



ADJUDICATION GUIDELINES – COLOR GUARD

A WARM WELCOME TO THIS FMBC SANCTIONED EVENT

Thank you for your time and efforts as an adjudicator at this FMBC sanctioned event. It is our goal to offer an outstanding experience for all of the participants at this and all other FMBC sanctioned events. It is our goal that scores at all events reflect the FMBC Reference Criteria so that bands can evaluate their progress through the season. Therefore we respectfully request that you review the following guidelines prior to adjudicating this event.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS UNIT PERFORMANCE WITH OTHERS IN AREAS WHERE THE GENERAL PUBLIC (INCLUDING BOOSTER VOLUNTEERS THAT MAY BE ASSISTING YOU) CAN OVERHEAR.**
- **PLEASE STAY IN YOUR SPECIFIC CAPTION. MAKE SURE YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR SCORES AGREE.**
- **SCORE ACCURATELY, BUT PLEASE BE KIND, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND POSITIVE IN YOUR COMMENTS. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE, NOT DISCOURAGE STUDENTS AND DIRECTORS.**
- **DO NOT PICK THE COLOR GUARDS OF THE BEST BANDS AS YOUR TOP CHOICES. PICK THE BEST COLOR GUARDS REGARDLESS OF THE QUALITY OF THE BAND PERFORMANCES AS YOUR TOP CHOICES.**
- **FMBC CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR YOUR CAPTION MAY DIFFER FROM CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES IN OTHER AREAS. PLEASE USE FMBC CRITERIA AT THIS EVENT.**
- **YOUR SCORE WILL NOT AFFECT THE OVERALL BAND SCORE. HOWEVER THE NUMBERS YOU ASSIGN ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE STUDENTS, DIRECTORS, AND THEIR STAFF.**

SCORING GUIDELINES

- **BASE YOUR SCORE ON A FLORIDA REGIONAL LINEAR SCALE.**
- **REFERENCE CRITERIA AND KEY WORDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. PLEASE ASSIGN SCORES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE CRITERIA.**
- **HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR YOUR NUMBERS AND NUMERICAL SPREADS.**
- **PRIORITIES ARE RANK, RATE, EDUCATE, AND JUSTIFY – IN THAT ORDER.**
- **THERE IS NO OFFICIAL BOTTOM (FLOOR) TO YOUR NUMBERS. HOWEVER, PLEASE USE ONLY THE UPPER 20% PORTION OF BOX 1 FOR UNITS THAT ARE PERFORMING AT A BOX 1 LEVEL. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY CONDENSE SPREADS FOR THESE COLOR GUARDS – THAT’S OKAY!**

TIES

- **OUR RECAP SOFTWARE CAN HANDLE AND DISPLAY UP TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID BOTTOM LINE TIES WITHIN A SIZE CLASS. USE AN EXTRA DECIMAL PLACE IF NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN RANKING INTEGRITY. (e.g. $40.42 + 35.0 = 75.45$)**
- **WE ALSO PREFER BUT DO NOT REQUIRE THAT YOU AVOID SUB-CAPTION TIES WITHIN A SIZE CLASS IF PRACTICAL. AGAIN, USE AN EXTRA DECIMAL PLACE IF NECESSARY.**