

To all 1A, 2A & 3A Directors in CBA State Championships,

Congratulations for qualifying for the 2018 Colorado Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Championships. This will be an exciting event for you and your students. Please review the following documents (available on the CBA Marching website):

- 1. Final Packet
- 2. Semifinals schedule (warmup location, times, prestaging, performance time).
- 3. Finals schedule
- 4. Directions to CSU/Pueblo ThunderBowl
- 5. Map of stadium area including warmup areas
- 6. Ticket prices

Please note on the semifinals and finals schedule that you have **one hour** in your designated warm up location. During this time period you can use that space for body warm up, color guard warm up, percussion warm up, music warm up, etc. There will not be any lined areas available in the warm up sites. You must depart and clear the warm up area at the designated time as the next band's warm up time starts at your departure time.

If your percussion section (battery or front ensemble) wishes to warm up earlier than your designated one hour time, they may do so <u>only in the green area on the map labeled "Pre</u><u>Bat."</u> Batteries who choose to do this must be on the west side of the concrete wall. This area is first come, first served. <u>Please make sure your percussion staff is aware of this.</u> If percussion sections are warming early anywhere else they will be told to stop. During your designated hour percussion can warmup in your area.

If your color guard wishes to warm up early, they may do so only in the purple area on the map which is the old tennis courts. No sound systems, Long Rangers, metronomes, etc. will be allowed in this area. Again this area is first come, first served. **Please make sure your** guard staff is aware of this.



We always have an issue with private cars in the bus/equipment vehicle parking area. We cannot allow private cars to come into this area. Having worked in the bus lot for years I know what a safety issue this can be so I am asking for your understanding and help with this issue. The spectator parking lot is very close by and there is not a fee for parking. It would help a great deal if even the cars where a band parent has the guard equipment would park in the spectator lot. Parking buses and trucks is a challenge for our workers.

If you are bringing vehicles for cooking purposes, we will park those vehicles in the north bus and truck parking lot. Please inform the CBA staff who are parking your vehicles when you bring in those particular vehicles. The reason for separating the food from buses is the students naturally spread out, relax and I want to keep them away from incoming buses, trucks and spectator traffic.

When you arrive, volunteers will stamp the hands of all students and bus drivers. This stamp will get them into the stadium free of charge. CBA issued director and staff passes will be honored. You will receive a packet upon arrival with comp tickets for chaperones and field pass wristbands. We will not stamp the hands of truck drivers, chaperones, etc. The complimentary tickets (based upon a 1/15 chaperone to student ratio) are for you to use with as many of those helpers as you can.

You will receive a different field set of pass wristbands for pit/prop parents for finals as well as comp passes. These will be handed out at the semifinal awards presentation.

I look forward to seeing you and your bands at this great event!

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