be subtracted from the final band score.

5. Adjudicator's score sheets can be viewed on the GMEA website at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58d037ac59cc681d3c17042c/t/591f3d38be65940e11c6cf26/1495219513094/Caption-Judging-Forms.pdf>

6. Bands are scheduled every 15 minutes. All bands must perform within a 6 to 11 minute time limit. Bands must enter the stadium, perform, and clear the stadium within their 15 minute time slot. **Failure to adhere to the 15 minute limit will result in a penalty of 1 point per minute over.** This penalty will be deducted from the bands final score. **A 5 point penalty will be assessed for warm-up noise or playing which interferes with the competition.** Do not warm-up or play in the stadium parking lot as this will disturb the performance on the field.

7. There will be assigned seats in the stadium for participating bands. Groups **MUST** sit in their assigned seating area.

8. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box. There will be a reserved section beneath the press box where video cameras may be set up. We will issue one video pass per band at registration unless the professional videographer provides a complimentary video to each participating band director. In that event, no band will be issued a video pass.

9. All band and auxiliary officers who will participate in the awards ceremony must be in full uniform. They will follow the directions for the retreat/awards ceremony. No other students will be allowed on the field during the ceremony.

10. GMEA/GHSA mandates 1 chaperone for every 10 students in the band. Heart of Georgia Invitational allows 1 additional chaperone over the minimum requirement plus equipment handlers to enter free. These passes will be issued at registration.

11. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, all band members, parents, etc. who are not involved in the awards presentation must not enter the field area. The gates will be closed. Do not allow your students to climb the fence onto the field. This is

not only for the safety of everyone but also to preserve the dignity of those students accepting trophies for their bands.

The Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational is registered with the Georgia Music Educators Association as a Contest.