



CONTEST RULES

There are a few simple, yet very important rules at Black Belt Marching Classic that allow us to stay on schedule, maintain the integrity of our contest, and retain the privilege of using our facility for this event.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in compliance with these simple guidelines.

1. Arrive in plenty of time to get to and exit the warm-up as scheduled. Your host will only notify you once that it is time to move to the staging area. **All classes will have a full 30 minutes in warm-up, 5 minutes to stage, and 20 minutes to set up, perform, break down, and clear the field.** Depending on the number of bands on the schedule, Class A and AA may be given a 15-minute performance window, as most do not use the entire time. We will only do this if the contest is full. Please plan accordingly.
2. While entering the field, an accurate count of winds will be made. That number should be within the parameters of the classification entered. Exceeding the limits of the class will automatically change your classification to the next classification above. The contest coordinator will notify the director. No announcement to that effect will be made publicly.
3. Bands MAY cadence on and off the field.
4. The condition of the field must be left exactly as when the competing band entered. Any debris, uniform parts, or props must be removed DURING that band's performance window.
5. ALL Pyrotechnics are prohibited by the University of West Alabama safety protocols.
6. BBMC personnel will oversee moving all equipment from the end zone to the sidelines. NO LAWN TRACTORS, ATVs, OR OTHER VEHICLES will be allowed on the field surface. While this may constitute a minor inconvenience, we provide as many hands as are necessary to be sure that the equipment gets moved efficiently. We will have ample equipment trailers and help available. Bands may choose to move their own equipment using their own trailers and towing devices. However, equipment shall be staged and moved according to the performance schedule, and no tow vehicles are allowed on the playing surface. No extra time will be given in a band's performance window for setup.