

38th Annual South Coast Invitational

CSBC Marching Band Tournament

Saturday - October 11th, 2025

Mustang Field - Costa Mesa High School



On the day of the competition your director's packet will include:

- Performer wristbands
- Parent chaperone/helper wristbands (as per CSBC guidelines)
 - It is up to the director as to which adults receive the given wristbands
 - Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$15 per adult
 - All adults entering with the student performers ***MUST*** have a wristband or an official CSBC staff badge
- Campus Map, with entrance/exit information and warm-up areas
- Copy of the schedule
- Assigned warm-up areas (based on CSBC schedule and space)

Thank you so much for coming and I wish you all the best of luck!

Andrew Brannon

Costa Mesa High School Instrumental Music

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Dear Directors and Bands,

We are very excited to have you participate in our **38th Annual South Coast Invitational** Marching Band Tournament. The Costa Mesa High School Band Boosters and myself, have been working hard to make this an enjoyable and memorable event for you, your students, and band family members. We will continue to work hard on the day off to make sure your visit runs smoothly. I wish you the best of luck in the competition and throughout the rest of the season. Let's compete at a high level and support each other in the activity. Have a great performance!

- **Andrew Brannon**
Costa Mesa Middle & High School
Band Director

Tournament Site:

We are excited to host our 38th Annual South Coast Invitational at our school stadium, Mustang Field, on the campus of Costa Mesa High School. The field is an artificial turf field with a wonderful track, and beautiful performance venue. This is our 8th time hosting this tournament on our own campus, and we keep working hard to make it better each year. Our stadium is in a two-phase plan to increase seating and include other items to improve our facilities. The back and away side stands are limited, but we are doing our best to set up extra seating where possible. I will leave it up to you, as the director, to instruct your students on where you would like them to be seated.

IMPORTANT Arrival and Parking Information

Costa Mesa High School
2650 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

The Costa Mesa Police Department has asked all Busses and Equipment Trucks to enter the parking lots on Fairview Road, going NORTH. We want all buses/trucks to turn right into our parking lots (Lot 1 & 2) from the right lane on Fairview Rd. This is not the correct direction if your bus is coming from the 405 Freeway.

Driving Directions: From the 405 (San Diego) Freeway

1. In Costa Mesa, exit @ Harbor Blvd. & go South (see director's notes regarding important arrival instructions)
2. Proceed past Baker St. (stop light) & Adams (stop light) to Fair Drive and turn left onto Fair Drive
3. Go to Fairview Road and turn left onto Fairview Road.
4. Costa Mesa High School Bus parking is on the right, just past Arlington and across the street from O.C.C. Buses and equipment vehicles turn into this parking lot on the right by either the Theater or the Gym. You will be directed as to where to park (see warm up area schedule).
5. Spectator parking – Spectator parking will be offered across the street from Costa Mesa High School on Fairview Road @ Orange Coast College in lots C & D. There is a parking fee of \$5.00. Limited parking will also be available at Davis Elementary School on Arlington, just past the stadium.
6. Warm up areas will be designated and are limited to inside the campus area, as not to bleed sound into the stadium. Color Guards may warm-up in free campus spaces, as long as there is no sound bleed into the stadium.
7. Bands will go from warm-up areas, through the blacktop to the stadium.

Bus Parking:

Your group may be directed to park in the main bus parking lot (Lot 1) on the far end of campus by the main gym. Groups assigned to Warm-up Lot C will be directed to park in the first parking lot next to the CMHS Performing Arts Center (Lot 2). See the schedule to determine which lot you will be entering.

Upon Arrival:

When you check in, you will receive a show day packet which will include: wristbands for your student performers, adult/chaperone wristbands, campus map, and copy of the schedule. All other spectators may purchase tickets at the ticket booth by the spectator entrance. Ticket prices are: **General Admission \$15, Students \$5, and Children 5 and under are free.**

Spectator Parking:

Orange Coast College (OCC) has graciously offered parking for spectators for our event this year. OCC is located on Fairview Road, directly across the street from Costa Mesa High School. Once parked at OCC, walk across Fairview Road at the corner of Merrimac in Lots C & D of OCC (you will see the CMHS PAC on the corner). Follow the sidewalk down Arlington to the stadium. There will also be limited parking at Davis Elementary School (75 spots) on Arlington directly adjacent to the stadium.

Warm Ups:

Follow the warm up schedule that will be sent out two weeks prior to the competition, if it is not your time to warm up in that zone then please respect the school that has the time. Please be careful with the volume of your percussion sections, and **NO “Dr. Beat” or amplified metronome**. If a student volunteer or any volunteer worker approaches you about having an amplified metronome please respect their request. Have your group face away from the stadium during warm-ups, as to not interfere with the performance on the field. Please do not play in the quiet zone - pathway to the stadium on the blacktop. (See warm-up area and campus maps).

Entering the Field/Stadium:

All bands enter the stadium from the band gate and onto the field from “stage left.” You will enter the field from the back right of the field. Pits and props enter the stadium through the front gate, and line up on the track to the left. All motorized vehicles are asked to stay off the main field area (turf), and may drive around the track. After the performance, all members of the band will exit through the same gate that they entered. Remember the band that is next to perform always has priority through the gate. Wait for the band to clear on the field/track before exiting. All CSBC rules apply to all performance situations. CMHS will provide electrical power in the front of the field on the 50 yard line. In case of a blown fuse, you are responsible for a backup generator.

After Performance:

All students, staff, and parent volunteers must have their wristbands or staff badges on to enter and re-enter the stadium. No one will be allowed into the stadium without a wristband or CSBC Staff badge.

Director/Staff Hospitality:

Please be sure to visit the director/staff hospitality area, which is located in the stadium on the grassy area behind the scoreboard. You will see it as you enter the field with your band. We have planned a wonderful assortment of refreshments and food for you!

Concessions:

A full line of wonderful food and concessions at reasonable prices will be available for your group, so please take advantage of this. We will be providing a variety of food at our concession stand, including snacks, drinks, desserts, and other lunch items. Enjoy the hot food and eat up!

***NMUSD does NOT allow preparation of food in large amounts on any NMUSD Campus.** This includes barbeques and other table set ups that impede parking, and the overall flow of the tournament. Per our school district policy, we will enforce this during our tournament times. Parking will be tight even with two award ceremonies, so please be courteous of other schools parking areas.

Schedule & Arrival:

The schedule for the tournament will be posted 2 weeks prior to the event. Please make sure you arrive at the event no sooner than an hour and a half before your performance time. You are expected to have your front ensemble ready by the stadium 10 minutes prior to your performance time. Once CSBC has released the schedule I will send out another email detailing the expected arrival time, warm up time, warm up location, and performance time.

Award Ceremony:

There will be two awards ceremonies held throughout the day. Student leaders will meet at the band entrance of the field immediately after the last 3A division performance for the first awards ceremony. The second awards ceremony will begin after the final 5A performance. Leaders will be directed to line up in performance order for the awards ceremony. All trophies will be given out based on the CSBC guidelines for competition.

Directors will meet underneath the scoreboard with the judges at the start of the awards ceremony.

Enjoy your day! Let me know if you need anything.

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