

2008 Allen County Fair Baton Twirling & Flag Corp Competition

RULES

ELIGIBILITY

All contestants must be currently enrolled in an accredited high school for the '08-'09 school year to be eligible to compete. **Contestants may be male or female.** Entry blanks shall be signed by the Band Director/Auxiliary Director

Schools will compete in either Class A or Class B depending on school size.

Class A = (351 or higher enrollment grades 9-12)

Class B = (350 or less enrollment grades 9-12)

Dance Team = Open to any age group

Dance Twirl Team = Open to any age group

Any school moved up a division on request of the instructor/band director shall be moved up and will remain in that division for the remainder of participation in the competition.

ENTRIES

There will be no entry fee. **Entry forms must be postmarked no later than Friday, June 27, 2008.** Introduction sheets must be typed; no handwritten material will be accepted. **Deadline for introductions will be Friday, August 8, at 5 P.M. We WILL NOT ACCEPT any introduction sheets the morning of the competition!**

Mail forms to: Allen County Fair Baton/Flag Competition
2750 Harding Highway Lima OH 45804

PERFORMANCE

The contest will take place on the racetrack directly in front of the grandstand.

An estimated appearance time will be assigned to each group prior to the contest. Order of performance will be done by lottery drawing.

There will be separate categories for each of the following: Majorette Squads, Flag Corps, Rifles, Dance Twirl Team, Feature Twirlers, Feature Flags, Dance Team

Total performance times are as follows:

Majorette Squads, Dance Team, Dance Twirl Team – 1 1/2 to 3 minutes maximum

Feature Twirlers - 1 to 2 1/2 minutes maximum

Flag Corps - 4 minutes maximum

Feature Flags - 3 minutes maximum

Rifles - 3 minutes maximum

Timing will begin when your music starts and will end when the final position is held or when the music ends (whichever comes first).

There will be a *one point* penalty for *each second* over the time limit (deducted from the total score).

Each group must provide their own CD. A sound system will be provided and music will be played through the grandstand speaker system. CD should be of good quality and loudness. CD must be ready to play when brought to the table. CD's will not be tested at the official sound system. Each group must have one (1) representative (coach/supervisor/band director) to start their groups music. The representative must remain at the table during the performance, and then remove the CD upon completion of the routine.

If your music does not work, you may try your back up CD. There will be a one(1)point off for each minute of delay. If your backup does not work, you may perform without music **with a 5 point deduction** taken from your score. The Allen County Agricultural Society or its representatives will not be responsible for any malfunctioning CD's.

Props may be put in place as soon as the squad performing before you has left the staging area.

Judging sheets will be returned to you following the contest.

In case of inclement weather, it may be necessary to relocate, postpone or cancel this competition.

JUDGING

The contest will be judged by a panel of qualified judges. The judges will score all areas of the competition. The scores of the judges will determine the final placings. Judges will be given a maximum of 2 minutes to judge each category.

WINNERS & AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each category. Medals will be awarded for first place, ribbons for second.

ADMISSION

Instructors and participants will be admitted to the fairgrounds free of charge on the day of the contest. A letter of admission will be mailed to each instructor prior to the contest. Please be sure to enter Gate #3 off of Bowman Road near the harness racing barns.

Those participants and instructors who enter any other gate besides the designated gate will have to pay admission to the fair.