

## 2023 TCGC Color Guard Championships

Reed Arena

April 1 & 2, 2023

Start Time: Sat 8:00 am/Sunday 9:00 am

**Facility:** Reed Arena  
730 Olsen Blvd  
College Station, TX 77843

**Ticket Prices:** \$20 for one day, \$35 for two days (fees will apply)

*Presale tickets available online.*

*Cash & Credit accepted on site.*

### **Show Contact Info:**

#### **Contest Director**

Sara Bryant & Chelsea Crochet

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westcd@texascolorguardcircuit.org

#### **Show Host Contact**

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### **Judging Panels:**

EQ- Doug Henderson

MV Charles Brown

DA Scott Pizani

GE Jackie Gilley

GE Kendall LeJuene

LJ Greg Llacer & Keith McKeachie

### **TO LISTEN TO JUDGES COMMENTARY:**

Each director should be set up with an account through CompetitionSuite. This is the **ONLY WAY** to receive judge commentary for any TCGC event.

**FEES:** All outstanding fees for area/championships, pull outs/no-shows, and senior medals must be paid before your unit will be able to perform at this event. You can do so [HERE](#).

**UNIT STORAGE:** After check-in, units will be able to store their garment bags and other items to change for retreat in the backside of the concourse level of the arena, if needed.

**WARM-UP AREA:** All maps are in this packet. Units should arrive/check-in and tunnel at the times on the schedule.

**RETREAT:** There will be a **lights out**, FULL UNIT retreat as indicated on the schedule. This retreat is typically longer than a regular retreat due to the nature of the event. Please see the schedule for other awards presentations that will happen through the event, as to help manage the length of this final awards ceremony.

**VIDEO TAPING:** TCGC will do everything possible to provide a video of each performance.

*We appreciate your flexibility with the ever-changing world we live in today. We will be in close communication with the show host, and all necessary parties prior to our events, and will do our best to communicate in a timely manner any changes in circumstances surrounding our events.*





**March 26, 2023**

Dear Directors,

Welcome to Bryan/College Station, home of Texas A&M University's Reed Arena and the 2023 Texas Color Guard Circuit Championships. You are our guest and we want you to have a great experience both at our event and in the community.

The location for the championships is:  
Texas A&M University  
Reed Arena  
730 Olsen Blvd  
College Station, Texas 77843

We are excited to host you and hope that you will take some time to review this packet of information so that you will be prepared for your experience in this large facility. We are doing our best to be as informative as possible, but as you probably already know, flexibility is needed as some issues come up at the last minute. We will do our best to troubleshoot in a swift and efficient manner. We hope that the info in this packet will help make your Championship experience the best it can be!

Attached are flow maps, and information about the facility. As always, our intent is for everything to run on-time and smoothly. Please remain flexible as we work through any issue that arises on the day of the contest.

***\*Reed Arena has a clear bag policy in effect for all spectators. Please inform your parents traveling to the contest.\****

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SPECTATOR PARKING AT OUR EVENT\*\***

Texas A&M will be charging a \$5 fee for parking. You can pay in advance [HERE](#) (select the Reed Arena option, and the Color Guard option) or pay with CASH ONLY on the day of the event. Fees will apply if purchasing in advance online. We want you to know that there are MANY other LARGE events going on, on campus in that same area. Buses and Trucks will park in **Lot 100 C**. Spectators will want to park in 100 A or B but these may fill up. Please look at the maps provided in this packet.

**Directors, please share all information about parking with your parents who will come as spectators on this day! THEY WILL NEED TO KNOW TO PLAN EXTRA TIME!**



**UNIT CHECK-IN**- There will be ONE registration location for all units at the **tunnel/loading dock area** of the arena (this is a change from previous years but the same as last year.) If you have props to unload, ***you can do so at your check-in time ONLY***. Color guard units will go into the staging area after check-in (back side of the concourse.)

All units will get enough white wristbands for their performers, and up to eight extra for floor crew. **ALL UNITS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE UP TO EIGHT ADDITIONAL BACKSIDE SEATING PASSES for \$5**. Any additional after this eight will be full price. Full priced wristbands will need to be purchased at the Spectator entrance. We will not have these at unit check-in. Receipts will be available.

All Color Guards attending Area Championships can get in for \$5 performer seating, with a reservation. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve these tickets for your unit. This list will be given to the spectator ticket attendants, and those bands will need to be paid for by that time- cash, credit or school district check.

**SNA units who do not advance to finals on Sunday WILL have to pay for \$5 performer wristbands to attend the Sunday event as spectators. There will be a different color wristband for Sunday performers.**

Like last year we will not have unit guides for the entire flow of the contest. Instead we will have "check-point" guides to help you navigate around the arena for your contest flow.

