

**Mid-Continent Color Guard Association Championships**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

Dear Director,

The *Mid-Continent Color Guard Association* would like to welcome you and your members to the **2009 MCCGA Championships**. Listed below please find the information needed as you finalize your plans for this event.

**LOCATION OF CONTEST:**

**Willard High School  
515 Jackson Street  
Willard, MO**

**DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:**

Color Guard – Saturday, March 28, 2009 – start time: 9 am

**SCHEDULE:** A current schedule may be accessed through the website at [www.mccga.org](http://www.mccga.org).

**ADMISSION PRICES:** All Day - \$15/\$10 – Seniors over 60 and children under 10/Children under 5 - free

**MAPS:** May be found on the website at [www.mccga.org](http://www.mccga.org).

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**GUARD CHECK-IN:** 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 turn in your unit fact sheet at that time. Please check the following for the location of your unit's check-in site:

**ALL UNITS MUST CHECK-IN AT WILLARD 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 Willard High School is responsible for lost or stolen items.

**FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION:** All equipment tips on rifles, flag poles, and sabers must be padded and taped. 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 REFER TO THE MCCGA TAPING/PADDIG POLICY ATTACHED WITH THIS INFORMATION.**

**UNLOADING OF PROPS:** Units will be allowed to place their props in a holding area at Willard High School 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 in the hallway connecting the warm-up gym to the performance arena. **NO LONG TERM STORAGE WILL BE PROVIDED THE DAY OF CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS:** Upon entering the school property, units will be directed to make a left into the Unit Parking Area. **This area will be used for unloading of performers, bus parking, and equipment truck parking. The parking lot is a very large area and will efficiently accommodate all of the performing participants.**

**PERFORMER AND STAFF ENTRANCE/EXIT OF FACILITY:** There will be two designated doors for performers and staff to enter/exit throughout the day. These doors will access the lot designated as Unit Parking, and is in the opposite side of the building from the spectator entrance.

**SPECTATOR ENTRANCE/PARKING:** Upon entering the property, spectators will make an immediate right and proceed to the area designated as Spectator Parking. They will enter the building through the doors marked “Spectator Entrance”. **After entering the building, spectators will be routed through the Commons Area and up stairs to access spectator seating. ALL LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCES TO THE GYMNASIUM ARE RESERVED STRICTLY FOR PERFORMERS AND STAFF.** Please note that for persons in need, an elevator will be available throughout the day. The elevator is located in close proximity of the Commons Area.

**INSPECTION:** Located in warm-up area. **PLEASE REFER TO THE MCCGA TAPING/PADDING POLICY PROVIDED WITH THIS PACKET.**

**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. In the event that a unit needs a special holding area for oversized props, please email the MCCGA Board of Directors for consideration of your needs.** You may send your request to [vicepresident@mccga.org](mailto:vicepresident@mccga.org).

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

**INTERVAL/TIMING LINE:**

**VERTICAL TIMING LINE**

*Units will enter from back stage left (the performer's left when facing the audience) and exit front stage right (the performer's right when facing the audience). **Please be advised performers will exit through a corridor that will lead them directly outside. Since this will be in the vicinity of unit parking, performers can easily load their equipment and props back into their vehicles.***

**IMPORTANT!!!: ALL UNITS MUST QUICKLY MOVE THEIR 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.**

**CASSETTE TAPES FOR JUDGES:** Provided by MCCGA.

**MUSIC:** A CD deck will be provided for your use. If a unit is using an mp3 player (iPod or other device), there will need to be a unit representative at the sound table during the unit's performance to operate the player. **Bring your music to the sound table prior to your performance. It is suggested that a representative of your guard stay with the sound engineer during your unit's performance.** And, MCCGA strongly encourages each Director to have a back-up CD available that day.

**SOUND TESTING:** During breaks and before the start of the contest, at the discretion of the Contest Director.

**WARM-UP AREA:** Color guards will warm-up in half of a full-size gym. **Reminder to all Directors: please keep the volume of your CD players at a respectable level.**

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

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

**RETREAT:** Full retreat. Please refer to the schedule regarding your unit's retreat. All units will report to the warm-up gym to line-up for retreat.

**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 2009 MCCGA 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:** MCCGA requests each director have dialogue with their students regarding the use of common sense regarding their personal safety on the day of championships. Please ask students to not venture off from the high school campus, which has been assigned as our championships location by the Willard School District. **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, and by not roaming through restricted areas which have not been approved for use at championships.

**MAPS:** will be made available online at [www.mccga.org](http://www.mccga.org). Written directions are provided with this information.

**CONCESSIONS:** will be provided by the Willard High School Band Boosters. Their parent organization has done a lot of planning to ensure a great menu and ample food. The concession area will be located in the commons area of the high school as well as seating for a large capacity of people.

**CONTEST DIRECTORS:**

Ann Duncan, MCCGA President

John Sullivan, MCCGA Vice-President

Maxine Sullivan, MCCGA Treasurer

Lindsay Hansen, MCCGA Public Relations Director

**SITE COORDINATOR:** Chris Church, Willard High School Director of Bands