



To all 4A & 5A Directors in CBA State Championships,

Congratulations for qualifying for the 2013 Colorado Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Championships. This will be an exciting event for you and your students. Please review the following documents (available on the CBA Marching website):

1. Final Packet
2. Quarterfinals schedule (warm up locations, times, pre-staging, performance time).
3. Semifinals and finals schedule
4. Directions to Hughes Stadium
5. Map of stadium area
6. Ticket prices

Each band will have 30 minutes for body warm up and 30 minutes for music warm up in designated areas. These are the only areas where you can do this. You must depart and clear the warm up area at the designated time as the next band's warm up time starts at your departure time.

There are designated areas for batteries and front ensembles to warm up on the map. These are the only areas where batteries and front ensembles will be allowed to do this. There are no scheduled times for this as this varies greatly from band to band. **Please make sure your percussion staff is aware of this. If percussion sections are warming anywhere else they will be told to stop and to move.**

There is also a designated color guard warm up area. No sound systems, Long Rangers, metronomes, etc. will be allowed in this area. Again this area is first come, first served. **Please make sure your guard staff is aware of this.**

Private vehicles will not be allowed into the bus/truck parking area. This is a safety issue to keep traffic at a minimum in areas where students are present.



All cooking, serving of meals must be done in the specific area labeled on the map. This area will have trash bins but no tables. **CSU and Hughes Stadium does not allow charcoal barbeque grills.**

When you arrive, volunteers will stamp the hands of all students and bus drivers. This stamp will get them into the stadium free of charge. You have your director pass and staff passes and those will be honored. I will mail you some complimentary passes for you to use for administrators, band parent officers, etc. We will not stamp the hands of truck drivers, chaperones, etc. The complimentary passes are for you to use with as many of those helpers as you can.

An item that is unique to Hughes Stadium is the narrow corner where pit percussion pre-stages. I suggest that you have your band exit through the south end zone after your performance to relieve the congestion that may occur if your band comes off the front sideline. This is an issue if your field time is long as you cannot impede then entrance of the next band, this includes pit percussion.

One issue that comes up every year is that parents who help with pit percussion, props, etc. expect to be admitted free of charge into the stadium. They will be allowed to help and stay on the field level during your band's performance only. To be admitted into the stadium they will need a ticket.

I look forward to seeing you and your bands at this great event!

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