

Rule Proposals for 2021

Proposal # 1	Pg. 5 – Art IV.F	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Change number needed for a quorum of Board members.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u> A quorum of the Board shall consist of five members.</p>			
<p><u>New Text:</u> A quorum of the Board shall consist of six members (not including the President).</p>			
<p><u>Rationale:</u> This will guarantee that there is representation by both major divisions (Guard & P/W) on all voting. As it currently stands with: VP Guards / Treasurer / Secretary / WGI Rep / MCGC Rep all (5) being with one division - the division could create a quorum without representation of the other division.</p> <p>There should not be the thought that ... "It is hard enough to get a 5 person quorum." If people are not there to be responsive to a notified vote - they should not be on the Board of Directors.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>			
<p>Submitted by: Dave Pickett</p> <p>Affiliation: Vice President of Percussion and Winds</p>			

Proposal # 2	Pg. 5 – Art IV.G	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Eliminate the title "Executive Committee," and adjust wording accordingly wherever the phrase is used.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p>			

- G. The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** shall be comprised of the President, Vice President of Color Guards, Vice President of Percussion and Winds, Secretary, and Treasurer. In case of a critical situation the Executive Committee is empowered by the Board of Directors to make decisions on its behalf, including expenditures of up to \$200. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four members.
- I. 3. Vacancies created shall be filled as specified above. Exceptions may be made for personal emergencies as approved by the Executive Committee.
- K. **ADVISORY BOARDS:**
There shall be a Color Guard Advisory Board and a Percussion and Winds Advisory Board.
1. Duties:
The Advisory Boards will have the power to suggest changes to by-laws, rules, and standard operating procedures at any time throughout the year. The Executive Committee will have the power to decide whether to implement the proposed change.

New Text:

(REMOVE G)

- I. 3. Vacancies created shall be filled as specified above. Exceptions may be made for personal emergencies as approved by the **Board of Directors**.
- K. **ADVISORY BOARDS:**
There shall be a Color Guard Advisory Board and a Percussion and Winds Advisory Board.
1. Duties:
The Advisory Boards will have the power to suggest changes to **MCGC** by-laws, **their division's** rules, and standard operating procedures at any time throughout the year. The **Board of Directors** will have the power to decide whether to implement the proposed change.

Rationale:

This proposal eliminates the Executive Committee. This sub-group of the Board of Directors may have served a more important function in the days when communication was more difficult, but today, we all have immediate access to information; the Board of Directors even uses an instant messaging service as the primary means of communication. So these days, the Executive Committee only serves to have mini-board meetings that exclude the guard and P/W reps. The only described purpose of such meetings is "In case of a critical situation," but what situation would make it that much more difficult to contact four more people over the exact same service the BoD is already using?

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Anthony Leithauser

Affiliation: MCGC Board of Directors, Rules Committee, Percussion & Winds Advisory Board, Grand Blanc HS Percussion

Proposal # 3	Pg. 5 – Art IV.G	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<u>Synopsis:</u> Change number needed for a quorum of Exec Committee members.			
<u>Old Text:</u> A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four members.			
<u>New Text:</u> A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of all five members.			
<u>Rationale:</u> If there is a topic or concern of such high need that it must be considered by the 5-person Executive Committee; all members of the committee should be involved with making the decision for the Circuit.			
<u>Financial Impact:</u> None			
Submitted by: Dave Pickett Affiliation: Vice President of Percussion and Winds			

Proposal # 4	Pg. 7 – Article VI.D	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<u>Synopsis:</u> Remove reference to a quorum of the Membership.			
<u>Old Text:</u> D. A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the current membership of the Circuit.			
<u>New Text:</u> (Remove)			

<p><u>Rationale:</u> “Quorum” means the least number of people required in order for decisions and actions to be official. But our Article regarding By-Law changes and our Rule regarding Rule changes both state that the majority of the people at the Spring Meeting will be sufficient to make changes. These things are in conflict with each other. And since the amendment guidelines were put in place because we often don’t get 1/3 of the Membership to show up at meetings, this is the conflicting statement that should go.</p>
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>
<p>Submitted by: MCGC Rules Committee</p> <p>Affiliation:</p>

Proposal # 5	Pg. 8 & 10 – Art IX and Rule 2	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Change rule proposal deadlines.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>ARTICLE VI General Membership Meetings</p> <p>B. At least two meetings shall be held each year: one in the fall, and one in the spring or summer at least five weeks after the last WGI World Championships event. All other meetings will be at the discretion of the President and/or Board of Directors.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX Amendments</p> <p>These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Any proposals for change received after 30 days prior to the meeting will not be published with the other proposals. Any proposals for change made at the meeting must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership vote to pass.</p> <p>2. Rule Changes</p> <p>1. Changes, deletions and/or additions to these rules may be made by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least 15 days prior to the meeting.</p>			

New Text:

ARTICLE VI | General Membership Meetings

- B. At least two meetings shall be held each year: one in the fall, and one in the spring or summer at least **four** weeks after the last WGI World Championships event. All other meetings will be at the discretion of the President and/or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX | Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least **21 days** prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least **7 days** prior to the meeting. Any proposals for change received after **21 days** prior to the meeting will not be published with the other proposals. Any proposals for change made at the meeting must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership vote to pass.

