

MISSOURI DAY MARCHING FESTIVAL INC 2008 AUXILIARY COMPETITION FORMAT

The following format outlines the guidelines to be observed by ALL participating auxiliary units.

1. The auxiliary competition will be classified according to MSHSAA guidelines for member school on the basis of enrollment in grades 9-12:
 - Class 1 - up to and including 130 students.
 - Class 2 - 131-245 students.
 - Class 3 - 246-577 students.
 - Class 4 - 578-1202 students.
 - Class 5 - 1203 or more students.
2. Each auxiliary unit must have a minimum of three members to compete.
3. The competition area will be a regulation basketball court, with bleachers along only one side. Please enter the gym through the southeast outside gym doors and exit through the northeast outside gym doors. (In case of inclement weather, entry will be through the southwest commons doors and exit through the northwest commons doors.)
4. For safety and as a courtesy to the performing groups, we ask that spectators (parents/directors/sponsors/students, etc.) **NOT** stand along the endline walls in the gym nor block the entry/exit corridors for the performing groups. Please help us with crowd control by encouraging your followers to honor these requests.
5. The group should line up by the competition entry point. Please wait by the gym doors (whether inside or outside of the gym depends on the weather) until you have been told by the event monitor the judge(s) are ready. You will be advised when entry onto the floor can be made.
6. A cassette tape or CD of your music must be provided the monitor at the door **PRIOR** to your performance time. The name of your school must be clearly marked on the tape. The side to be played must be plainly specified with the music cued. **Please retrieve your tape or CD from the announcer immediately following your performance.**
7. In order to protect the gym floor, the following regulations must be observed:
 - All equipment must be padded on both ends.
 - All shoes must have non-marking soles.

8. Due to the time element, the event announcer will announce all auxiliary units. You are encouraged to supply musical titles, director(s)/sponsor(s) name(s), etc. on your entry form, but no lengthy introductions, please.
9. Competition will begin with the announcement of your auxiliary unit over the public address system at your appointed performance time. After the competing unit has proceeded to their "ready" position on the floor, the announcer will say: "_____ High School, is your auxiliary unit ready?" A salute, call to attention, or other obvious acknowledgement of this question should be clearly made by the group's designated person. The announcer will then say: "_____ High School _____, you may enter the competition." The announcer will start the tape/CD. The auxiliary unit should then be prepared to immediately begin their show.
10. You will have a total time allotment of eight minutes. This means you have eight minutes from the time you begin your entrance through the conclusion of your exit.
11. The total musical performance must be a minimum of 1½ minutes up to a maximum of five minutes in length.
12. A timer will be used. The judging will start when the first note is heard or when the first step is taken.
13. The use of drill is permitted but NOT required.
14. Two judges will be used to evaluate each auxiliary unit. Taped and written comments will be given.
15. Three trophies will be awarded in each class.