



# HUNTINGDON MARCHING INVITATIONAL

## CONTEST PROCEDURES

### PARKING

All busses and equipment trucks must enter the campus on the south end (off Buena Vista Road) See site map for more information. The only vehicles allowed in the Band Parking Area will be Buses, and Equipment Vehicles. Additional staff vehicles may NOT be permitted in this lot due to limited space. We will make every effort to park your staff as close to the Band Parking as possible. Spectators will be directed to designated parking areas as they enter campus. Drivers who need handicap accessibility will have access to stadium parking

### TICKETS / WRISTBANDS

- Tickets are \$10.00 for the event, \$18.00 if you decide to buy for the full day. We are giving badges to directors and staff, and wristbands to students, bus and equipment truck drivers, and 1 pass per 8 students for chaperones. ***We try to accommodate the best we can, but keep in mind that this is a fundraiser and we cannot let everyone in for free.***

### CHECK-IN / PARKING

When you first arrive to Huntingdon High School you will be directed to Band Check-In, located as you pull into the school.

- Equipment vehicle parking lots are located throughout the HHSI Campus. All buses and trucks must enter their lots through the main campus entrance off Mustang Drive where you will be directed to your assigned area.
- Vehicles registered via the online application will be allowed into the band parking area. With limited space, unofficial vehicles will need to be parked in the Spectator lots. Please limit your staff vehicles and official band vehicles to a minimum. We have limited the amount of nonschool vehicles in the Band Parking Area to ensure your buses and equipment will be in close proximity and more importantly for the safety of all band members.
- The HMI staff and volunteers are committed to providing a safe and secure and enjoyable venue. Your compliance and corporation are appreciated. Please have the members of your organization police themselves on picking up trash. Stack or pile garbage bags by the light poles in Bus Parking Lot, and HHS staff will happily remove them by the end of the event to the nearest dumpsters.
- If you want to move your props close to the field you may do so. Please take props to the prop staging area designated on the map.

### CHECK-IN PACKET

- Check-in packets will consist of your staff name badges, your chaperone/driver wristbands, an updated performance schedule and other relevant event information. You will receive staff badges for the names submitted on the Information Sheet.
- Each band will receive one wristband per 8 students. Wrist bracelets, field passes and staff badges will serve as a pass through the stadium gates. If you wish to bring your band in to watch before your performance, a director wearing a badge must bring the students to the pass gate as a group to enter the stadium. Name badges and field passes will allow you to enter the FLOW with your band. Admission tickets for the general public and will not grant field level access.

## **DRESSING / RESTROOM FACILITIES**

- If your band needs to change into and out of uniform, restrooms will be available inside the facilities. Students will not be allowed to hangout in the building.

## **WARM UP PROCEDURE**

- Each band will receive thirty minutes for warm up.
- Physical or musical warm-up is only allowed in the official warm-up areas during your assigned warm-up time. All bands will enter FLOW from the parking lots.
- While in warm-up, HMI staff will monitor your 30 minute time and will signal you or someone you designate at 15 minutes, 5 minutes and 2 minutes before you must be clear of the warm-up area.
- Bands may NOT warm-up on site except during their assigned warm-up period and at the assigned location.
- Bands may stretch, but we ask that you do not march until you arrive in the designated warmup area. Failure to comply with warm-up regulations or the directions of the warm-up area staff may result in penalties.
- Our staff is sensitive to the needs of each band, however in order to keep the FLOW orderly and on time we strongly encourage you to comply with the wishes of our staff and volunteers.
- If you arrive late for your warm-up time, you cannot stay past your scheduled time. You are responsible for your band being ON TIME to the Band Entrance Gate. Failure to enter the field at tour performance time may result in a penalty.
- There is a power capability at the warm up area. Please face any speakers away from the stadium. The sound projected cannot interfere with the performances occurring in the stadium.
- Feel free to practice marching in the warm up area.
- If you have a large front ensemble, please allow plenty of time for their travel. Props can make their way to the field at any point. However, make sure your pit crew is mindful of the performing band.

## **STADIUM PROCEDURES**

- Motorized vehicles are allowed in the stadium ONLY if they have a bib (diaper) type covering underneath the engine of the vehicle, and if they have turf tires. ALL TERRAIN tires or tires with large thread will not be allowed on the field.
  - Pull straight across the track entrance point. After this there is no driving on the track (crossing on/off is the only time).
  - No sharp turns will be allowed on the turf.
- At no time may a motorized vehicle be inside the playing area of the field.
- There must be some type of covering under the battery of any amplified equipment.
- There cannot be any mechanical fluids leaked on the turf or onto the track.
- Please unlock the wheels on your front ensemble carts when in transport.
- No animals are allowed inside the stadium unless they are service animals.
- Huntingdon High School is a smoke free campus.

## **GATE DIMENSIONS**

- The band/front ensemble entrance and exit gate is 12' wide with no height restriction.
- Please make a note to measure props and other large equipment.
- TSSAA High School Hash Marks will be clearly marked on the performance field.

## **PERFORMANCE AREA PROCEDURES**

- Each band is allotted a 12 minute time block. Bands may enter the performance area only at the direction of the gate worker who will greet each band at the gate and escort them to the starting line. Once the gate worker counts you down, you, your band and equipment enter the field.

- Bands coming off the field should yield to the bands coming on the field.

## **ADJUDICATION SHEETS / COMMENTARY**

- The delivery method for the judge audio files will be available via Google Drive. You will have access to your judge commentary files stored in a Google Drive account shortly after your performance. The link is accessible from any device with an Internet connection (smartphone, computer, tablet, etc.).
- Approximately 30 minutes after your performance, you can check your Google Drive for the link to your judge commentary. In most cases, this will happen before the 30-minute mark.
- All Recaps and judges sheets will be held until the END of the finals awards ceremony.

## **FINALS COMPETITION**

- There are two finals competitions: Division I and Division II.
- Finals will compose of the top six bands from both divisions regardless of class. Division I will compete only against Division I bands and Division II bands will only compete against Division II bands.
- Following preliminary awards, all finalist directors need to meet on the front side of the field on the 50 yard line.
- Recaps will be posted at the end of the night. If you are not staying for finals, it will be mailed to you. Recaps will also be placed in your drive.

## **HOSPITALITY**

- Director and staff hospitality will be located in the band room.
- Drivers will receive a complimentary meal from our concessions. If your group qualifies for finals, we will give complimentary passes for supper as well.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Spectator parking is located on the south side of the campus (please see the site map for more details). There is no charge for spectator parking.
- Outside food and beverage are NOT allowed into Paul Ward Stadium
- Filming is not allowed in the stadium. Videos can be purchased from EMEX video.
- We will have a shuttling system going throughout the day to help spectators to and from the stadium.
- Please share this with your parents and boosters in advance. They can visit [huntingdonbands.com](http://huntingdonbands.com) for all information.