MISSOURI DAYS MARCHING FESTIVAL
INDOOR GUARD COMPETITION FORMAT

The following format outlines the guidelines to be observed by ALL participating color guard units.

1. Missouri Days Marching Festival will use MSHSAA guidelines.

2. A Color Guard will be permitted to move from their entering class to a class with higher enrollment, but not to a class with lower enrollment.

3. ~~Each color guard must have a minimum of three members to compete.~~

4. The competition area will be a regulation basketball court, with bleachers along one side. Each color guard unit will enter through the northwest entry doors in the THS commons and exit through the northeast outside gym doors going out into the Courtyard. In case of inclement weather, entry and exit will be through the northwest gym doors into the THS commons.

5. For safety and as a courtesy to the performing groups, we ask that spectators (parents/directors/sponsors/students, etc.) **NOT** stand along the end line walls in the gym or block the entry/exit corridors for the performing groups. Please help us with crowd control by encouraging your followers to honor these requests.

6. You will be directed to the performance area from the warm-up area. Wait until you have been told by the event monitor that the judges are ready. You will be advised when entry onto the floor can be made.

7. A CD/digital music source (no cassette tapes please) of your music must be provided to the monitor at the door PRIOR to your performance time. The name of your school must be <u>clearly</u> marked. **Please retrieve your music source from the announcer immediately following your performance. All music must be downloaded. Cell Signal will be impossible for streaming.**

8. To protect the gym floor, the following regulations must be observed:

    i. All equipment must be padded on both ends.
    ii. All shoes must have non-marking soles.

9. Due to the time element, the event announcer will announce all color guard units. Information for this announcement will be taken from your Registration Form.

10. The competition will begin with announcing your color guard unit over the public

address system at your appointed performance time. After the competing unit has proceeded to their “ready” position on the floor, the announcer will say: “_____ High School, is your color guard ready?” A salute, call to attention, or other obvious acknowledgment of this question should be clearly made by the group’s designated person. The announcer will then say: “_____ High School Color Guard, you may enter the competition.” The announcer will start the music. The color guard unit should be prepared to immediately begin their show.

11. You ***may*** have a percussionist “tap” your color guard into position or do a counted march into position. This is NOT required and is NOT a scoring element of competition.

12. You will have a total time allotment of eight minutes. This means you have eight minutes from the time you begin your entrance through the conclusion of your exit.

13. ~~The total performance must be a minimum of 3 minutes~~.

14. A timer will be used. The judging will start when the first note is heard or when the first step is taken.

15. The use of drill is permitted but NOT required.

16. Three trophies will be awarded in each class.

17. The middle school gym will be available as a warm-up facility. Each group wanting to use this facility will be scheduled into an 8-minute time slot for a “run-through.”