

# **Colorado Bandmasters Association Parade Rules and Guidelines**

**Participation:** Student and Director participation must conform to current guidelines for participation according to the Colorado Bandmasters Association. Refer to CBA Marching Band Rulebook

**Classification:** Classification of bands must conform to current guidelines of the Colorado Bandmasters Association. Refer to CBA Marching Band Rulebook

*Note:* There must be a minimum of 3 bands per class. Bands will be combined to the next highest class if there are not 3 bands in each class but will not combine Class 3A to 4A as the exception, due to enrollment differences.

**Competition Area:** The entire competition area shall measure 450 feet. Start line is 250 feet from the center of the Judges stand. Silent area is 300 feet before Start line (no playing allowed- cadence only) End of Competition area is 200 feet from the center of Judges Stand

**1st Rank of instruments must Halt at the Start of Competition Area Sign and Start Line.** Once stopped, there will be a minimum of 20 seconds to prepare for your performance. Additional time may be added if needed from the Chief Judge. If the 1st rank of instruments is on the start line then this an understanding that any auxiliary or Identification unit is already in the competition area. This is not a violation of the rule.

**CBA “Official” Starter** will notify directors when they may enter the competition area. The band has 15 seconds to begin movement. ( 5 point penalty). Bands that enter Competition Area before Starter notification (10 point penalty) See statement above.

**Music should begin at the director’s discretion but the**

**expectation is music will be played during the entire 450 feet of competition area.**

**\*\*Note:** Time your music to reach its maximum effect at the center of the judge's stand. Should your music end before you exit the competition area it is recommended that an immediate roll-off begin and the music resumes. Do not go into a cadence between your music selection while you are in the competition area.**\*\***

Width of competition area is determined by street size—recommended width is 4 lanes— minimum is 3 lanes for competition.

**Forward Motion Only:** No stopping or Maneuvering in the Competition Area.) Band and Guard must maintain the parade block/formation throughout the competition area. (10 point penalty) This rule applies to the instrument block and any auxiliary following the instrument

block. If you have an identification unit or auxiliary in front of the instrument block then they can do some drill and stoppage as long as it does not impede the instrument block once it begins.

Judges are positioned above street level on the performer's Right side except for Visual Individual Judge who is located on street level.

Band Director is to be positioned on the Right side of the 1st Rank of playing members.(1 point penalty)

All directors and staff should be dressed appropriately. Only directors and staff are allowed in the Competition area. Staff that is in the competition area are considered as a member of the performing ensemble and judged accordingly.

**Note: No parents/chaperones are allowed in the Competition Area. ( 5 point penalty)** If using an American Flag: All rules will

apply. (10 point penalty)

Bands will perform in the announced performance order. Parade line up will not be altered for late arriving bands. (Disqualification)

There is NO Required Music List. We encourage the use of “appropriate” music for Parade Competition.

The Parade will not be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather.

***All Band Directors and Drum Majors must participate in the Awards Ceremony following the Parade Competition.***

**Awards:Trophy:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class based on the minimum requirements per class.

***Sweepstakes Trophy-*** awarded to the highest scoring band regardless of classification. This is a traveling trophy. This trophy will be kept by the Sweepstakes band and returned the following year to the next state parade competition.

**Banner:** Participation banners will be given to each band. (Similar to the marching band championships we already use.)

**Judges: Parade Judges Sheets are available on the CBA Marching Website: <http://www.cbamarching.com>**