Bus Drivers will be able to enter the event free of charge when they show their Bus Driver ID. Maps are included in this packet. Please get your bus drivers phone number in case we have to ask them to move to accommodate units who perform later.

**FEES**- All units who compete at Reed Arena must pay the \$100 championships fee before they will be allowed to perform that day. You can pay prior to the event using [THIS LINK](#), or turn it in at check-in on the day of. Please remember that you also must pay any area fees, senior medal fees, pull out or no show fees owed to TCGC. Please plan to take care of this at check-in. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have questions regarding fees, please email Diane at [bookkeeper@texascolorguardcircuit.org](mailto:bookkeeper@texascolorguardcircuit.org).

**UNIT PARKING**- Parking is \$5 cash only per vehicle for spectators and all personal vehicles. See parking maps attached for more detail. TCGC is providing five (one-time access) parking passes for each independent unit.

**\*\*DO NOT LEAVE TRASH OR TRASH BAGS IN THE PARKING LOTS.** There is a dumpster in the loading dock area. We have to pay extra for clean up services, if this happens, and could result in your unit having to pay fines. **\*\***

**PROP UNLOAD/STORAGE**- In order to pull your prop truck into the loading zone-



you will need to have a pass to drive into that area. To receive this pass, you will email [events@texascolorguardcircuit.org](mailto:events@texascolorguardcircuit.org) by Wednesday, March 29th at 5 pm requesting this pass. I will send all of these passes out by email on Thursday for you to print off to display in your prop vehicle(s.) Each unit may only have one vehicle in the prop loading zone at a time. You will unload your props/floors at the loading dock going into the tunnel **AT YOUR CHECK IN TIME ONLY**. You will not be allowed to pull your prop vehicles into the loading dock area until this time. You will be limited to a 5 minute unloading/loading time, and will have to move the vehicles once loading/unloading is complete. Please do not pull into that area until your crew is ready to unload/load. As soon as you are loaded, you will return to Lot 100 C. Prop storage space is limited. Props must be loaded immediately after your performance is over.

**CONTEST FLOW**- The flow will be the same as 2022. Please review all flow maps included. Again, please make sure that you are at the warm-up and/or ready lines as the schedule outlines. Check-in is now at the tunnel/loading dock area, and units will head upstairs to concourse level from there. Body warm-up and equipment warm-up are in the same locations, The arena is now turned "sideways" so the flow in getting onto and off the floor will be a bit different. We will offer indoor floor folding behind the performance curtain (think Nutter Center in Dayton set-up.)

We appreciate you and your students using caution when moving large equipment and props throughout the facility, as to not damage the walls, or floors. Thank you for your advanced cooperation and preparation.

**STAGING AREA**- After your check-in time, your unit will be able to use the concourse to store their personal bags/belongings in order to change for retreat. This is **NOT** an equipment storage area. Following your performance, you must load all equipment on your bus/truck. This space will **ONLY** be for uniform/changing needs. There will also be no gathering in this area. Students will be directed to go to the stands if they are found "hanging out" in the concourse. **Please be mindful of the shared space. Once your performance is over, plan to condense your space and/or load as much of your belongings to allow space for the units that perform later in the day.** There will be no stretching, dancing or spinning in this area (and no playing of music.) Please do not use public restrooms (spectator side of concourse) for changing. **THERE IS NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS (INCLUDING COOLERS) ALLOWED IN THE ARENA. PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS TO YOUR BOOSTER CLUB, AND DO NOT PLAN TO EAT MEALS BOUGHT FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES IN THE ARENA.**

**CONCESSIONS**- Concessions will be open 8 am- 10 pm. **The Reed Arena Concessions ARE CASHLESS. They will only accept credit cards or ApplePay.** They will offer your typical concession stand food- hotdogs, hamburgers, nachos, pretzels, candy, and drinks. Concessions are run by an outside contracted company and TCGC has nothing to do with the menu, prices, and/or hours of operation. Being



a college town, there are ample restaurants and a mall, at which you may feed your students.

