

Colorado Bandmasters Association
State Marching Band Championships
Hughes Stadium/Colorado State University
October 23 & 24, 2015

4A/5A Final Directors Packet

Schedules- All quarterfinal, semifinal and finals schedules are posted on the CBA marching band website (www.cbamarching.com).

Directions to Hughes Stadium- Take exit 265, Harmony Road, travel west for approximately 2½ miles. Turn right on Timberline Road and go approximately 2 miles. Turn left on Drake Road and go approximately 5 miles. Turn right on Overland Trail. Buses and equipment trucks turn left onto County Road 42 and then turn right into bus/truck parking lot. Spectators and all food vehicles should turn into spectator gate 2 off of Overland Trail.

Bus/Truck Parking- no private vehicles will be allowed in this area for the safety of students. Please plan with your boosters accordingly. **No overnight camping/parking will be allowed per CSU mandate.**

Director/Staff Parking- directors and/or staff with CBA issued passes who arrive in private cars will be allowed to park in the extreme south end of the bus/truck parking area. You will not be able to park close to buses or truck. Your CBA director pass/staff pass will allow you to park here. **Staff who prefer to park in the spectator parking lot will have to pay the \$5 parking fee.**

Cooking, Food Serving Area- we will use the designated cooking area for all cooking vehicles, serving of meals, etc. Discuss this with your booster groups. **No charcoal grills** as required by CSU and Hughes Stadium. **All cooking vehicles, vehicles transporting food will need to enter through the spectator gate (gate 2), not the bus/equipment truck gate.**

Warm Up Areas- there are two areas labeled A & B on the map for music warm up. You will have 30 minutes in this area. There is a designated body warm up area as well. Please depart the warm up areas on time as the time for the next group starts at your departure time. Please do not use Long Rangers, metronomes, woodblocks, etc.

Percussion and Color Guard Warmup- there are designated areas for batteries, front ensembles and color guard warm up prior to the designated group warm up times for music and body. There are no set times for using these areas. Refer to the map for these locations. **These two areas are the only locations where this will be allowed. Please inform your percussion and color guard staff where these locations are. Percussion sections and color guards warming up who are not in the designated**

areas will be asked to stop and to move. Please do not use Long Rangers, metronomes, woodblocks, etc.

Front Ensemble- please allow extra time for your front ensemble to travel to the stadium entrance. It is a considerable distance from the designated warm areas. I suggest they start moving to the stadium by 30 minutes prior to your performance time.

Motorized vehicles for pit equipment/props are not allowed in the tunnel or anywhere near the performance field per stadium regulations.

Tunnel Height- 16 feet.

Field Exit- the SW corner of the field where pit percussion will pre-stage is very narrow. **Bands and props are required to exit through the front half (west half) of the end zone.** That is defined as the area in the end zone from the goal post to the front or west sideline.

Props- there is a designated prop building location. Refer to the map for that location. **Stadium staff have informed us that all sand bags used to stabilize props will need to be inside a secondary container.**

Hash Marks- there will be permanent college width hash marks on the field. There will also be high school hash marks painted **yellow** on the field. Please make your students aware of the two sets of hash marks.

Stamping Policy/Comp Tickets- we will stamp the hands of students and bus drivers. We will not stamp the hands of chaperones, truck drivers, pit/prop helpers, boosters, etc. Each director will be given comp tickets (1 per 10 students) to distribute as needed for those people. Hand stamps will be honored for semifinals and finals.

CHSAA Passes- we will accept these passes at the gate for administrators, superintendents, etc. These will be honored for that person only.

Band Guides- we will not have the manpower to provide guides. Please study the map so you are aware of the locations of your assigned warm up area, stadium entrance, group picture site, etc.

Power- We will provide one power cord to the 50 yard line.

Video- Joyco will once again be the official videographer.

Pit/Prop Crews- we appreciate your limiting the number of parents helping with pit and props. Any abuse of this practice will result in extra parents being asked to leave the area. These parents will not have access to the stands during your band's performance. If they wish to enter the stadium at any time, they will need a ticket.

Group Pictures- Travis Sutton Event Photography will be the official group photographer. All groups are **required** to take a group photo after quarterfinals and semifinals. Pictures will be taken near the tunnel entrance to Hughes Stadium.

Quarterfinals and Semifinals Awards- this will be a retreat for drum major only. They should be in uniform. Color guard captions, percussion captains are not allowed to participate in this retreat.

Finals Packets- packets for directors of all finalist bands will be handed out immediately after semifinals awards. Included in this packet will be schedules, retreat instructions and finals comp tickets.

Finals Retreat- If your band is in finals, be prepared to march your band into the stadium in a parade block no wider than five yards. I suggest if you have a banner, have the banner at the front of your band.

Clearing Stadium- we must clear all buses and vehicles from the parking lots by midnight. The stadium must be cleared shortly after the awards presentation.

American Flag & Honor Guard- we will not have a performance of the National Anthem at the retreat so there is no need to bring an American Flag and honor guard.

Repair Van- there will be an instrument repair van.

Directors and staff reception- the CSU Music Dept. will sponsor a hospitality area, look for info to come from CSU Instrumental Music Department.

Spectator Entrance- the only entrance into the stadium for the general public is through gate 4 at the southeast corner of the stadium. This is also where the ticket booth is located.

Spectator Parking- there will be a \$5 parking fee charged. Entrance is through Gate 2 from Overland Trail.

Handicapped Parking and stadium access- Handicapped parking is available as marked on the map (west side of the stadium). There will be a ticket table and handicapped entrance into the stadium on the west side.

Band Students Entrance- Band students can enter through Gate 4 on the southeast corner of the stadium or the west entrance. The hand stamp will admit them for free.

Porta Potties and Trash- there will be twelve porta potties in the bus parking area. There will also be two porta potties at the top of the tunnel for last minute needs!
There will be trash bins in the bus parking area and the food serving area.

Quarterfinals Ticket Prices

Adults \$15.00
Students \$12.00
Seniors (60+) \$12.00
Under 10 Free

Semifinals Ticket Prices

Adults \$16.00
Students \$13.00
Seniors (60+) \$13.00
Under 10 Free

Finals Ticket Prices

Adults \$17.00
Students \$14.00
Seniors (60+) \$14.00
Under 10 Free

Combination Semifinals and Finals Ticket Prices

Adults \$28.00
Students \$24.00
Seniors (60+) \$24.00
Under 10 Free

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