

THE BRANCH CLASSIC

MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with five and ten yard lines, hash marks (53' 4"), and side lines clearly marked.
2. All participating band members must perform in uniform. Exceptions are allowed for rain or sloppy conditions.
3. Entrance of the band to the field must be by drum tap only.
4. Length of show is unrestricted however bands are scheduled 20 minutes apart and your set-up, performance, and exit must be planned within that time frame.
5. There are assigned seats in the stadium. We ask that students do not sit in the section directly in front of the press box. Please sit in the assigned area.
6. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box. Only one filming person per band will be directed to the top level and may remain for that band's performance only.
7. All band and front-line officers participating in the awards ceremony must be in uniform. They are to line up on the front hash mark.
8. A sideline warm-up may be performed, but your time limit for everything must be in the 20 min. timeframe.
9. Due to bus parking logistics, do not plan on leaving and returning during the day.
10. Bus and equipment truck drivers will be admitted free. Chaperones will be admitted on a one per ten students basis.
11. There will be a five-judge panel (olympic style) 3 scoring judges and 2 additional judges alternating post performance clinics. There will be one judge each for percussion and color guard (including majorettes, drill, dance). There will be a Drum Major judge that will provide comments only.
12. All bands receiving a Superior or Excellent rating will be awarded a trophy. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in each class for bands.
 - a. A Silver Division Champion trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Band, Color Guard, and Percussion Line in Classes A – AAA.
 - b. Gold Division Champion trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Band, Color Guard, and Percussion Line in Classes AAAA – AAAAA.
13. Order of performance is based on entry post mark. The earliest postmark application will go last in class followed by the date of entry late too early for each class.
14. Comment sheets may be picked up at the press box after the awards ceremony. Judges' comments will be shared a single file through google.
15. In the event of a 1st place tie in the band scores, the tie will be broken by a consensus of the five-judge panel.

If you have any questions or concerns you may call. Miguel Guisasola, Director of Flowery Branch Bands 706-273-0914.