**TICKETS- PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR PARENTS-** Ticket prices for all ages are \$20 for one day of admission and \$35 for a Saturday/Sunday combo ticket.. Free admission is offered for kids younger than 2 years old. We are selling tickets online two weeks prior to the event using [THIS LINK](#), and will accept cash & credit card payments on site. It is in your best interest to buy them online to avoid waiting in line at the arena. Doors open at 7:15 am for April 1 and 8:15 am for April 2 to spectators. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR FAMILIES TO PLAN EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVEL AND PARKING, AS THERE ARE MULTIPLE LARGE EVENTS GOING ON NEAR THE ARENA!**

**Reminder:** Any unit that competed in TCGC this season can attend championships by reserving tickets at a discounted rate of \$5 each. There will be a google form sent out for you to order your wristbands. Please do so by Wednesday, March 29th to reserve tickets at this rate. If reservations are not made, please plan on paying full price. These wristbands can be picked up at the Spectator entrance of the arena at the ticket booth. Reserve your tickets [HERE](#).

**JUMBOTRON-** Although we are not live-streaming our championship events this year, we plan on displaying your unit's performances on the jumbotron, in real time.

**FLOOR RE-FOLD-** The floor refold area will be inside the arena, behind the curtain. Please use consideration with noise level, as performances will be going on, on the other side of the curtain, and move swiftly to avoid back-up/traffic jams in this area. You have ONE interval worth of time to get your floor folded, onto a cart and out of the space.

**HOTELS-** Hotel availability is limited, at this point, because of many events going on in the area that weekend. If you have any questions you can contact Jessica Torrez, our president at [president@texascolorguardcircuit.org](mailto:president@texascolorguardcircuit.org).

**FIRST AID-** There will be a medic on-site in the tunnel area at all times. Please find the nearest event staff person to help direct you to the correct place. They will be happy to assist. **\*REGARDING ICE PACKS-** The medics are there for serious medical emergencies, and do not have access to be able to provide ice packs on a regular basis. You might consider packing some in your first aid kit that travels with you.

**SECURITY-** For the safety of your students, we will have uniformed security on site the entire weekend. If an emergency arises, please let one of the officers handle the situation. Safety First!

**DIRECTOR HOSPITALITY-** There will be a director hospitality room on the 2nd floor across from the body warm-up room. There will be some pre-packaged snacks



type items, and bottled water available.

**VIDEOS**- No video cameras allowed and no authorized video space will be provided. TCGC does not condone nor accept liability for any unauthorized recording during our events. We will do our best to record each performance and provide this on competition suite to our directors.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**- Action photos will be taken by our media team and posted at no cost following our events. Group photos will not formally be taken, however there will be a backdrop set-up at the photo area (see maps provided) if your group would like to use this space to take a formal photo with parents/directors own cameras. We have scheduled a photo time on the schedule and will have to limit traffic in these areas. If you would like to take these photos with our backdrop, you will have to do so during your designated time.

**TCGC MERCHANDISE**- Pepwear will be selling branded championships merchandise and more. Credit cards will be accepted.

**MAPS/FLOW**- Please note that we have attached some maps for you to get acquainted with. ***The flow is the same as last year, but please familiarize yourself with this newer set up!***

**WARM-UP AREA**- In accordance with TCGC policy, both body warm-up and equipment warm-up areas will be offered for guards. Each is timed and will run according to the schedule posted by TCGC. Please note that there will be no general warm-up areas inside, but many open areas outside may be used. All that we ask is that you do not rehearse in the parking lots for the safety of students (because of traffic from other events, etc.) For color guard units- sound equipment will ***NOT*** be available in the warm-up rooms for you to use!

**RETREAT**- Retreat ceremonies are a special, memorable experience. Lights down, music on, and a celebration will commence. We will recognize each participating unit and will allow them their "moment in the spotlight", as they make their walk onto the floor. The area high schools will be selling flowers for our Dayton-like retreat ceremonies. There will be a full unit retreat, and units will be lined up in the warm-up gym and tunnel, following the final performance of the day. More instructions on where to report for retreat will be given to you at unit check-in! Unit Directors: Please send one staff member with your unit to these areas to help us expedite the line-up process for retreat. If for some reason your unit will NOT be staying for retreat, please let the check-in table know, so we can plan for our line-up processes. ***Retreat will begin as SOON AS POSSIBLE after the last performance- please be flexible as we set up the arena for the ceremony and tabulate the last bit of scores before it can begin!*** **Please note that the facility does not allow bubbles, balloons, confetti, glitter or similar items. Please also tell your students not to throw any items during the retreat ceremony.**



***REMINDER: WHEN LEAVING THE ARENA PARKING LOT, YOUR AREA AROUND YOUR BUSES AND TRUCKS MUST BE FREE OF ALL TRASH AND OTHER ITEMS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.***

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR PARENTS WHO ARE TRAVELING TO THE COMPETITION.** Our biggest cause of concern in past years is from the spectators that were unsure of ticket prices, where to go, scheduling, etc.

