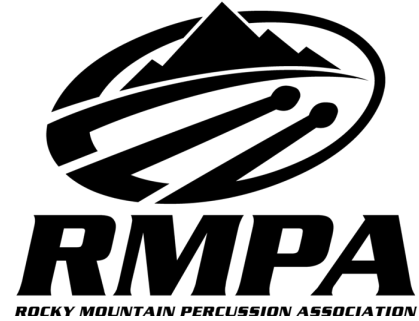




## **Scholastic Member Participation in Independent Groups**

In order for a student from an RMPA member High School to perform in an independent group, they must first file a letter of intent with the circuit, the letter will be submitted electronically. The letter of intent must be using the template made available by RMPA and requires the signature of the student, a parent or legal guardian, the Independent group director, scholastic group director, and band director.

An independent group who is found to have violated this policy will be disqualified from the competition and may face additional penalties including suspension or Revocation of RMPA Membership. Penalties will be assessed by the Chief Judge and/or at least 2 members of the Board of Directors.

The letter of intent will be due the first weekend of February. Additional performers added after the deadline must have a letter of intent on file with RMPA 72 hours prior their first performance

*Approved by the RMPA membership in August of 2023*

## **Expansion of RMPA Regional A Class**

All A-Class ensembles would start in Regional A and ensembles will be promoted to A-Class as appropriate. The judging paradigm for A-Class is "Coach," focused on development and achievement of basic skills, vs "Celebratory" focus for Regional A, celebrating the achievement of beginning skills. Ensembles can submit a video prior to the season for A-Class consideration. A-Class Medalists from the previous season will be permitted to register for A-Class without a video submission, but are encouraged to register for Regional A if that is a better fit for the level of their ensemble.

*Passed by the RMPA Membership August of 2022*