



November 17, 2018
Participant Information Packet

Event Host: California State Band Championships (CSBC)
In Cooperation with: Southwest Music Education Association (SWMEA)
Judging By: Southwest Judging Network (SWJN)

Division 1A, 2A, 3A Finals and Top 10 State Finals (Evening):
Hosted by Lynda Moncada and Newport Harbor High School
Division Finals 3A, 4A, 5A, and Top 10 State Finals (Evening):
Hosted by Gregg Gilboe and Huntington Beach High School

Welcome Message:

Congratulations on making Division Finals of the 2018 California State Band Championship. This year we underwent a format change to better control the quality of competition, travel, and schedules. Division 1A, 2A, and 3A will compete in Division Finals at one site, and the three division winners along with the next 7 best scores will continue on to their own State Finals (open class) that evening at the same site. Division 4A, 5A, and 6A will do the same at the Huntington Beach site. By the end of the day we will have crowned six State Division Champs and two overall State Champions!

Please read the instructions below carefully. All of our staff at CSBC, SWMEA and SWJN look forward to hosting all of you for another great State Championship event.

Musically Yours,
Michael J. Spillman
CSBC Vice-President & Co-Founder

The Schedule:

All schedules are available on www.calstatebandchamps.org

If you qualify for State Finals (formerly Grand Championships), please pay attention to the schedule. You are responsible for making sure you are on time (especially if you choose to leave campus to wait it out). We will not hold the show for late bands due to timing restrictions. The two-hour arrival ban is **lifted** for Finals only. Division Champions (1st Place) advance from each division. Then the next seven best scores regardless of division will advance. We won't know who those seven are until Division 3A finals finishes at the Newport Harbor site, and 6A finishes at the Huntington Beach site.

Arrival

Plan your arrival for NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS prior to your performance time. To accommodate all our guests, traffic, and equipment, this policy will be strictly enforced. Please DO NOT give the show host a hard time if they refuse to park you early. This ban is lifted ONLY for Open Class Finals (Evening at both sites).

IF YOU ARE STAYING FOR LATER DIVISIONS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR BUS AND TRUCK DRIVERS AVAILABLE AFTER EACH DIVISION AWARD CEREMONY SHOULD WE NEED TO ADJUST YOUR PARKING POSITION. PARKING WILL BE TIGHT, AND WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE YOU UP OR TO A DIFFERENT ROW. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION. Please note that bus parking at Newport Harbor High School may be across the street and separated from equipment trucks. Due to solar panel installation, bus and equipment trucks may be separated at Huntington Beach High School as well. Please be flexible!

Parking

Due to the size of the event and large crowd expected, parking will be limited! Specific directions for bus/equipment truck parking must be followed. Parking is limited on campus and must be reserved for school buses and equipment trucks ONLY! DO NOT BBQ or COOK in the parking areas as this is against school district regulations! Please ask spectators and additional staff driving vehicles to allow ample time to park and walk to stadium.

Spectator Admission

All details are on the website www.calstatebandchamps.org

Changing Areas

There are no changing areas. Please do not use the stadium restrooms as changing areas. Please change on your buses.

Warm Up – READ THIS CAREFULLY!

Please report to your assigned warm-up zone. Do not perform music warm-ups outside of your assigned zone.

Staging

All groups must report to staging per the logistics schedule posted on the Newsfeed (homepage) of www.calstatebandchamps.org. Just as with most campuses, there are obvious obstacles to maneuver. Please plan ample time to move your band.

Announcer

CSBC will provide an announcer who will gladly introduce your group and give follow up information about your group. All announcing must be done by the designated announcer appointed by CSBC. No school affiliated announcers will be permitted in the press box area as the announcer's area is in the adjudication area. Please do not ask for any exceptions to this rule as the CSBC is looking out for the integrity of the event.

Penalties

Please see the penalty sheet and full set of rules and regulations posted on our website www.calstatebandchamps.org

Any rude/inappropriate behavior demonstrated by any director, staff member, student or spectator affiliate of any unit that is reported to either Head Judge by the Host High School Band Director shall be subject to a penalty of up to 5 points (Anywhere between 1 and 5 points depending on the severity of the situation) for the unit in question. Please instruct your students, staff, and chaperones, to be patient, and conduct themselves in a professional manner when parking, performing, entering, and exiting the stadium. CSBC and all the Host High Schools look forward to a smooth-running event.

