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THE NATION’S PREMIER COLLEGE MARCHING BAND

45th Annual
ILLINOIS MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
FINAL INFORMATION PACKET
Welcome to the 45th Annual ILLINOIS MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign on October 31, 2015. On behalf of the University of Illinois Bands, we welcome you to the 2015 Illinois Marching Band Championships. We sincerely hope that our contest will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you and your students.

Contest assistance is being provided by DeMoulin, The Music Shoppe, Jolesch Enterprises, Flushing Pheasant Digital Video, BandDirector.com, Bob Rogers Travel, Smith Walbridge Clinics, students from the Illinois School of Music and many members of the Nation’s Premier College Marching Band – the Marching Illini. We are grateful for their spirit of cheerful volunteerism.

**Band Check-In**
- Your band will be scheduled for a 20 minute visual warm-up, 10 minute transit, 30 minutes for music warm-up, 10 minute transit to South Tunnel, and 10 minutes in the Tunnel for a total of 1:20 minutes from visual warm-up to performance time
- Plan accordingly so you stay on time and meet your assigned times
- Have buses and equipment trucks and trailer enter First Street from Kirby Avenue
- When you arrive on campus you should proceed to the Band Check-In located at the ILLINOIS tent at the entrance of E-14 or Lot 33 off of First Street
- Your check in packet will consist of your 6 director passes, 24 field passes, a performance schedule and other relevant event information
- **Our hosts will be ready to receive the first bands at 7:00am.** Please see the links on the website for parking directions and maps. Any questions, please let us know!

**Competing Band Director and Staff Passes**
- You will receive a maximum of six Director passes, one for yourself plus five additional for any other staff members you designate
- Directors passes are valid all day and allow you access to Level 8 of the Memorial Stadium Press Box. Please keep them visible all day and show them to the elevator operators on the North side of the stadium to gain access to Level 8
- Each band will receive 24 Staff/Field passes, valid for field access only
- Field passes are not tradable and may not be shared with other participating bands
Bus | Truck Parking Passes

- A parking pass is required for each bus and equipment truck or semi-trailer
- These passes are available for download on our website
- Parking passes are available at no additional cost beyond your entry fee for IMBC
- ONLY those vehicles with a IMBC parking pass are allowed in the designated bus and equipment truck parking lot (E-14 – Lot 33)
- These parking passes may not be used with personal vehicles
- Staff vehicle passes will NOT be issued for the Illinois Marching Band Championships due to limited space in this parking lot
- Please display the pass prominently in the front window of the vehicle
- Your cooperation is appreciated so that we may provide a safe and secure venue for this event.

Bus | Equipment Truck Parking

- The Bus and Equipment Truck parking lot is located off of First Street, on the south side of Kirby Avenue
- You can access this lot by entering First Street from Kirby Avenue and then turning into Lot E-14 through the second entrance
- All Directors should check in at the Directors Check In before the buses proceed to park in Lot E-14 | Lot 33
- IMBC volunteers will be on hand to meet you upon arrival and will give your drivers parking instructions
- This lot does not open until **7:00 AM** and you should not arrive more than 2 hours prior to your performance time. Please pay close attention to the performance schedule
- Visual or Musical warm-up is prohibited in Lot E-14 | Lot 33 and is only allowed in the official warm-up areas during your assigned warm-up time
- Security of instruments, equipment, etc. is the responsibility of each band. If equipment is left on the buses, it is recommended that a reliable caretaker be stationed with each bus to ensure the security of your property
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Safety and Etiquette
- Directors should alert students and adults to use caution at all times and observe the police directing traffic when crossing campus streets
- For safety in Memorial Stadium, please caution your students about sitting on the balcony walls or other dangerous areas
- These areas, as well as the stadium tower areas, are strictly off-limits
- Students, staff, and all spectators should show proper respect to other bands, regardless of competition. This includes all aspects of contest day and certainly in the stands. It is expected that each band will supervise the proper behavior and safety of their students.
- We will have an ambulance on site as well as IEMS personnel for anyone that needs medical treatment

The Music Shoppe
- The Music Shoppe will be on site during the contest day to assist with minor instrument repairs or other instrument needs. We are grateful for their time and talents! They will be located in the Great West Hall of Memorial Stadium