We hope that we have covered all of the areas where you may have questions. If you need any other information, please do not hesitate to shoot us an email: [events@texascolorguardcircuit.org](mailto:events@texascolorguardcircuit.org). We will do our best to get back to you quickly.

See you all very soon! Good luck in preparation!

Sincerely,

Marie DeBellis & Jessie Trejo  
Texas Color Guard Circuit Circuit Administrator  
Texas Color Guard Circuit Events Coordinator

**Directions to Reed Arena-**

**\*\*PLEASE USE THESE DIRECTIONS, AS THIS WILL YIELD THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC, DUE TO THE OTHER EVENTS ON CAMPUS. THERE WILL BE ROAD CLOSURES THAT WILL DELAY YOUR ABILITY TO GET TO THE PARKING LOTS. \*\***

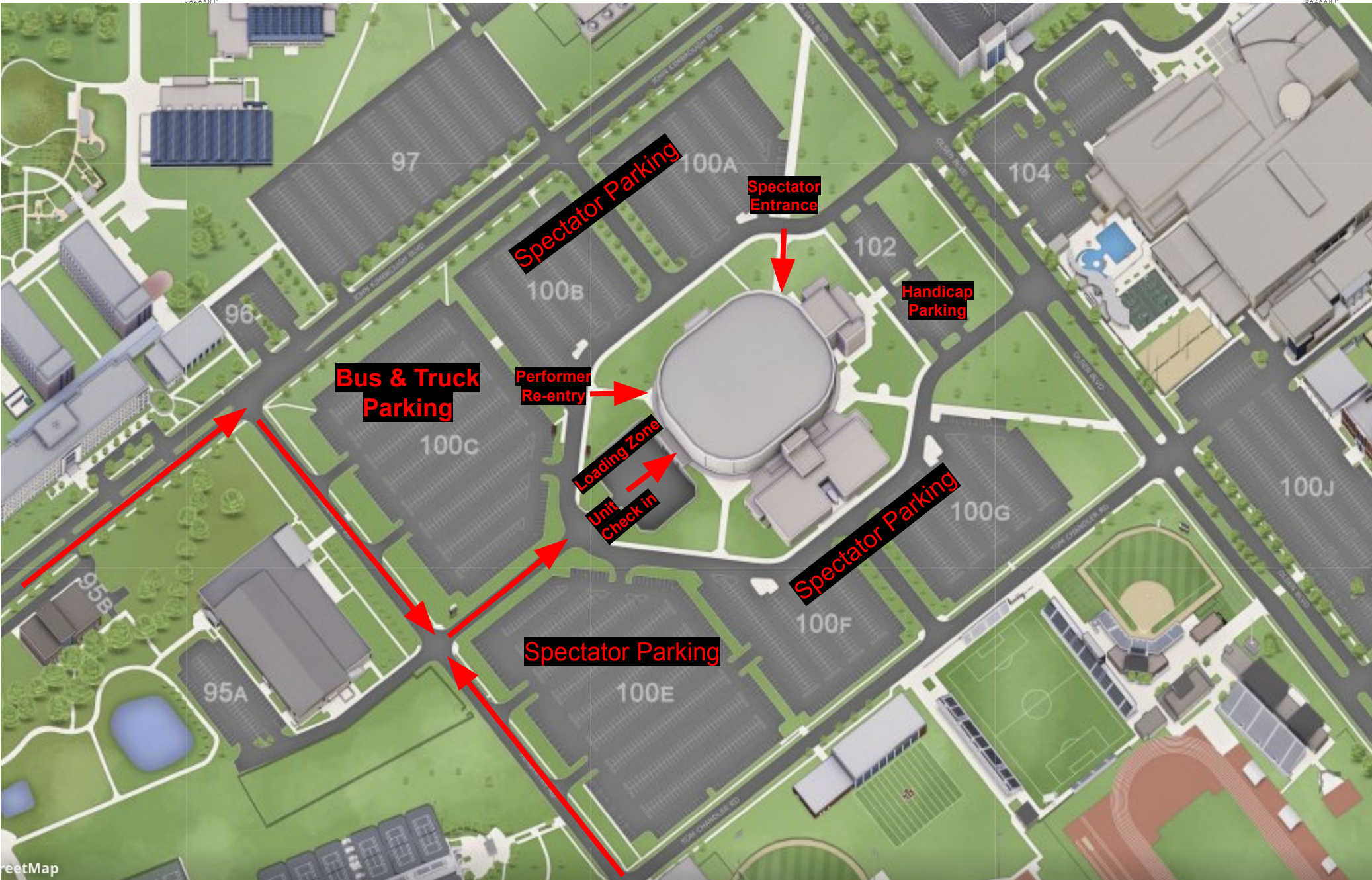
- Highway 6 to University Dr. exit, and go west onto University.
- Take University Dr about 3.6 miles, and turn left on Discovery Drive.
- Take Discovery Drive for .4 miles and then Turn left onto John Kimbrough Blvd.
- Take John Kimbrough for .3 miles and then Turn right onto Penberthy Blvd to go directly to check-in and prop unloading area.
- Take a left into lot 100 C for buses, and trucks can turn left in the driveway for the loading dock.

