

Blue Springs Invitational Marching Band Festival

Field Competition Guidelines

1. **Time:** 1A-3A Bands: minimum of 6 minutes, maximum of 12 minutes
4A-6A Bands; minimum of 7 minutes, maximum of 15 minutes
2. Competition will begin with the introduction of your band over the public address system. The announcer will say: "Are the judges ready? The judges are ready. Drum Majors, is the band ready." Drum major (s) salute. "_____ High School, you may enter the field in competition."
3. **The performance area** will be a regulation size football field. Enter before your performance from the west side of the field without a cadence. The band will come directly from the parking lot (asphalt practice field), down an incline to the track. You must move your pit equipment down early to the track.

NOTE: Our athletic department as requested: **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLES** (tractors, etc.) on the track surface. You are welcome to drive along the front of the field on the grass. The announcer for the show is the athletic director. Thank you for your help and understanding with this request.

4. **Warm-up.** The warm-up field is on the parking lot. There will be no warm-up field if the parking lot is needed to be used for the performance, in the event of rain. Please face your band away from the Performing Arts Center when warming up as to not disrupt the group performing on the field. We hope to have a guide with you to help your group stay on schedule.
5. **Staging.** The staging area is location where your band will be moved to, in order to prepare to enter the stadium. This is through the gate at the West side of the stadium (near the picture area).
6. **Entrance/Exit.** Bands will enter and exit from the right hand-side of the field (when looking at the field from the front podium).
7. **Evaluation:** 6 judges will be used for evaluation. 2 Music judges 450 points (scores averaged), 1 marching judge (275 points) and one G.E. judge (275 points). These scores will be added together to form the final score. One judge will also evaluate the field percussion and one judge will evaluate field auxiliary.
8. **Admission:** Student performers need to make sure to get their hands stamped when arriving at Blue Springs (or exiting the stadium after their performance) to allow them to enter the festival free.