

Summary of Rule Changes for 2017

SECTION 1 – CIRCUIT FEES

1. Fees to compete in TECA will be based on a graduated scale depending on when the unit is registered:
 - a. Units who register between the opening of registration (typically September 1) and the end of October:
 - i. First unit (COLORGUARD, PERCUSSION OR WINDS) - \$600
 - ii. Second unit (of the same type; JV guard, JV drumline, etc.) - \$300
 - iii. Third unit (of the same type; third guard, third drumline, etc.) - \$150
 - b. Units who register between November 1 and December 15:
 - i. First unit - \$700
 - ii. Second unit - \$400
 - iii. Third unit - \$250
 - c. Units who register after December 15:
 - i. First unit - \$800
 - ii. Second unit - \$500
 - iii. Third unit - \$350
 - d. **For example** – if School A registers three guards by Oct. 31, total fees for the season will be \$1,050. After Oct. 31 but before Dec. 15, fees will be \$1350. After Dec. 15, fees will be \$1650.
 If School B registers a guard, a drumline and a MS drumline by Oct 31, total fees will be \$1500. After Oct 31 but before Dec. 15, fees will be \$1800. After Dec. 15, fees will be \$2100.
2. Late Fees
 - a. A late fee of \$50 will be added to all invoices for units that have not paid or provided an approved school purchase order by January 31.

SECTION 2 – COLORGUARD CLASSES

1. Scholastic Regional AA will be added back to the list of available classes with the following descriptor:
 - a. All members attend the same school or feeder school. This class is designed for units that may have new performers, but also includes more than 25% of the unit with limited dance or previous color guard training. This class is designed for individuals to be somewhat more competitive than the novice class, but still working on the refinement of entry-level skills. Design and thematic efforts play a more prominent role than in the novice class, but still are at elementary levels. Groups who have had some exposure but limited training should declare this class.
2. Scholastic A Class will be judged on the WGI Scholastic A sheet rather than the WGI Local A sheet.

SECTION 3 – PERCUSSION CLASSES

1. Scholastic Marching AAA will be eliminated.

SECTION 4 – COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION SCORE REQUIREMENTS

1. Each COLORGUARD unit will be required to have a score in each of the three blocks of shows. WGI scores may be used for blocks B and C. Each PERCUSSION unit will be required to have a score in TWO of the three blocks of shows. WGI scores may be used for ONE SCORE FROM EITHER BLOCK B OR C.

SECTION 5 – PROMOTIONS

1. Promotions are possible UNTIL THE SECOND WEEKEND OF BLOCK C.

SECTION 6 – CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Zone Championships (North and South) will remain a major event for COLORGUARDS within the TECA contest schedule. In any class with 20 or more units total in the circuit, only the top 50% from each zone will advance to the circuit championships.
For example – if there are 50 total guards in the novice class (both north and south zones combined) only the top half of those competing at each zone championships will advance to the circuit championships. So if there are 30 in the north, only 15 will advance. If there are 20 in the south, only 10 will advance.

SECTION 7 – WGI ATTENDEES

1. Any unit that attends a WGI event and makes finals in the Regional A class, must compete in Regional A class in TECA.
2. Any unit that attends a WGI event and makes finals in the Scholastic A class, must compete in the Scholastic National A class in TECA.