

Indiana State School Music Association

Marching Events – Definition of Purpose

Summer Showcase

The Summer Showcase Marching Band event is offered to any band, regardless of class or enrollment category, that wishes to have an additional performance assessment opportunity as they conclude their summer season or begin their fall season. Festival Class adjudication sheets, procedures, and awards will be utilized at this event. A Gold Rating at the Summer Showcase event counts toward qualification for the All-Music Award. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation Ratings will be awarded, as well as “With Distinction” Awards for meeting specific criteria in Music and Visual captions. Bands that participate in the Summer Showcase are eligible to participate in Festival, Scholastic, or Open Class events later in the fall marching season. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Rating**

Festival Class

The Festival Class Marching Band event is offered for those bands seeking educational assessment in the marching band idiom, without the competitive component. It is designed to offer an adjudicated, Rating based marching event for those bands that may have limited resources that could include; staff, rehearsal time, facilities, budget, local expectations, etc. A Gold Rating at the Festival Marching Band event counts toward qualification for the All-Music Award. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation Ratings will be awarded, as well as “With Distinction” awards for meeting specific criteria in Music and Visual captions. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Rating**

Scholastic Class Prelim

The Scholastic Class Prelim Marching Band event is offered for those bands that wish to enter a marching band event for educational assessment, to receive a rating, and to have the possibility of qualifying for Scholastic Class Finals. Bands entering this class will be designated as Scholastic B or Scholastic A as determined by school enrollment and band size. A Gold Rating at the Scholastic Class Prelim event counts toward qualification for the All-Music Award. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation Ratings will be awarded, as well as “With Distinction” awards for meeting specific criteria in Music, Visual, and Effect captions. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Rating/Scholastic Finals Qualification**

Open Class Invitational

The Open Class Invitational Marching Band event is offered to bands choosing to participate in Open Class Competition. The rating will not serve as a means of qualification for another event, but rather as an assessment of achievement level the week prior to Open Class Regional. An optional judges’ critique will be offered for participating Open Class bands. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation Ratings will be awarded, as well as “With Distinction” awards for meeting specific criteria in Music, Visual, and Effect captions. A Gold Rating at the Open Class Invitational counts toward qualification for the All-Music Award. Open Class Invitational performances will occur after the conclusion of Scholastic Prelim performances. Performance slots will be based on the number of remaining available slots at each Scholastic Performance site. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Rating**

Open Class Regional

The Open Class Regional Marching Band event is offered to those bands that wish to enter a marching band event for educational assessment, to receive a rating, and to have the possibility of qualifying for the Semi-State event. The Open Class Regional is the first phase of qualification for State Marching Band Finals. A Gold Rating at Open Class Regional counts toward qualification for the All-Music Award. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participation Ratings will be awarded, as well as “With Distinction” awards for meeting specific criteria in Music, Visual, and Effect captions. Special “Semi-finalist” designations will be presented to the Top 10 bands qualifying for the Semi-state event. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Rating/Ranking/Semi-State Qualification**

Open Class Semi-State

The Open Class Semi-State Marching Band event is offered to those bands that earn a Top 10 designation at the Open Class Regional event. The Semi-State event serves as the final qualification level for State Finals performance. Performance awards are designated as “Semi-finalist” or “State Finalist”. **Assessment Focus: External Assessment/Ranking/State Finals Qualification**

Scholastic Class Finals

The Scholastic Class Finals Marching Band event is offered to those bands that receive a Gold Rating at Scholastic Class Prelims. Bands will receive educational assessment, with the top scoring Scholastic Class B and top scoring Scholastic Class A band being named the Scholastic Class Champion for their respective Division. Both champion bands will be invited to perform in exhibition at Lucas Oil Stadium during the Indiana State Marching Band Finals. **Assessment Focus: Top 5 Ranking/External Assessment**

Open Class State Finals

The State Marching Band Finals is designed to showcase the top 10 bands in each Open Class Division. The top scoring band in each Class (A,B,C, and D) will be designated as State Champion. **Assessment Focus: Ranking/External Assessment**