2. Rule Changes

- 1. Changes, deletions and/or additions to these rules may be made by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least **21 days** prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least **7 days** prior to the meeting.

Rationale:

This proposal reduces the required time between the rule and by-law change proposal submission deadline and the spring meeting to 21 days from 30 days. This change would ultimately allow us to have the spring meeting earlier but still not be right up against WGI. The Rules Committee would still have two weeks to evaluate and format the proposals, leaving seven days from publishing of the proposals until the spring meeting. This change would also put us in line with what WGI does, which is to publish rule change proposals seven days before the advisory boards meet to vote. More time may have been needed in the past, but these days we all have immediate access to information, so seven days of evaluation time is plenty - especially considering the added flexibility we would gain.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Anthony Leithauser

Affiliation: MCGC Board of Directors, Rules Committee, Percussion & Winds Advisory Board, Grand Blanc HS Percussion

Proposal # 6	Pg. 8 – Article IX Amendments	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
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Synopsis: Separate guard and percussion / winds rulebooks. Combine guidelines for amending rules into a by-law.

Old Text:

ARTICLE IX | Amendments

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1. Changes, deletions and/or additions to these rules may be made by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
2. Changes, deletions and/or additions to these rules which have not been submitted to the Rules Committee in accordance with rule 2.1 must receive a 2/3 majority vote of the members present in order to pass.
3. With a 15 day notice, the Board of Directors can also call a special meeting of the general membership to address and vote on urgent situations. All such votes must receive a 2/3 majority vote of the members present in order to pass.

New Text:

ARTICLE IX | Rules and Amendments

- A. These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Any proposals for change received after 30 days prior to the meeting will not be published with the other proposals. Any proposals for change made at the meeting must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total membership vote to pass.

- B. Rules for the separate divisions of MCGC will be contained in two rule books. Color guard rules will be listed under COLOR GUARD RULES. Percussion and winds rules will be listed under PERCUSSION & WINDS RULES. Each division shall control their own rules.
- C. The rules may be amended by a majority of the members of each respective division present at the Spring General Membership Meeting provided that any proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the Rules Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The President is then responsible to publish the proposed changes and forward them to all members with the meeting notice, to be received at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Any proposals for change received after 30 days prior to the meeting will not be published with the other proposals. Any proposals for change made at the meeting must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of each respective division present in order to pass.
- D. Changes to rules must go to the Board of Directors for ratification before being added to the respective rule books.
- E. With a 15 day notice, the Board of Directors can also call a special meeting of the general membership to address and vote on urgent situations. All such votes must receive a 2/3 majority vote of the members of each respective division present in order to pass.

Rationale:

It has become clear recently that the specific needs of each of our competitive divisions in MCGC are different. In line with our circuit's purpose in Article II of the by-laws, separating our rule books should facilitate continued growth and camaraderie under the MCGC umbrella. The proposal is intended to unify and strengthen the circuit by allowing more autonomy within each division.

With this proposal, each division can more efficiently adapt their own rules without worrying about potential unintended consequences on the other side of the circuit. The by-laws will remain over all circuit members, and the process for making changes is the same. All members are eligible to vote on by-law changes. Once the rule books separate, guard members would vote on guard rule book changes, and percussion and winds members would vote on percussion and winds rule book changes. The process for how rules change would become a by-law instead of a rule. The Board of Directors would also gain additional supervision over rule book changes.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Percussion and Winds Advisory Board

Affiliation:

Proposal # 7	Pg. 10 – Rule 3.2	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Split membership dues differently - CompSuite fee comes out of technology fund.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MCGC Membership Application will be available online beginning October 1st and must be submitted with membership dues payment on or before December 1st. 2. Membership dues shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year. One hundred (\$100) shall go to the MCGC Treasury for Circuit general expenses; twenty (\$20) shall pay each unit's Competition Suite fee; the remainder shall go toward contest equipment update and upkeep. 			
<p><u>New Text:</u></p> <p>Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MCGC Membership Application will be available online beginning October 1st and must be submitted with membership dues payment on or before December 1st. 2. Membership dues shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per year. One hundred (\$100) shall go to the MCGC Treasury for Circuit general expenses; fifty (\$50) shall go toward the technology fund. Registration for Competition Suite will be paid from the technology fund. 			
<p><u>Rationale:</u> This will make entering payments into our accounting software easier and simplifies the accounting slightly. It doesn't affect any way that the Circuit operates.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>			
<p>Submitted by: Craig Rizzi</p> <p>Affiliation: MCGC Treasurer and Stoney Creek HS</p>			

