



2023 MCCGA Proposals

By-Laws

Proposal 1: Regional Communications Chairs-**PASSED**
Submitted by: Duane Williams, MCCGA President

Proposal: Change IV.5.4 to eliminate the Arkansas Region Communications Chair and rename the remaining RCC positions to better define Geographic territories.

West Region CC: Kansas City area, Kansas, Nebraska
East Region CC: St. Louis area, Central MO, Illinois
South Region CC: Springfield area, Arkansas, Oklahoma

Rationale: The Arkansas RCC was created when the circuit had 15-17 units from the State participating each season. With the creation of the AMAA, all of the percussion groups and several guard units have decided to participate there instead of MCCGA. We now have more units from Illinois and Kansas participating than we do Arkansas.

Renaming the current STL, KC and SGF Region CC's will better define the geographic areas covered by these positions.

Color Guard Rulebook

Proposal 2: Create a Senior Class **AMENDED AND PASSED**
Submitted by: Jackie Brown, Spintronix World Indoor Guard

Proposal: Addition of a Senior classification for competing color guards. This class will be judged for feedback and given ratings rather than scores. ~~However, this class will eliminate the upper age restriction, and add a lower age restriction of 21 years.~~ **MEMBERS OF UNITS IN THIS CLASS MUST EXCEED THE WGI AGE OUT LIMIT.**

Rationale: Units desiring to allow over-age performers the opportunity for membership are currently restricted to entrance in the Independent World classification. While an excellent level for pushing the artistic boundaries in our activity, this classification does not meet the needs of units who are still focused on the training aspects of color guard. This causes scores within the IW class to not reflect the efforts of the units in this situation. Addition of a Senior classification will allow those units to set achievable goals, meet those goals, and continue to grow their organizations to potentially reach the IW standards of performance over time while staying inclusive to their growing members beyond their age out. This is directly in line with the

MCCGA classification strategy's main goal of providing a consistent and fair grouping of units achieving at a similar level while encouraging their future development.

Proposal 3. Create a JV Class-**WITHDRAWN**
Submitted by: Lindsey Vento, Education Director

Proposal: Starting in the 2023 season, we would create a JV classification, made SOLELY for those programs who have “second teams”/“feeder teams”, that are not middle school/cadet. This class would consist of only second teams/JV teams for units already on the A sheet. (SAA and SA). This class would also be adjudicated on the A sheet. (See below for more info on adjudication)

Rationale: In being a part of the reclassification committee last winter, I noticed a trend of teams under review, trying skills outside of the RA sheets, but with the intent to help challenge and feed their varsity teams. I saw that the design choices were past the expectations of the RA criteria, so we had to reclassify by definition, but I also saw WHY they were making those choices. I personally feel, this might encourage more programs to try and field a feeder team, knowing that there are clear guidelines, no chance of reclassification, and being allowed to really stretch their kiddos to see what they are capable of before feeding into their varsity teams.

ADJUDICATION: Because we bring in so many judges from around the country, creating a new sheet for this just adds to the confusion for those judges. Using the A sheet simply makes it another neighborhood for the A class, in a way.

IMPORTANT KEY ITEMS:

- THIS JV CLASS IS ONLY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE A VARSITY UNIT IN SAA OR SA. Any program with an open class unit should (more than likely) be expected to have their JV team in the SA class. An open class varsity unit cannot utilize the JV class for their second team.
- Teams in this class cannot be reclassified out of it.
- All second teams/B teams/JV teams (not those in cadet class) must be in this classification. There will not be the option to choose to stay in RA or SAA, for example. There will be no exception to this. All second teams must be in this class.
- This helps the contest dynamics (only slightly, but helpful), and team load in RA by moving about 8-10 (probably more for next season) out of RA, which helps to make that class a tad smaller.
- All units have turnover. This is every program in America, RA, SA, Open, it doesn't matter. We all have it. However, the turnover rate in the JV units should be close to 90% with most of those students moving to the varsity team the following season. This new JV class helps with the stress and complaint of turnover.
- You cannot utilize this class unless you have a fully membership registered team in another higher scholastic division. Having your varsity team in an independent class doesn't allow access to the JV class.

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