



MISSISSIPPI INDOOR ASSOCIATION CONTEST RULES AND POLICIES REVISED 2016

- 1. Classification.** MIA will offer competition in all classes recognized by WGI and any others as added by the executive board with approval from the membership.
- 2. Promotion for color guard.** When promotion occurs during the season it will be at the recommendation of the judges panel. The unit will be notified that it is under review. Once the review process is completed, the unit will be notified of its current classification. The unit may appeal. During the appeal process the unit will explain its position and the executive board along with the chief judges will make the final determination. Promotion cannot occur after the mid-point of the season.
- 3. Promotion for Percussion.** Percussion units are classified where the instructor places them. The promotion procedure for percussion is the same as color guard above.
- 4. General Rules.** All rules from the current WGI rulebook will be enforced including timing and penalty. The circuit will provide a rulebook with the permission of WGI on our website. Timing and penalty rules may be relaxed at early season shows at the discretion of the executive board.
- 5. Performance order.** Performance order is determined by a random computer program used by the executive director. Host units always perform last in their class. Championship performance order is determined by public draw at the pre-season meeting. Classes with eight or more units will be seeded into two groups using an average of all season shows. Performance order is random within these groups.
- 6. Championship qualifications.** To qualify for championships units must pay dues and have attended two shows of your choosing. All units must attend one of the first three shows to qualify for championships.

7. **First performance requirements.** All units must attend one of the first three shows. There is no longer a field day for color guard or percussion.
8. **Dues.** Dues for all members is \$400 for the season.
9. **Cancellations.** Any unit who cancels from a contest within two weeks of the show will be charged a \$250 cancellation fee payable to MIA. This fee is given to the site host. The unit may not participate again until this fee is paid.
10. **Exhibitions.** Exhibition performances must be approved by MIA executive board.
11. **MHSAA rules.** MHSAA states that members cannot allow their students to compete with or against college students. To this end, MIA places all community college ensembles in a “university” class. No high school ensembles can compete in this class.
12. **At large entries.** The at large (no member) fee for one show is \$250.
13. **Critique.** Critique will be held at the conclusion of each show. Order for critique will be performance order. Units not present at their critique time forfeit their critique at the discretion of the timing and penalty judge or contest administrator. Directors are required to read the WGI handbook for critique etiquette and behavior. Any director who cannot maintain decorum will not be allowed back in critique.
14. **Passes and badges.** Each unit will receive four staff badges for the season. Each unit will also receive armbands for the number of performers declared plus 10 at each show. The timing and penalty judge counts members as performances occur. Units must notify timing and penalty judge of corrections to number of performing members.
15. **Tickets.** The cost of admission for all MIA shows is \$10. All persons who occupy a seat must pay this amount. ***MIA is required to admit free of charge and without question anyone holding a MHSAA State Pass.*** Other passes can be accepted or not at the discretion of the site host.
16. **Copyright.** It is solely the responsibility of each unit to procure the proper copyright permission for material used. MIA will accept no responsibility for issues that arise from failure to do so.

17. **Awards.** MIA will provide medals for the number declared in the top three placements from each competitive class at championships. A placement trophy will be awarded to all participants.

18. **Equipment.** All equipment must be properly taped and padded. Failure to do so will result in a penalty as per the WGI rulebook.

19. **Future Site Hosts.** Site hosts must notify the executive board prior to the Summer meeting if they are interested in hosting. Potential hosts should already have secured the proper permissions to use the facilities at the time of the summer meeting. When two or more hosts are interested in the same date the following criteria will determine where the show is placed: 1. Charter members 2. Past show hosting success 3. Show attendance.