



Mid-Continent Color Guard Association Percussion Championships
Saturday, April 5, 2008

Dear Director,

The Mid-Continent Color Guard Association would like to welcome you and your members to the 2008 MCCGA Percussion Championships. Listed below please find the information needed as you finalize your plans for this event.

LOCATION OF CONTEST:

**Kickapoo High School
3710 S. Jefferson Avenel
Springfield, MO**

DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:

Percussion – Saturday, April 5, 2008 – start time: 10:00 am

SCHEDULE: A current schedule may be accessed through the website at www.mccga.org.

ADMISSION PRICES: All Day - \$15/\$10 – Seniors over 60 and children under 10/Children under 5 – free. **Once purchased, wristbands will be valid at both guard and percussion championship sites.**

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE: Ann Duncan, MCCGA President: (913) 558-6216; Brandon Johnson, MCCGA Percussion President: (816) 716-7713; Maxine Sullivan, MCCGA Treasurer: (417) 849-5873; Sherri Peterson, MCCGA Springfield Representative/Site Coordinator: (417) 631-6129; Troy Peterson, Kickapoo High School Director of Bands/Site Coordinator: (417) 894-7581

UNIT CHECK-IN: All percussion units will check-in at the area designated “UNIT REGISTRATION”. **This area will be located on the backside of the school, which faces the parking lot.** Be prepared to declare the number of marching members. Penalties will be assessed for false declarations. Marching members, seven (7) staff plus the director will be admitted at no charge. Units must check-in one hour prior to performance time. Please check the following for the location of your unit's check-in site:

ALL PERCUSSION UNITS MUST CHECK-IN AT KICKAPOO HIGH SCHOOL.

DRESSING FACILITIES: Available on site. Units will be directed to these areas at check-in. Please vacate these facilities ASAP after performance. Please do not leave items in the dressing areas. Neither MCCGA nor the site sponsor (Kickapoo High School) is responsible for lost or stolen items.

FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION: Any props must be protected so as not to damage the floor. Soft-soled shoes need no added protection. Hard-soled shoes must be taped. **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

AS STATED IN MCCGA PERCUSSION RULE BOOK, Page 8, RULE VIII: WGI rules will be followed; therefore, the following WGI ruling will be followed pertaining to appropriate taping of percussion instruments and equipment that may come in contact with the performance floor:

2008 WGI Percussion Adjudication Manual and Rule Book, page 53, Rule 5.8:

“...all equipment must be properly taped....Damage to the floor, such as may occur by dragging the tympani; wheels on carts locking, etc., will be the responsibility of the ensembles and is subject to penalty”.

PENALTY: .1 to Disqualification at the discretion of the Chief Judge

*****UPON ENTRY OF THE FACILITY, ALL INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT, AND PROPS WILL BE INSPECTED.** ANY ITEMS THAT DO NOT MEET STANDARD MUST BE ADDRESSED BEFORE A UNIT WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PERFORMANCE FLOOR. **Please be advised these guidelines will be strictly enforced.** Thank you, in advance, for taking every precaution to ensure there is no damage to the floor.

UNLOADING OF PROPS: Units will unload their equipment and props in the area of the building which coincides with their assigned warm-up area (Warm-up A or Warm-up B). **PLEASE REFER TO THE MCCGA PERCUSSION CHAMPIONSHIPS WARM-UP SCHEDULE, AND FACILITY MAP, TO DETERMINE WHICH AREA HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO YOUR UNIT.** Both areas can be conveniently accessed from the parking lot. Parking is provided behind the school and can be reached by either Primrose Avenue or Jefferson Avenue. **Units will be allowed to place their props in a holding area ONE HOUR PRIOR to their performance. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** A “crew report time” will be included on the warm-up schedule for crews to line-up in performance order.

UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS: Parking is provided behind Kickpaw High School. Units may access parking both from Jefferson Avenue and/or Primrose Avenue. **It is requested that buses park closer to the football stadium so there is ample parking for spectators.**

INSPECTION: Upon entry of the facility (**unit entrance is determined by a group’s assigned warm-up area – please refer to the percussion warm-up schedule**).

TABULATING AND JUDGING AREA: These areas are off limits to everyone except authorized personnel.

CASSETTE TAPES FOR JUDGES: Provided by MCCGA.

SCORE SHEET AND JUDGES TAPES: Will be presented during retreats. **No sheets and tapes will be available until that time.**

WARM-UP AREA: Units will be divided into Warm-up Area A and Warm-up Area B. Please refer to facility maps and warm-up schedule regarding these areas.

EQUIPMENT/PROPS: All equipment and props must be removed from the building **immediately following** your performance. **No storage area will be provided. A holding area for your floors/backdrops will be available ONE HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE.**

INTERVAL/TIMING LINE:

HORIZONTAL TIMING LINE

*Units will enter from front stage left and exit back stage left.. **IMPORTANT!!!:** **ALL UNITS MUST QUICKLY MOVE THEIR INSTRUMENTS, PROPS, TARPS, PERFORMERS, ETC. FROM THE PERFORMANCE FLOOR. A DELAY IN EXITING THE ARENA MAY CAUSE THE CONTEST TO RUN BEHIND SCHEDULE WHICH, IN TURN, COULD RESULT IN A PENALTY FOR THOSE UNITS TAKING MORE THAN THEIR ALLOTTED TIME.***

AWARDS: Trophies and/or plaques will be presented in retreat. Medals will be presented to units that achieve 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in their respective classes.

RETREAT: Full retreat. All units will report to the upstairs auxiliary gym to line-up for retreat (please refer to facility map) .

CRITIQUE: There will be no critique at the MCCGA Championships.

VIDEO TAPING: As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book, **there will be no video taping allowed at MCCGA Championships.** Each unit will receive a professional video of their performance(s) at no extra charge to the unit. Rudolph Video will be the official videographer for the 2008 Championships, and video orders will be taken throughout the day in the concession area. **DIRECTORS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THEIR PARENTS AND PERFORMERS OF THIS POLICY as it will be STRICTLY enforced.**

ADJUDICATORS: TBA

A NOTE REGARDING SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND RESPECT OF FACILITIES: MCCGA requests that each director have dialogue with their students regarding the use of common sense regarding their personal safety on the day of championships. Kickapoo High School is located on a busy intersection where a lot of Springfield traffic travels frequently. **We also ask you discuss with your students the importance of respecting the facility.** Securing a championship site can be a difficult task, both for MCCGA and the site host. It is important we show our appreciation by leaving their campus free of any damage.

MAPS: will be made available online at www.mccga.org. Written directions are provided with this information.

CONCESSIONS: will be provided by the Kickapoo Band Boosters.

CONTEST DIRECTORS:

Ann Duncan, MCCGA President
Brandon Johnson, MCCGA Percussion President
Steve Hermach, MCCGA Percussion Vice-President
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SITE COORDINATORS:

Troy Peterson, Director of Bands – Kickapoo High School
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