Large Equipment, Prop, Pit Equipment
- Pits and props should use the sidewalk along First Street to Kirby Avenue to gain entrance into Memorial Stadium. Equipment and Props should be fully assembled prior to moving in through the South Tunnel
- Equipment and props will enter and exit the performance area through the South Tunnel in the center of the South end zone
- Once inside the stadium, please follow the instructions of the stadium staff and volunteers managing the area
- A power source will be available on the field on the West Side of the field

Visual Warm-Up
- Each band has the option to do a visual warm-up prior to their music warm-up
- Please limit this to stretching and minimal marching basics
- Music, drums, guard equipment work, PA’s, and recorded music are prohibited
- No instrument playing of any type is allowed. Penalties will be assessed
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• Clapping will be allowed but the use of any Jam Blocks, Woodblocks, Dr. Beat, etc is prohibited

Musical Warm-Up
• Please note that "Check-In Time" refers to when you will meet your band guide at the official IMBC check-in tent, located at the tent near the E-14 Parking Lot. Look for the signs. Warm-Up areas A & B are located in the Southwest Quad of the State Farm Center
• It is your responsibility to report to your warm-up area as your scheduled time
• Front Ensemble may move to the designated area when the ensemble moves to their warm-up area.
• A band guide will be with you from Lot E-14 | Lot 33 and they will assist in guiding you until your formal picture has been taken following your official performance
• Please allow plenty of time to arrive to your warm-up area located in the SW corner of the State Farm Center
• Please refer to the flow chart of the designated warm-up areas located on our website
• Please use assigned warm-up spaces ONLY
• Fields immediately surrounding the stadium are off-limits for warming up and playing to avoid possible interference with the stadium competition
• Face South, away from Memorial Stadium while warming up. PA systems should not be used at anytime while on campus...in the parking lots or the warm-up area
• An IMBC representative will monitor your warm-up time and will alert you when you have 10, 5, and 2 minutes before you must be clear of the warm-up area
• Your guide will assist you in your transit from Warm-Up to the staging area outside of the performance area
• Your front ensemble and other props should move towards the South Tunnel of Memorial Stadium 10-15 minutes before the rest of the band
• Bands may not warm-up on site except during your assigned warm-up period and only at the assigned location
• If you arrive late for your warm-up time, you are not able to stay past your scheduled time
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Restricted Areas
• The warm-up areas as well as the stadium are restricted areas. Only band members, directors, staff, and those that hold field passes are allowed in these areas
• Extra parents or others are allowed in the bus parking area to assist with loading and unloading or props, etc
• Directors, Staff, Parents or other Volunteers may enter the South Tunnel only with a valid field pass credential

Motorized Vehicles in the Stadium
• Golf carts or gas-powered vehicles are allowed only if they have a covering underneath the engine of the vehicle
• If there is damage to the stadium turf by your vehicle, your school will be financially responsible for the repair or replacement of the turf

South Tunnel Dimensions
• South Tunnel entrance is 9 feet high and approx. 15 feet wide
• Please make a note to measure props and other large pieces of equipment to fit through this space
• Please note that the South Tunnel does include a concrete ramp that descends from Kirby Avenue onto field level
• Take caution when rolling carts, equipment, props, etc upon entering through the South Tunnel

The Field
• Memorial Stadium is an NCAA regulation field
• The field will have two sets of hash marks
• NCAA hash marks at 60’ from both sidelines and 40’ apart
• Temporary High School hash marks at 53’4”, dividing the field into equal thirds

Performers and Boundaries
• The official performance area is from end line to end line, including the end zones, and within the coaches box (dashed lines) in front of the sideline
• No part of the performance may take place in the spectator area
Those with field passes must stay along the west sideline concrete wall during the performance or outside of the endzones.
All aspects of the performance must be performed by students.
An adult may operate any use of sound equipment on contest day, either in or beyond the performance area.
An adult may respond, without penalty, to any equipment, weather related, or sound equipment failure that endangers any of the performers on the field.
Directors and or staff may conduct from the sideline however no one should step onto the performance area during the performance.
The Contest Director or authorized staff will authorize use of parents in securing props during a performance in cases of extreme wind.

