

# MISSOURI DAYS MARCHING FESTIVAL

## PARADE COMPETITION FORMAT

7:30 a.m. Lineup

8:30 a.m. Start

The following format outlines the guidelines to be observed by ALL bands participating in the parade competition.

1. Missouri Days Marching Festival will use MSHSAA guidelines.
2. A band will be permitted to move from their entering class to a class with higher enrollment, but not to a class with lower enrollment.
3. The parade route is a little more than 1.1 miles in length. The judged portion will take place within the first fifteen blocks. The width of the street during the first four blocks is approximately thirty feet. Thereafter, the width is close to fifty-five feet.
4. As the band approaches each judging area, a parade monitor will display a sign approximately one block prior to the actual judging designating MUSIC JUDGE AHEAD, CORNER JUDGE AHEAD, BLOCK JUDGE AHEAD. Another monitor will be holding the appropriate sign (MUSIC JUDGE, CORNER JUDGE, BLOCK JUDGE) at the actual judge's location. The monitors holding the MUSIC JUDGE AHEAD and MUSIC JUDGE signs and the Music Judge will be on the band's left. The monitors holding the CORNER JUDGE AHEAD, CORNER JUDGE, BLOCK JUDGE AHEAD, and BLOCK JUDGE signs and the Corner Judge and Block Judge will be on the band's right. The Corner Judge and the Block Judge will be stationary in elevated positions. The Corner Judge will be almost straightaway; the Block Judge will be on your right. The Music Judge will be on your left.
5. The corner is a left.
6. Bands are not required to play while executing the corner.
7. **Bands are NOT to stop to perform a routine or to stop to play. All bands are to maintain continuous forward motion except when executing the corner.**
8. One judge each will be used to evaluate music, corner (marching and maneuvering), and block (general effect). Written and/or recorded comments will be given.
9. **Bands are asked to play repeatedly throughout the entire 1.1-mile parade route.** After exiting the parade route left onto Normal Street, it is approximately 0.4 of a mile to the high school where your buses/equipment vehicles have been parked. Please continue marching for the first block after you turn the corner in an effort to keep the street clear.
10. Three trophies will be awarded in each class. Tie breaker will be the musical score.