**For spectators:**

- Highway 6 to University Dr. exit, and go west onto University.
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- Continue on John Kimbrough Blvd to lots 100 A & B entrances



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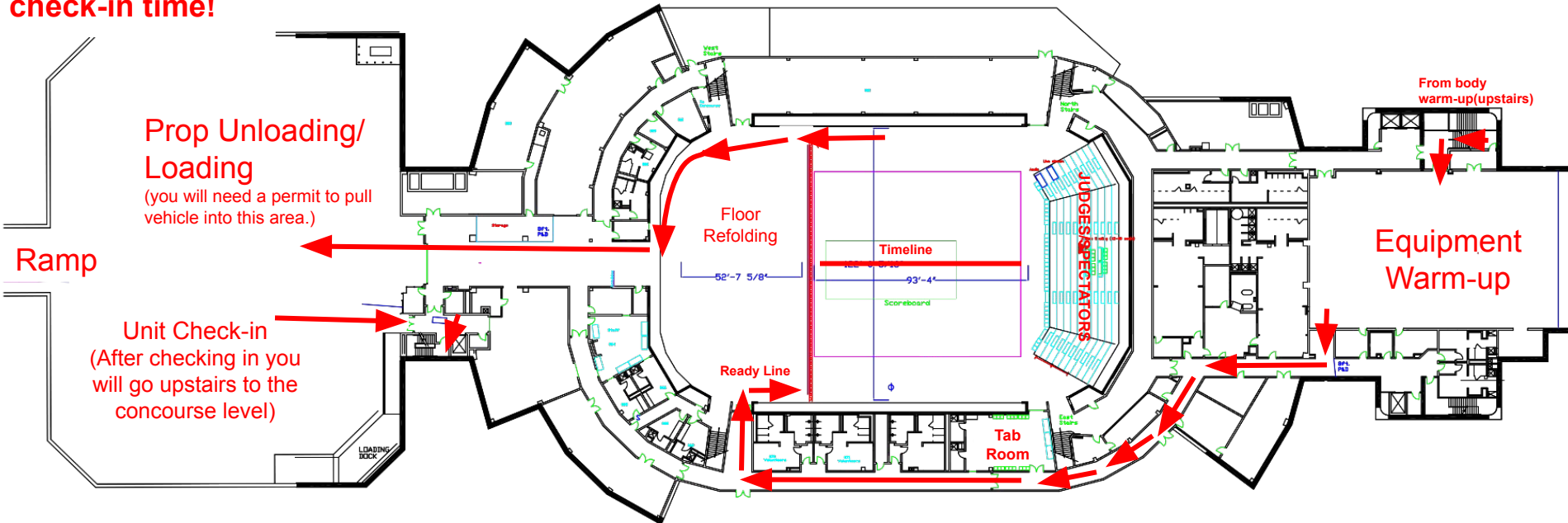






