



September 23rd, 2016

Dear Director:

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2016 Mid Iowa Band Championships! We have another outstanding line-up of bands this year, and we are very excited to host your band. This packet contains a schedule for the event, maps and directions to the stadium and warm-up facilities, and general information about the contest.

### **Directions to the Stadium**

Please enter the school off of NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, which is a stoplight South of the Northview Middle School. You will then turn right on Logan Street, which is the South entrance to the Northview Middle School. Your band ambassador will meet you as you enter the parking lot and stamp participants' and chaperones' hands for admission. Please see the attached map.

### **Equipment Vehicles**

Equipment trucks will park on the north side of the Northview Middle School. Our equipment chairperson will be contacting you to provide the specifics for your band. It is very important that we keep the area around the equipment vehicles clear so that equipment can be easily moved to the stadium. There will be Ankeny volunteers at the North lot to assist with equipment vehicle parking.

### **Warm-Up Areas**

Please note the areas designated for warm-up. Due to landscaping being done around the East side of the school, please avoid the areas of newly planted grass. Please warm-up facing to the East to avoid sound bleed through to the stadium.

### **Field Entry**

Please be ready to enter the track at the North end of our stadium at the gate time assigned to your band on the schedule. Your band ambassador will help you move from the warm-up area to the gate. Your band will move on to the track at 8 minutes into the previous band's performance. An on-field warm-up is allowed.

### **Pit Equipment**

Pit equipment must come through the North gate of the stadium. Please have it on the track before the 8-minute mark. Exchange your equipment quickly with the exiting band. We will have some trailers to help move equipment from the North gate to the performance field and back. Please help us by carrying any equipment that does not have wheels or using the provided trailers. There will be power in the pit area.

### **Ballots**

We will be using MACBDA score sheets. There will be a judge for Visual Execution, Visual General Effect, Music Execution, Music General Effect, Percussion, and Color Guard. Please contact one of our directors if you would like a copy of the ballots sent to you for review.

### **Awards**

There will be a first place award in each class for percussion and color guard based on their scores, which will also be included in the overall contest scores. All bands will be ranked in their class according to scores. Judges will be instructed to use the national linear scale and will not adjust scores by classification.

## **Finale**

The finale will be for drum majors only. Drum Majors should report, in uniform, to the Band Entrance Gate at 9:45pm to line up.

## **Judges' Tapes and Video**

We have moved to an entirely digital format for judges' comments and video. You will receive judges' comments on a flash drive. You will also receive a video of your performance. Judges' comments and video will be available in your packet, which will be available at the Judge's Critique, following the Awards Ceremony. Please make sure you have picked up your packet before you leave Ankeny.

## **Critique**

The judges will be available for a critique session in the Northview Middle School cafeteria after the awards ceremony. Please take advantage of the opportunity to get feedback from the judging panel. There will be sandwiches, chips, etc. at the critique.

## **Restrooms**

There will be restrooms available in the stadium and in the central portion of the Northview Middle School, which is accessible from the West side of the school.

## **Concessions**

We will have a concession stand open at the stadium for you and your students. Please use the pass gate on the South side of the stadium.

## **Emergency Numbers for the Day**

Emergency numbers for October 19: Police (515) 965-6400, Scott Hook Cell 515-210-1117.

## **Chaperones**

Please use the North gate only for essential personnel and chaperones. Only staff and chaperones with a hand stamp will be allowed to use the North gate. We will have one chaperone pass for every ten students in your band. If you need additional passes, please contact Jennifer Williams at Ankeny High School.

## **Admissions**

Admission prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (K-12). Children (5 and under) will be admitted free. A \$2 discount is available for seniors 55+.

## **Judges**

Judges for the 2016 Mid Iowa Band Championship are:

Brent Turner  
Paul Brizzi  
Rich Nicola  
Steve Citta  
Jeffery Crowell  
Steff King

Please contact us with any questions or special requests. Copies of this information are available on our website, <http://ankenybands.com/>. We are looking forward to your performance on October 15.

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