PLEASE AVOID THE USE OF CONFETTI, FIRE, OR ANY OTHER ITEM THAT CAN BE SENT OUT INTO THE AIR. OPEN FLAMES ARE NOT PERMITTED, AND OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS CONFETTI MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CLEAN THE TURF FIELD AND DOES NOT LEAVE THE FIELD IN GOOD CONDITION FOR THE NEXT PERFORMING GROUP. Failing to abide by the above rule may result in a penalty.

Video

Video recording is strictly prohibited due to copyright laws and there is not a designated area for video recording. Box 5 media will be providing videography this year.

Set Up Time

The deployment time for every band is 4 minutes. Bands will receive warnings during deployment at: 4 Minutes, 3 Minutes & 1 Minute. If the band is not ready at the end of the deployment period, the judges will be announced as ready, and timing will begin. This rule is in place to keep the competition fair to all participants and to keep us running on time.

Scoring

See www.calstatebandchamps.org (info tab).

Awards

- **Awards for Division Finals:**
- Each Division will be recognized with the following awards:
 - Unit placement plaques, 1st place – Last place in each division
 - The “State Champion” (1st place) in each division will receive:
 - Plaque
 - Champion Banner
 - Champion Patches
 - Champion Medal
 - High Percussion and High Auxiliary will be awarded in each Division.
 - High Music, GE, and Visual Awards in each Division.
 - An Outstanding Soloist will be recognized in each division along with a \$500 personal scholarship
 - People’s Choice Award in each division

- **Awards for Open Class Finals (both sites):**
 - Placement trophies for all performing groups 10th – 4th place
 - High Music Performance
 - High General Effect
 - High Visual Performance
 - High Auxiliary
 - High Percussion
 - Outstanding Soloist Award with \$500 Scholarship
 - People’s Choice Award
 - 3rd Place Awards:
 - 3rd Place Trophy
 - Bronze Medal for Each Student
 - Bronze Medal Banner for Display at Winner’s School
 - \$500 Cash Prize
 - 2nd Place Awards:
 - 2nd Place Trophy
 - Silver Medal for Each Student
 - Silver Medal Banner for Display at Winner’s School
 - \$1,000 Cash Prize

- 1st Place, California State Band CHAMPION:
 - Champion Trophy
 - Gold Medal for Each Student
 - Gold Medal Champion Banner for Display at Winner's School
 - \$1500 Cash Prize

Awards Ceremony

There will be no perusal period prior to any award ceremonies for Division Finals or Finals. All scores will be final. Judges will be recognized over the P.A. and released to their respective breaks or to go home at the end of their long days. One printed recap per band will be available at the awards table after the awards ceremony. Scores will be released to hit the website 5-10 minutes following awards. All results will be considered final. If you have concerns over the quality of the adjudication, please use our digital "SWJN Adjudicator Feedback Form" via www.calstatebandchamps.org under the info tab. We have a new follow-up procedure in place this year that has been working well, and we will respond to your concerns to the best of our abilities.

Finals awards in each division will be **student leaders only**.

Band Directors should be on the track near the 50-yard line for introduction. We gave out Director Gifts at semi-finals this year, so it will just be a brief recognition time this year.

Open Class Finals Awards (evening) will be **FULL UNIFORMED RETREAT!** Please help us make Finals awards something special by putting your kids back in uniform. We will march every unit out onto the field and present the final awards. Please stay with your band and march in with them. You will put your band in performance order in the field area slightly behind and adjacent to the band entrance gate. Once your band is in the stadium, please come to the track so that we may recognize you (no gift this time as we did that earlier, but we would like to give you the shout out you deserve). Please instruct your student leaders to pull forward to the front sideline once the band is "parked." This will allow them to get forward and receive awards faster. Band line-up at Huntington Beach Site will be back by the gym. Band line-up at the Newport Harbor site will be the guard warm-up field directly behind the home side bleachers.

Post Performance

Please adhere to host school directions on where to sit after you have performed.

Rain

Those of you that know me and have been around know that it has only rained twice in fourteen years of doing this. It doesn't rain on Finals Day! There is currently no rain in the forecast (shocker, right?). If Mother Nature decides to have a sense of humor, we will figure it out. You will get as much information as we can possibly transfer to you when a rain plan needs to be implemented.

Contact Information

PLEASE PUT OUR NUMBERS IN YOUR CELL PHONES!

Remember that text messaging will likely get a faster response. We may not always be able to answer a call, but could return a text. Please identify yourself and your school when texting.

See next page...

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