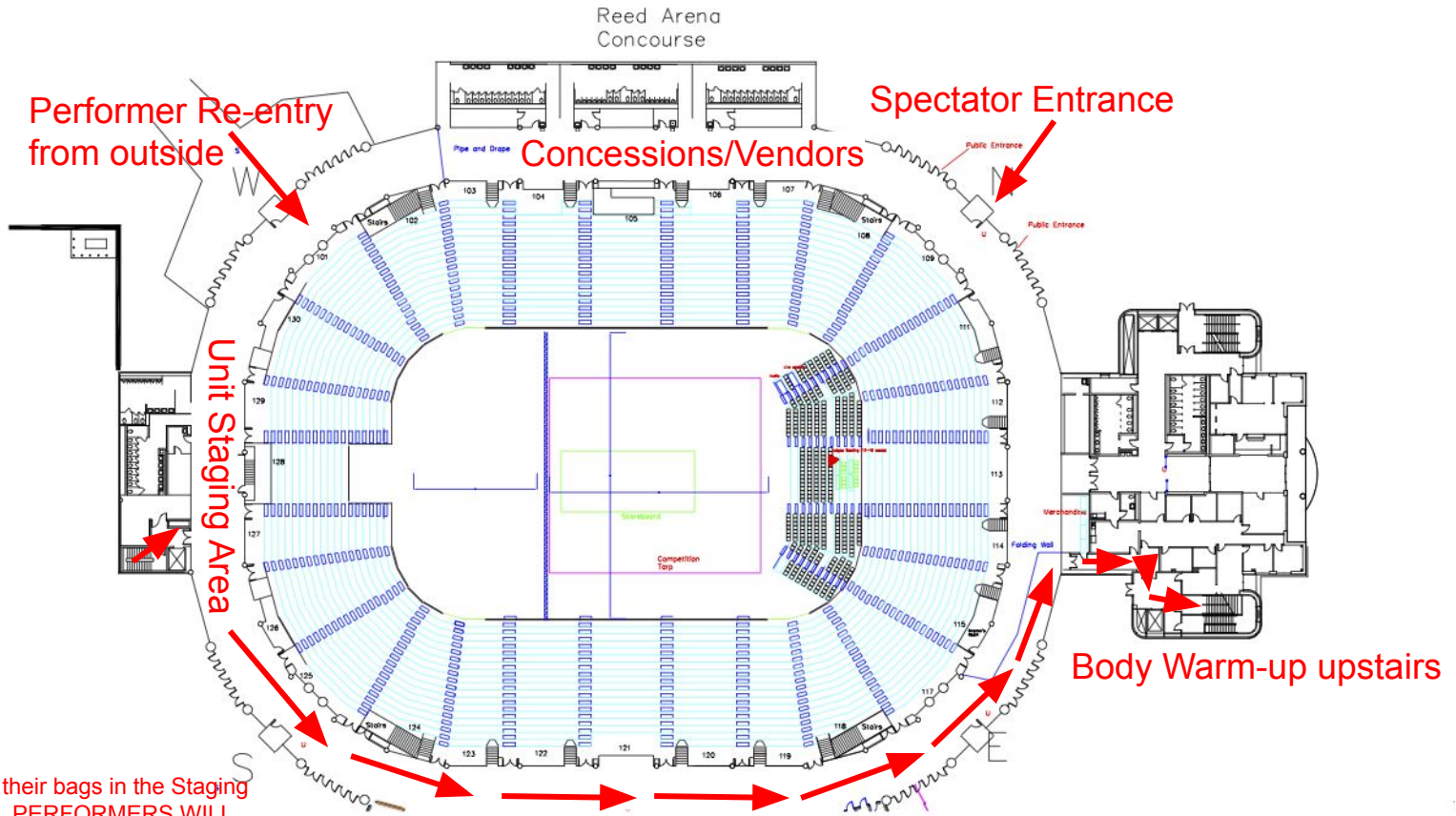
## TCGC Color Guard Championships- Reed Arena Sub-Concourse Level

**Prop Trucks pulling down the ramp and unloading will be allowed at your unit's check-in time!**





# TCGC Championships- Color Guard Reed Arena Concourse Level



Performer Re-entry from outside

Spectator Entrance

Concessions/Vendors

Unit Staging Area

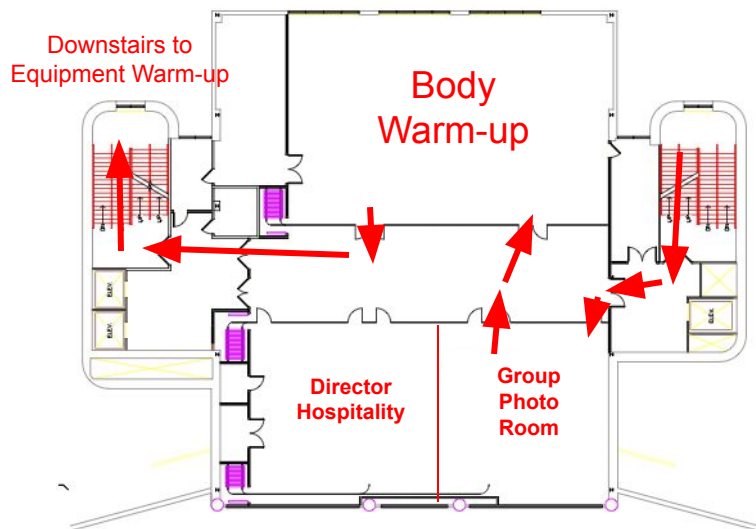
Body Warm-up upstairs

Units will be able to store their bags in the Staging area to change for retreat. PERFORMERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONGREGATE IN THIS AREA EXCEPT TO CHANGE!

