

GREATER ATLANTA MARCHING FESTIVAL  
CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with five and ten yard lines, hash marks (53' 4"), and side lines clearly marked.
2. All participating band members must perform in uniform. Exceptions are allowed for rain or sloppy conditions.
3. Entrance of the band to the field must be by drum tap only.
4. Length of show is unrestricted however bands are scheduled 20 minutes apart so your set-up, performance, and exit should be planned within that time frame.
5. There are no assigned seats in the stadium. We ask that students do not sit in the section directly in front of the press box. Otherwise, seating is on a first come first serve basis.
6. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box. Only one filming person per band will be directed to the top level and may remain for that band's performance.
7. All band and front line officers participating in the awards ceremony must be in uniform. They are to line up on the near hash mark.
8. A Side line warm-up may be performed, but your time limit for everything must not exceed 20 min.
9. Bus parking is tight on our campus. Do not plan on leaving and returning during the day.
10. Bus and equipment truck drivers will be admitted free. Chaperons will be admitted on a one per ten student basis.
11. There will be a six judge panel (caption style) 2 each for Music, Marching, and 1 judge for Visual Effect and 1 judge for Music Effect. There will be one judge each for percussion, color guard, drum major, and majorettes/drill team.
12. FESTIVAL: Bands receiving a Superior or Excellent rating will be awarded a trophy. Front line groups receiving a Superior will be awarded a trophy. Bands that earn superiors in each category (band and front line groups) will earn a sweepstakes plaque or trophy.
13. CONTEST: Bands receiving a Superior or Excellent rating will be awarded a trophy. Front line groups receiving a Superior will be awarded a trophy. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in each class for bands, and all front line groups. A Silver Division Champion trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Band, Color Guard, and Percussion Line in Classes A – AA. A Gold Division Champion trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Band, Color Guard, and Percussion Line in Classes AAA – AAAA.
14. Order of performance is based on entry post mark. The earliest postmark application will go last in class then the others are placed in class by order of postmark.
15. Comment sheets, and judges tapes may be picked up at the press box after the awards ceremony.
16. Please complete the enclosed announcement sheet before you arrive. Turn it in at the registration table.
17. In the event of a 1<sup>st</sup> place tie in the band scores, the tie will be broken by a consensus of the six judge panel.