

CBA 4A/5A State Marching Championships

October 27-28, 2023

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

(This is an update to the Festival Packet and not intended to replace the information.)

- **CLEAR BAGS/BACKPACKS:** AFA Has instituted a clear bag policy for stadium entrance (see attached guidelines). Backpacks will not be allowed. All bags will be searched. Staff and students in clearly identifiable school wear will be allowed in with team bags.
- **COOK AREA ACCESS:** Food Trucks and RV's enter the road off of Stadium Blvd accessing Lot 4. DO NOT turn on Academy Dr. That is for bus and equipment trucks only.
- **PLAN AHEAD #1:** There is currently building construction at the Northgate entrance. **Traffic has been reduced to one lane periodically over the past weeks causing some delays to base access.**
- **PLAN AHEAD #2:** This is the first season of ticket pre-sales. We do not perceive that this should cause any delay to the entry process and should alleviate the ticket lines of past years. Internet connectivity can be spotty at the USAFA. Download your tickets and/or print a copy before arriving in Colorado Springs. **Don't miss your band standing in a ticket line by purchasing your tickets ahead at GoFan.com.**
- **AFA ENTRY:** The North Gate (Exit 156) hours of operation are 5:30am to 11:00pm. If arriving prior to 5:30 you will need to park roadside until they open. On Saturday, you will need to exit the Air Force Academy through the South Gate if leaving the stadium anytime after 10:45pm.
- **PORTA-POTTIES:** Portable restrooms are positioned around the food and warm-up areas for your convenience. *****NOTICE***** In the band food service area there is a row of Red/Blue Portolets. These **ARE NOT** for CBA use and will be zip-tied shut. These are contracted separately for AFA Game Day use. The Portolets rented for CBA will be tan in color and located along the tree line to the north of this area. Please be respectful of these facilities.
- **NOISE MAKERS :** Artificial noise makers such as air horns, blow horns, etc. are not allowed in Falcon Stadium or at any CBA events. Drones are not allowed on AFA at anytime.
- **TUNNEL CLEARANCE:** The height of the tunnel is a max of 9'10". Pit parents should confirm your prop height and not exceed 9'6".
- **OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Trucks arriving Thursday night may park overnight in Lot 5A and must have the AF Parking Card on the dash with information large enough and dark enough to read. Food vehicles and equipment trucks that wish to stay overnight on Friday for groups advancing to Semi-Finals may stay in your parked location with a Parking Card affixed to the vehicle. No overnight camping is allowed in these RV's.
- **TRASH:** We have an extremely unique opportunity in having the ability to utilize the AFA facility. PLEASE have parents and kids police any and all areas they use and come in contact with. This should include bus areas, equipment truck area, warm-up areas, field and stadium. We have far more hands available than the AFA staff does. Everyone's help is appreciated. Large roll off dumpsters are strategically positioned for your use.
- **HANDICAP PARKING:** Use the entrance to LOT 1 and continue to the clearly identified handicap area. Golf carts will rotate through and take individuals to the Gate 3 entrance.
- **A final reminder that there is construction of East Stands Skyboxes.** While we have asked for noise accommodation and consideration, we cannot be guaranteed that some construction noise will not be present during performances. We are doing everything possible but please provide some grace in this unavoidable situation.
- **AFA is Cashless**
Please plan to use debit or credit when purchasing any concessions while at the AirForce Academy.

BOOSTER LEADERS AND DIRECTOR(S);

- Reminder to complete the required Google forms BY October 24th in order to be on the base entrance document. (Sent October 9)
- Complete a Bill of Laden for each vehicle and driver. (Sent October 9)
- COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR BAND FAMILIES SO NO ONE IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD AND HAS A BAD EXPERIENCE.

AFA Falcon Stadium Policy

Air Force Athletics has introduced a [clear bag policy](#) this season that will limit bags that may be brought into stadium events. The policy will help to provide a safe environment for the public. Persons/personal belongings are subject to search.

All vendors in Falcon Stadium are now cashless. Credit or Debit Cards will be accepted.

Factory-sealed transparent soft plastic water bottles, 24 oz. or less is the only beverage permitted. Note: Exceptions are made for medical conditions and infants. Fans may also bring in an empty soft transparent water bottle for the purpose of filling their bottle with water inside stadium. (24 oz./less). NO OUTSIDE Food or Beverage is permitted.

PROHIBITED ITEMS IN FALCON STADIUM:

- Illegal substances: Note - Marijuana is an illegal substance on Federal property
- Weapons or dangerous objects of any type
- Alcohol, glass containers, bottles/cans, aerosol sprays, hard sided (or Nalgene) plastic bottles
- Sunscreen: Sunscreen is permissible in 6-ounce tubes or less. (No bottles or aerosol sprays)
- Approved bags:
 - One clear bag per ticket holder that is plastic, vinyl or PVC not exceeding (12" x 12" x 12")
 - One-gallon clear zip lock bag
 - Small clutch bag or fanny pack no larger than 5.5 x 7.5 inches
 - No hard-sided containers, or coolers
 - No backpacks to include bota bags, wine-skins, and camelbacks
- Laser pointers, fireworks, or any item deemed unsafe by security personnel
- Any unapproved Banners/Signs (No signs larger than 18" x 24")
- PETS: (Other than ADA Compliant Service Animals)
- No sticks, bats, poles, umbrellas, footballs, Frisbees, balls or inflatable balls
- Artificial noisemakers of any kind
- Baby seats, Large Strollers----- (Collapsible umbrella strollers are permitted)
- Any item that cannot be readily inspected
- No flash photography
- No Smoking or Tobacco of any kind--- (Includes vapor cigarettes)
- No seatbacks wider than 19 inches (no excessive pockets or protruding arm rests)
 - Note, there is no storage of prohibited items, please return them to your vehicle