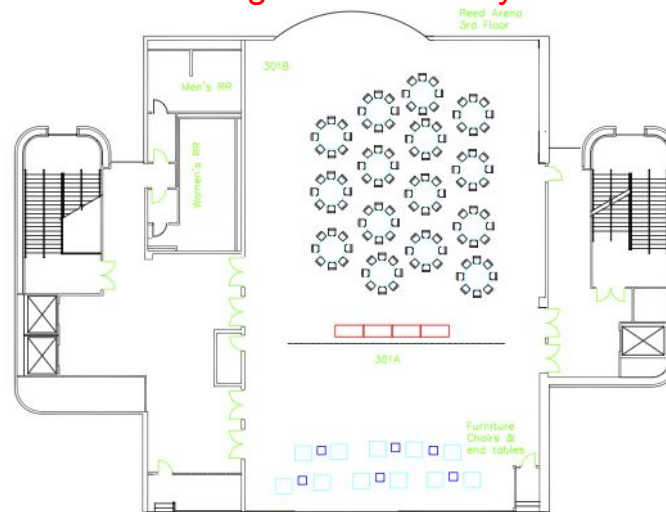


## TCGC Championships- Color Guard Reed Arena Upstairs - 2nd & 3rd Floor

### 2nd Floor



### 3rd Floor- Judges & Staff Only

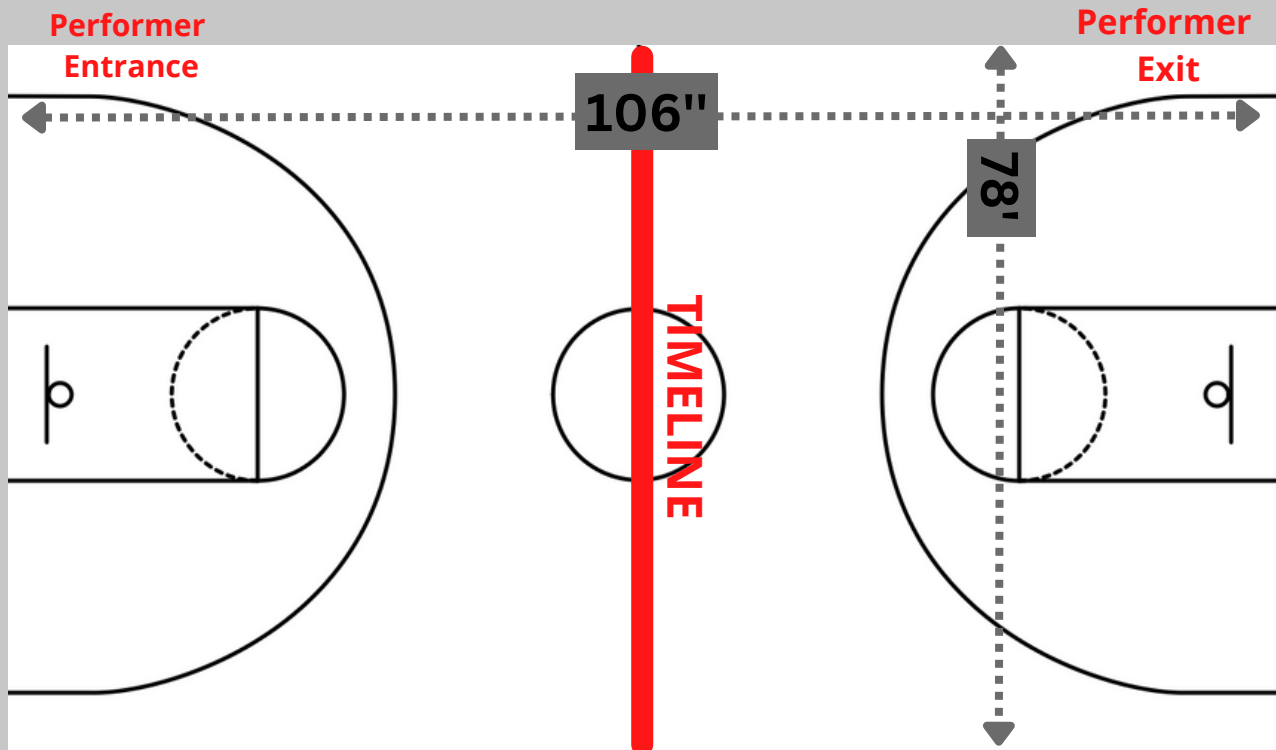




At TCGC events, we strive to provide a minimum of seventy by one hundred feet (70' X 100') to accommodate a "safety zone" of five (5) feet from any spectator seating. If no spectators are seated on the left and right sides, then the safety zone will be eliminated on the left and right sides of the competition area and can extend to a maximum of 106' X 78'.

