

COLOR GUARD RULEBOOK

1. *Regional Championships (Guard Rule Book)* Submitted by *MCCGA Championships Task Force*

Proposal: Remove Section V.A. (Finalist determination) in the Color guard Rulebook and replace with the following language:

A. *Regional Championships*

All classes that are judged using the Novice or Regional A criteria will have Championship events in their respective regions (Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield). These Regional Championship events will occur the final week of the regular season or the week of the MCCGA Championships (see below).

- 1. In 2016, and every three years thereafter, the St. Louis Regional Championships will be held the week of MCCGA Championships.*
- 2. In 2017, and every three years thereafter, the Kansas City Regional Championships will be held the week of MCCGA Championships.*
- 3. In 2018, and every three years thereafter, the Springfield Regional Championships will be held the week of MCCGA Championships.*
- 4. Units must perform in the region the unit is assigned prior to the beginning of the season. All other rules regarding Championships (seeding and eligibility, for example) shall apply to Regional Championships.*
- 5. Pricing for spectator admission shall be determined by the MCCGA Board.*
- 6. A minimum of three festivals will be offered in each region prior to the region's Regional Championship.*

Rationale: With the continued growth in the number of units attending MCCGA Championships, the Championships Task Force determined this as one of two positive options to allow for both the opportunity for all units to compete in Championships and preserve the event's ability to offer an appropriate conclusion to the season. No approach will be perfect for all units, but this option limits travel expenses and gives flexibility as the classes continue to grow in size. On the Regional Championship weekend, a limited "regular season" contest would be held prior to the Regional Championship so a weekend is not "lost" on the calendar for other units. At MCCGA Championships, the region hosting Championships would have their Regional Championships that same day at the site hosting Percussion Championships.

Example:

Event	2016	2017	2018
MCCGA Championships	St. Louis – April 2	Kansas City – April 1	Springfield – April 7
St. Louis Regional Championships	April 2	March 25	March 24
Kansas City Regional Championships	March 19	April 1	March 24
Springfield Regional Championships	March 19	March 25	April 7
WGI Guard Championships	April 7-9	April 6-8	April 12-14
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2. *In 2017, and every three years thereafter, the Regional Championship will occur in Springfield.*
3. *In 2018, and every three years thereafter, the Regional Championship will occur in St. Louis.*
4. *All other rules regarding Championships (seeding and eligibility, for example) shall apply to Regional Championships.*
5. *Each class will be separated into Regions (Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield) to determine a Regional Champion for each class.*
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