Entering the Performance Area
Competing bands will assemble at the south tunnel entrance of Memorial Stadium 10 minutes prior to their scheduled performance time.
After reporting, bands will proceed to the contest field sidelines for competition preparation (1 point penalty for reporting late).
Bands will be escorted and should not use drum taps or any other sounds, as bands are performing.
All performances will be presented to the West stands.
Each band will have 14 minutes from the cue of the Timing and Penalties judge to enter the field, warm-up, have your band announced, perform your show, exit the field, and cease all sound.
You will hear this announcement when you or a designated staff members provides a cue to our announcer:
“Joining us from (town or city) is the (name) High School Marching Band!” (short pause for applause) “Their program is entitled (name if there is one). Musical selections include the following: (names of pieces or movements). Ladies and Gentlemen, the University of Illinois is proud to present Drum Majors (name or names) and the (name of school) Marching Band in Class (1A-6A) Competition.”
A drum major salute may take place following the final statement if you wish.
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- Drum Taps or Cadences may be used to enter the field once timing has begun and may use them following your performance but must cease as soon as you cross the goal line upon exiting the stadium
- One (1) penalty point is applied for each 15 seconds over the 14-minute time limit

Scoring and Adjudication
- Two panels of judges will adjudicate the Illinois Marching Band Championships. As an institution dedicated to advocacy and outreach to music education, seven nationally reputed judges will adjudicate your band’s overall performance from the press box and on the field for visual, musical, and general effect. All adjudicators will provide digital comments during your competition period while scoring each ensemble for a total score of a possible 100
- Adjudicators will be located on the Level 5 of the Press Box as well as on the field
- Music Performance Individual – located on the field | 20 point sheet (averaged)
- Music Performance Ensemble – located in the press box | 20 point sheet (averaged)
- Music General Effect – 2 judges located in the press box | 20 point sheet each
- Visual Performance Individual – located on the field | 20 point sheet (averaged)
- Visual Performance Ensemble – located in the press box | 20 point sheet (averaged)
- Visual General Effect – located in the press box | 20 point sheet
- Contact with any of the adjudicators prior or during the show is inappropriate

Exit from the Performance Area & Photo
- Bands will exit the contest field through the south tunnel gate, and proceed to Kirby Avenue for pictures
- Bands must seize all sound at this time, even if the 14 limit time limit has not been met
- Dropped equipment should be retrieved by your own appointed personnel or by the performers
- Please do not bring front ensemble equipment to the photo area
- All students will need to have their hand stamped upon their exit through the South Tunnel for re-entry into the seating area of Memorial Stadium
- Those with a Director or Staff pass will not be given a hand stamp
- A group photo will be taken by Jolesch Enterprises outside of the South Tunnel on Kirby Avenue.
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Commentary, Score Sheets, and FPDV

- 60 minutes following your performance, a link to your IMBC individualized Dropbox will be sent via email. This link will allow you to access all judges comments in a digital format along with a raw un-edited video of your bands performance from the top of Memorial Stadium
- This video may be viewed in an educational setting however the sharing of it is strictly prohibited. This is an educational service provided to you by Flushing Pheasant Digital Video
- All Score Sheets will be held until the END of each awards ceremonies. You may pick these up at the 50 yard line immediately following the awards
- If you are not staying for awards, your packet will be sent to your school address the following Monday
- You may designate another staff member to pick up your packet at the conclusion of the awards ceremony

Awards

- A representative from each band should be available for the awards ceremony to accept any awards for that school
- Judges’ sheets and comments will be available to directors and staff shortly after the awards ceremony at the 50-yard line tables at the conclusion of the event
- Drum Majors are requested to be in full uniform for the retreat and awards ceremony.

- Grand Champion Governor’s Trophy award for class 1A-3A and 4A-6A
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each class.
- Caption Awards: Best Music, Best Visual, Effect
- A scholarship to Smith Walbridge Drum Major Clinics will also be awarded for each awards ceremony in 1A-3A & 4A-6A
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Entering Memorial Stadium as a member of the viewing audience

• Your students with a hand stamp have FREE admittance to Memorial Stadium throughout the day
• Immediately after your performance, all students will receive a hand stamp that will allow them stadium access without being in uniform
• Students may sit in areas of the west stands that are not needed by patrons with tickets
• Please remind your students to be courteous and appreciative of all performing bands
• **Do not move in and out of the seating area during a performance**
• Any parent, staff member, etc with a Director or Staff pass may enter the stadium free of charge with their pass
• All Directors with the All Access pass have exclusive access to Level 8 of the Press Box to enjoy a complimentary hospitality area along with watching other performances with a great vantage point…field passes do not serve as a credential for Level 8 of the Press Box

Restrooms and Changing Facilities

• Restroom areas are located in the stadium and will also be available around the parking and warm-up areas
• No special dressing room facilities are available in Memorial Stadium
• Please ask your bands to be courteous of others when using the restroom
• Please do not leave trash on the floors
• A limited number of porta-potties will be available in Lot E-14 | Lot 33
• Due to a limited number of areas to change, we encourage you to change on your buses in Lot E-14 via the use of an under-uniform

