



2015 CBA Southern State Qualifying Marching Band Festival

Classes 1A-5A

General Information

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS...All CBA rules will be in effect. Be aware of any changes in the format. Check <http://cbamarching.com/>. PLEASE NOTE – Contest hosts will be notified by the CBA Treasurer verifying the participating director's membership prior to the qualifying event. All participating band directors must be members of CBA.
2. TOTAL TIME LIMIT...Each band has been allotted fifteen (15) minutes of time. This time includes your entry, on-field warm-up (optional), show, and exit. Refer to the current CBA Rulebook regarding minimum performance times for your classification. Bands have a maximum field time of 15 minutes including entrance, performance, and exit.
3. BUSES....BUSES WILL BE PARKED IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. If any changes are made to parking you will be notified (see map). No private vehicles will be allowed in the bus parking area.
4. TRUCKS...Trucks or trailers with percussion equipment will be unloaded on the North side of Liberty High School (see Flow Map). YOUR ENSEMBLE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIFIC "EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF TIME". It is very important that these times be followed very carefully. Please note that no entry/exit will be allowed in the Equipment Drop-Off Area from 11:45-12:00 and 2:45-3:00 while school buses are picking up students. After unloading at the equipment drop-off point, the trucks will be relocated to a truck parking area nearer the stadium to facilitate a quicker loading following your performance (see flow map). If you are bringing anything larger than a standard box truck to haul your equipment (e.g. a semitrailer) you must notify me so that parking arrangements can be made for you.
5. BAND HOSTS...**Bands WILL NOT be assigned a parent or student hosts from the Liberty Band Program UNLESS REQUESTED BY YOU.** **The flow is different from years past!** There will be Liberty Band Boosters in warm up areas letting you know how much warm up time you have left.
Please let me know if you want a host person. We are happy to provide one by request.
6. CONCESSIONS...Liberty Band Boosters will operate concession stands (cash only) on the home side with the visitor's side open later around 5pm. Great food options will be offered at the festival.
7. ADMISSION INTO THE STANDS...The cost of admission for this event is regulated by CBA and is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students (6-18) and senior citizens. Children under 6 (Pre-K children) will be admitted free. Participating Band members will be admitted by their hand stamp. Per CBA, only band members and drivers will be hand stamped. Each director will receive one complimentary wristband (entry ticket) for every 10 band members. These wristbands will be in your Director's Packet the day of the festival and may be used at your discretion. ONLY PERSONS IN UNIFORM/HAND-STAMPED, WEARING A WRISTBAND, OR CBA PASS WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE STANDS. Please know that all adults will be charged for admittance. **A CHSAA pass will be accepted for Principals coming to support their school's band.** If your staff does not have an official CBA pass, they will then need one of your allotted wristbands to enter the stands.
8. ADULT HELPERS ON THE FIELD...Equipment helpers (pit parents) can enter through the band entrance gate FREE of charge. They do not need a "ticket" to help your band. All we ask is that you limit the number of parents to how many you actually need. Before and after your performance each adult/parent will need a ticket, CBA staff pass, or wristband to enter the bleacher seating area. Every year there have been problems/issues with adhering to this CBA policy. Please help by informing your adults/parents of your school about our admittance policies.
9. SEATING...Since this is such a popular event, seating will be crowded and somewhat limited later in the evening. The CENTER SECTIONS are always reserved for the paying audience. For 1A-3A, please have students sit in the far north and south sections to view other bands BEFORE/AFTER your performance so you can get in and out easily. For the 5A/4A competition beginning at 5pm, marching band groups will not be allowed in the home bleachers and will instead be seated in the visitor's side bleachers.

10. PA ANNOUNCEMENTS...Please email any CHANGES to the Announcers Form and/or Exit Announcers Form by October 9th. If sent after this date we will use the one on file. Please note that any changes made will not be reflected in the printed official program.
11. EXHIBITION...We are pleased to announce that the CSU-Pueblo Marching Band will perform in exhibition before both the 1A-3A Award Ceremony and 5A/4A Award Ceremony. We appreciate CSU-Pueblo for stepping up once again.
12. 2015 AWARDS...There will be placement awards in each class (1A-5A) up to 3rd place depending on how many bands compete in each class.
13. AWARD CEREMONY...The awards will be given following the 1A-3A contest AND following the 5A-4A contest (see schedule). The ceremony will include a retreat of your Drum Majors ONLY (no captains per CBA policy). Awards will be presented as quickly as possible. Bands will be notified about State Championship positions after all the state qualifying festivals are complete. Check CBA at <http://coloradobandmasters.org/> for results as they are posted. Clicking on the Marching Band tab takes you to <http://cbamarching.com/>.
14. SNOW OR BAD WEATHER...If it snows the decision to cancel will be made by CBA between 6:00-8:00am. Bands traveling the furthest distances will be notified first and earlier if necessary. We will use the contact information/number on your application. If it is canceled it will not be rescheduled (see CBA Marching Handbook for cancelation details). If it is cold the contest will be held. DRESS WARMLY and watch the forecast.
15. VIDEO RECORDING...A professional video recording of your performance will be made from the press box. All bands will receive a DVD of their performance as part of their entrance fee.
16. WARM-UP AREA...Each band, color guard, and percussion have been assigned a warm-up area. Your warm up window is 45 minutes, however, please be advised that another band begins their warm up time at your end time so PLEASE begin your transition out of the area so the next band can begin their initial routine as you exit. Even though you have plenty of time to get to the gate you will still have to leave the warm up area immediately. You can continue with announcements or other quiet, focus-type exercises en route to the stadium after you leave the warm up area. Do not test wireless solo microphones in the warmup area as that may inadvertently be aired over the stadium PA system during another band's performance.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Timberview M.S. and Liberty H.S. are in session and surrounding buildings are conducting business earlier in the day. Please do not enter these areas for an "off-site" warm-up as we do not have permission to do so. See map for private property zones. The LHS building is closed to the public during this festival.
17. REPORTING TIMES...Your reporting time IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. There is a 10 minute travel time to assist you in getting to the gate on time. (See map for all areas). Please note that the pit should arrive 30 minutes prior in order to pre-stage on the track in time so they are not moving while the previous band is performing.
18. RESTROOMS...There will be restrooms available at the stadium and portable restrooms available near the percussion/band/guard warm up areas. The restrooms inside Liberty High School are off limits – even for your adults. Restrooms are also open on both sides inside the stadium.
19. SECURITY...Keep track of all your STUFF! The Liberty Band Program or Academy District Twenty are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please have someone stay with the busses at all times and/or lock them. Tell the students not to leave valuables on the busses. They are better off leaving their very valuable items at home for the day. Lock your trucks also!
20. INFORMATION...Again, it is very important that you read and follow ALL CBA rules in the Marching Band Rulebook found on our CBA website at www.coloradobandmasters.org to include all revisions and procedures for the commentary and recaps in dropbox. If you have any quick questions on the day of the festival, you can ask for clarification with the Timing & Penalties Judge. He is there to help you.
21. QUESTIONS...If you have any further questions please email Genice Matzke at genice.matzke@asd20.org. Remember, Band Guides are provided only by request.