The "competition area" at this event measures 106' X 78'. All performing groups must be prepared to perform within that area. Floors (tarps) may not extend into the safety zones per rules found in the WGI Adjudication Manual and Rulebook.

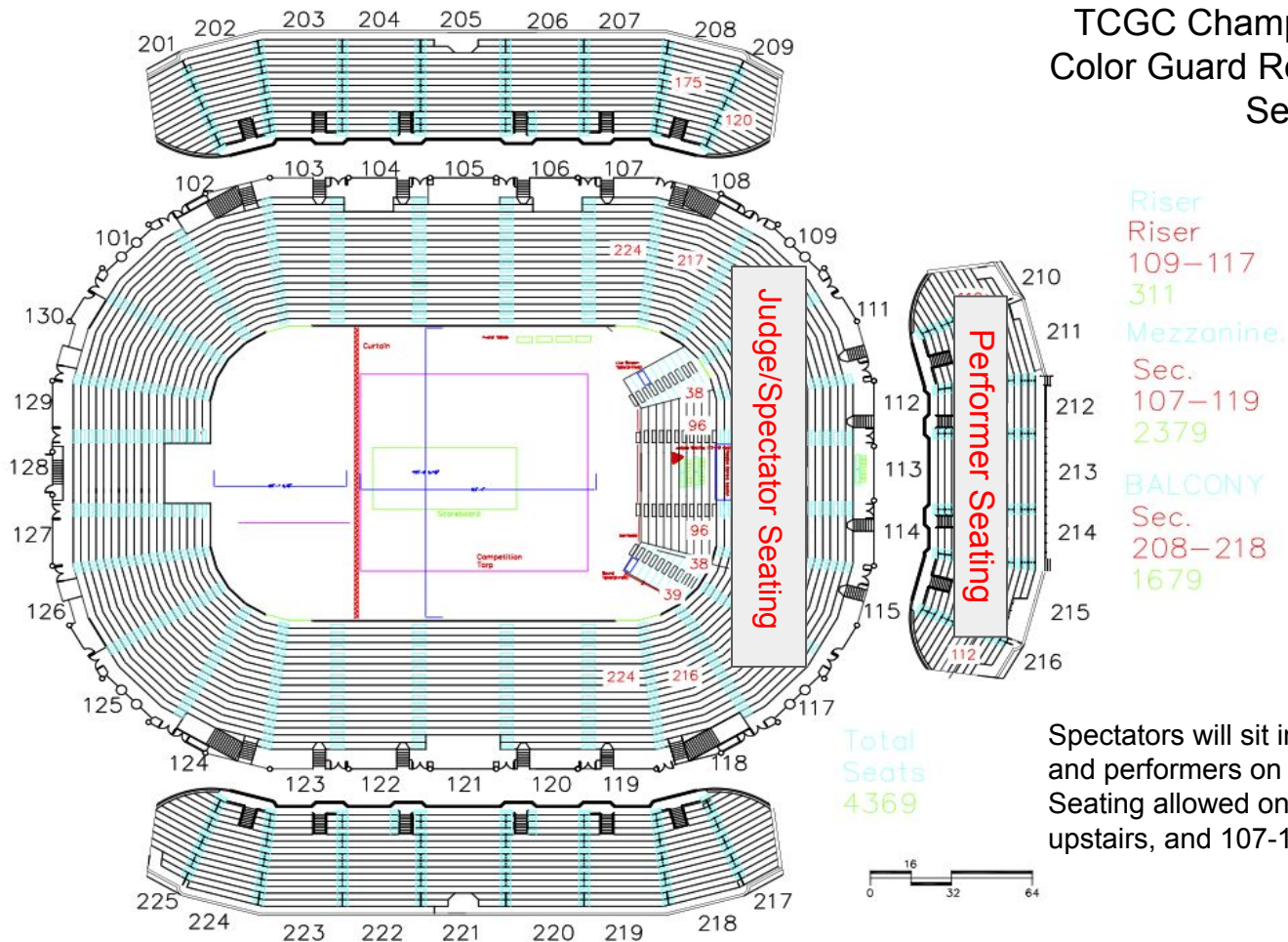
## BACKSIDE SEATING



## SPECTATOR SEATING



# TCGC Championships- Color Guard Reed Arena Seating Map



Spectators will sit in lower deck, and performers on the upper deck. Seating allowed only in 210-216 upstairs, and 107-119 downstairs.