

ROOKIE FAQ's--Competitions

- *Practice starts at scheduled time on the competition schedule. Be on time.
- *Come in your shoes and comfortable clothes.
- *Under your uniform you will wear long black socks (knee high length), you can wear shorts (or long-johns if it's cold) & you must wear a white t-shirt, short or long sleeve weather appropriate (no writing on it).
- *Don't forget your gloves.
- *Hair must be up underneath the shako, no bangs, no hair at all hanging down. Long hair can be in a bun and use bobby pins for any loose hairs. That goes for boys too.
- *If wearing a beret, girls must have hair in a bun.
- *No make up, no earrings, no jewelry
- *Please make sure they eat before coming to practice. Don't forget water for practice and don't forget to pack your lunch. Students must bring a lunch.
- *Don't forget a little money. We will provide dinner and drinks for the kids but they do have booths if time allows.
- *You will have to pay to get into the competition. Prices will vary at each location.
- *Try to remember that competitions are fundraisers for the hosting school, if you can, purchase something from concessions or a booth to help support band.
- *Uniforms and shakos stay at school (unless you're taking uniforms home as part of the wash team)
- *Kids instruments are transported to the competition via truck. The only thing they take on the bus is themselves. Sometimes electronics depending on length of the trip.
- *Parents usually try & sit together in the bleachers
- *Please refer to performance times listed on the competition schedule and allow yourself enough time to get there before the performance. Etiquette does not allow movement during a performance so if you are caught outside the stands when a band begins, you are not permitted in until they are finished.
- *After their first performance the directors will draw to find out when we perform in finals.
- *You do not have to stay in between performances, however, you need to ask upon entering if there will be a separate charge for finals. Otherwise, they may stamp your hand to return. Note: The band does not set up inside the stadium area so even if you are helping with Pit, Food or Uniforms, you will have to pay to get into the stands. Students do not pay, their hand is stamped upon arrival on the bus.
- *The students will be fed during break, we do ask in advance for volunteers to help with the food line.
- *Parents who work the competition that day, Pit Crew, Uniforms duty & food Line can stay and eat after the students and staff have been fed.

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- *Don't forget your DUFFLE bag. We recommend you include the following items: 2 pair of gloves, Weather appropriate change of clothes, Hoodie, Show shirt, Garbage Bags (In case of rain), 2 pair of black socks, 2 white shirts, Hand-warmers (in cold), Hair supplies (bobby pins, brush, rubber bands), safety pins, Make up for Guard, Flip Flops or slides for between performances, cell phone for emergencies.
- *When students arrive back at school they are responsible for getting their uniform and instruments from the truck to put back into band room.
- *Uniform team will take home their set of uniforms that night for cleaning.