



November 12, 2022

Division Finals Participant Information Packet

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

Nor Cal Championships: Golden West HS, Visalia, CA

Division 2: Newport Harbor HS, Newport Beach, CA

Division 3: Capistrano Valley HS, Mission Viejo, CA

Division 4 & 6: Woodbridge HS @ Irvine HS, Irvine, CA

Division 1 & 5:

El Modena HS & California HS @ California HS, Whittier, CA

Welcome Message:

This year's Division Championships are on its own weekend so everyone gets to participate! We are excited to welcome everyone to this culminating event for each Division including our newly expanded Northern California format. The winner of each division from both the Southern California sites and the Northern California site will advance to State Finals on November 19, 2022. Additionally the next 10 best scores (comprehensively) from Division 1-3 combined and Division 4-6 combined will advance. If any group declines the invitation to state, we will invite the next highest score. **If you will accept or decline an invitation, make your intentions known to your Head Judge at your site. Additionally, CSBC officials will be calling cell phones on Sunday to confirm before publishing the State Finals schedule. Please answer the call.**

State Finals will offer two Stand Alone shows featuring 16 of the finest groups in Divisions 1-3 and 4-6. Both sites start in the late afternoon to provide that under the lights experience to all performing groups. We look forward to two great events on November 19th.

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

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.

Departure

All buses and equipment trucks must vacate the parking lot no later than 90 minutes after the conclusion of the awards ceremony. If possible, please accomplish this in 60 minutes or less. Division Finals sites hosting more than one division have an added challenge of getting many schools out while welcoming the next set of schools in. Please help us provide a great experience for all by being efficient and getting your unit back on the road!

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 the stadium. Review site specific maps and parking information for the site you are attending.

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 announcements 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.

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 Ceremony

There will be no perusal period prior to any award ceremonies for Division 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. Recaps are posted to the CSBC website immediately following the awards ceremony (5-10 minutes). 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.

Finals awards in each division will be **student leaders only**. Band Directors should be on the track near the 50-yard line for introduction and recognition.

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 CSBC history. 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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