

Dear Directors,

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the second annual West Central Marching Band Circuit. We are excited to host you at Harrisonville, Odessa, and/or Sedalia this fall. Come to all three, or pick and choose what works for your band!

Changes for this year:

Band classification will be the biggest change. Based on feedback from attending bands at each festival, we found each site would have been better suited with their own individual classifications. That way directors can choose what best suits their groups and festival hosts can make sure bands are divided more equally as needed. It will not leave one school in a class and five schools in another; some of our festivals last year felt lopsided. Going forward, each festival will class how they see fit, whether it be band size, school size, MSHSAA classification, DESE enrollment, etc. This information will be made available by the festival host.

What will remain the same:

Judging. All WCMBC festivals will still use a 6 panel judging system with the following percentages:

Music Individual 20%	Music Effect 20%	Visual Individual 10%
Music Ensemble 20%	Visual Effect 20%	Visual Ensemble 10%

This standardized judging should allow you to track your progress through the season between festivals.

Multi-festival discounts and field show pricing. WCMBC festivals will remain at \$300 per field show event, with a \$25 discount per circuit site attended. Ex: If your band attends 2 field show events, the fee is \$275 per event. Each site may still have their own separate fees for indoor or other events.

Dates are still being finalized but will be posted to Midwest Marching by each individual school as they become available.

Overview:

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the director of the host school(s) you are attending. ***Judging and scoring will be standardized for the field show portion of each event;*** however, each festival will have their own way of running the event, classifications, scheduling, caption awards, etc. At this point in time, indoor and parade competitions are not being standardized between sites as some festivals include these and others do not.

Thank you,

Ben Johnson - Harrisonville High School

Derek Twombly - Odessa High School

Max Meigel - Smith-Cotton High School