Director’s Hospitality Suite

• The Director & Staff Hospitality Area, generously hosted by the University of Illinois Bands and Bob Rogers Travel, is located on Level 8 of the Memorial Stadium press box in the Media Suite
• Your Director Pass will serve as your pass to take the North Elevator to Level 8. No other individuals will be admitted or should be admitted without a Director Pass
Concessions

- Concession stands will be open all day to service the needs of your band members as well as our spectators
- These are all located in the Great West Hall
- We ask that you all do your part in keeping Memorial Stadium clean

Stadium Rules and Regulations

- Large bags, backpacks, book bags, duffle bags, and other large bags are not allowed in Memorial Stadium
- Small bags such as purses and diaper bags are allowed
- All permitted bags are subject to search

Spectator Parking

- The Northeast and Northwest of the State Farm Center will be available for spectators to park. Lot 31, west of Memorial Stadium will be open for spectators as long as there is no rain!
- If there is rain, all spectators will need to park along the streets near the stadium and any available and open lots around the stadium
- Parking is free the day of the event!
- ADA parking will be available at the State Farm Center lot. An ADA hangtag or license plate will be required to park here. There are a limited 50 spaces here to accommodate our ADA patrons. Enter either of these lots via Kirby Avenue by way of First Street or Fourth Street
- Please share this information with those attending the Illinois Marching Band Championships

Spectator Admission & Seating

- The Memorial Stadium West gates will open at 8:00 AM
- Tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Office located at the south end of Memorial Stadium on Kirby Ave. between 1st and 4th Streets
- The price for admission is $10.00 for Adults and $5.00 for Students/Children/Senior Citizens
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- Children five and under are admitted at no charge
- Access will be through Gate 18 of Memorial Stadium on the West side of the field
- Seating for IMBC will be in the West stands and the West Balcony only
- ADA seating is available in the Horse Shoe – open gate 24
- Please advise your bus drivers that complimentary admission to the contest is not provided for them. Tickets can be purchased as the gate.
- It is the responsibility of participating directors to convey this information to everyone attending the event

Souvenir Programs | Vendors
- Souvenir programs will be available in the stadium for $5.00
- Other Merchandise and Vendors will be set up in the Great West Hall as well
- Marching Illini and Drumline merchandise will be available for sale
- Official IMBC T-shirts will be for sale…$10 for a short sleeve shirt and $15 for a long sleeve t-shirt…limited quantities

Photography | Video Cameras
- Jolesch Enterprises will be on-site to take a full band photo of each band after each performance
- Order information will be sent to each director following the event
- Use of any cameras on the field is not allowed, even your pit crew parents!!!
- Still cameras are allowed in the stadium and may be used in the seating area, but not from field level
- The use of tripods or other equipment that obstructs the view of others in the seating area are not allowed
- Flushing Pheasant Digital Video will professionally record each band’s performance. DVD recordings will be available through Flushing Pheasant. You may contact them at their booth in the West Hall or at (217) 586-1887
- All other video cameras are prohibited in the stadium
- The use of any video or audio devices are strictly prohibited from being used in Memorial Stadium…you will receive a complimentary video of your performance
- Please communicate this to your parents
Weather

- In case of inclement weather, the 2015 Illinois Marching Band Championships will be held in the Irwin Indoor Facility.
- In case of rain, the contest will proceed as scheduled. Plan accordingly to protect equipment. A delay and the decision to move indoors will be made in the case that lightning or heavy rainfall remains in the area.
- All communication regarding this information will be done via the text message service.
- This will be adjudicated as normal but only parents and fans of your school will be admitted to watch your performance due to space.
- Although participation is voluntary, there will be no refunds.
- The schedule will follow the same order, minus those bands that elect not to perform.

Cancellations

- If any band must cancel, please notify us by telephone as soon as possible at (217) 333-3027 or bhouser2@illinois.edu.
- There are no refunds for cancellations.

Emergency Contact

- On the day of the event, you may contact us at (217) 333-3027.

BEST OF LUCK! We hope you have an enjoyable and educational experience at the 45th Annual Illinois Marching Band Championships. Thank you for your participation and Best of Luck on contest day!

Applications for the 2016 Illinois Marching Band Championships will go live March 1, 2016.

The date for next year is OCTOBER 15, 2016.