Proposal # 8	Pg. 11 – Rule 4.d	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> AA class units should use Reg A timing criteria.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>d. SCHOLASTIC/INDEPENDENT AA is intended as an intermediate development class between Regional A and Scholastic/Independent A Class. This class will use WGI A class sheets and timing criteria. Units competing in this class may attend one WGI sanctioned event, in Scholastic/Independent A class, per competitive season without being reclassified to A class in MCGC. Units may be promoted from this class in accordance with the Promotion and Reclassification rule.</p>			
<p><u>New Text:</u></p> <p>d. SCHOLASTIC/INDEPENDENT AA is intended as an intermediate development class between Regional A and Scholastic/Independent A Class. This class will use WGI A class sheets and Regional A timing criteria. Units competing in this class may attend one WGI sanctioned event, in Scholastic/Independent A class, per competitive season without being reclassified to A class in MCGC (units choosing to go to a WGI regional must abide by WGI timing guidelines). Units may be promoted from this class in accordance with the Promotion and Reclassification rule. If a unit is promoted to A class, they would not need to add time to follow A class timing criteria.</p>			
<p><u>Rationale:</u> By allowing AA groups to follow regional A timing guidelines, it will allow them to continue to stress the importance of training yet give them the opportunity to develop more A class skills to their vocabulary.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>			
<p>Submitted by: Kim Kuhn</p> <p>Affiliation: Vice President of Color Guards</p>			

Proposal # 9	Pg. 11 – Rule 4.4.e	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Allow Collegiate units to go to as many WGI events as they like.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>e. COLLEGIATE CLASS shall be for any unit whose marching members come from the same college or university or are a recognized student organization that are affiliated with that college or university, regardless of age. Each collegiate unit appearing in an MCGC contest in collegiate class must be prepared to show proof of enrollment in the sponsoring college or university. This class will use WGI A class sheets and timing criteria. Units competing in this class may attend one WGI sanctioned event, in Independent A class, per competitive season without being reclassified to A class in MCGC. (Note: The unit would have to adhere to WGI age requirements for A class.)</p>			
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<p><u>Rationale:</u></p> <p>Currently, guards in MCGC's Collegiate Class are restricted to competing at a maximum of one WGI sanctioned event at the Independent A level. This rule limits the national exposure of Collegiate Class guards, as well as MCGC as a whole. The MCGC Philosophy/Mission Statement says, "The participants are encouraged to raise standards of achievement in terms of excellence and creativity." Allowing Collegiate Class guards unlimited competition at the national level can only further this mission.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>			
<p>Submitted by: Emily Rogers</p> <p>Affiliation: State of Art</p>			

Proposal # 10	Pg. 12 – Rule 4.8	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Include Collegiate class in exceptions about eligibility requirements.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>1.8 All guard classes except Festival and Jr. Regional A must follow WGI eligibility requirements. Percussion Regional A and Winds Regional A must follow WGI A class eligibility requirements.</p>			
<p><u>New Text:</u></p> <p>4.8 All guard classes except Festival, Jr. Regional A, and Collegiate must follow WGI eligibility requirements. Percussion Regional A and Winds Regional A must follow WGI A class eligibility requirements.</p>			
<p><u>Rationale:</u> Housekeeping</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> None</p>			
<p>Submitted by: MCGC Rules Committee</p> <p>Affiliation:</p>			

Proposal # 11	Pg. 12 – Rule 6.2 & 3	Board Recommended? Y / N	Pass / Fail For: _____ Against: _____
<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Separate Field Day from scholarships.</p>			
<p><u>Old Text:</u></p> <p>6. Field Day/Scholarship Show</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Field Day is the members’ first chance to perform in front of judges. The setting is meant to be less formal than a competition. Unit members and staff have the opportunity to take part in conversation with the judges about their performance. Instructors may sit with the judges. 3. The Field Day Entry Fee will be \$25 for all attending units. Entry fees go to the MCGC Scholarship Fund. Units wishing not to attend Field Day must pay an Opt-Out Fee of \$100. \$50 dollars of this fee will go to the MCGC Scholarship Fund and \$50 will go to the show host. 4. All units must pay the Entry Fee or Opt-Out Fee for Field Day on or before December 1st. If payment is postmarked after December 1st, the unit must pay the Opt-Out Fee and a \$50 penalty fee will be assessed. The penalty fee will go to the MCGC Scholarship Fund. 			
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<p><u>Rationale:</u> Take out references to field day supporting the scholarship fund. We need to separate field day and scholarships and find another way to bring scholarship money in.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Impact:</u> Hard to predict.</p>			
<p>Submitted by: Kim Kuhn</p> <p>Affiliation: Vice President of Color Guards</p>			