

Colorado Bandmasters Association  
State Marching Band Championships  
United States Air Force Academy  
October 28&29, 2022

5A/4A Final Directors Packet

**Schedules-** All quarterfinals, semifinals and finals schedules are posted ([www.cbamarching.com](http://www.cbamarching.com)).

**VERY IMPORTANT!!! Spectator and Bus Entrance into the Air Force Academy:** all buses (charter, school district), private cars, min-vans carrying spectators, RV's, etc. will enter the Academy ground via the North Entrance (Exit 156 off of I 25). **This gate opens at 6:00 a.m.** Drivers must produce a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.

**EQUIPMENT VEHICLES-** All equipment vehicles (rental trucks, semi trailers, towed trailers, cargo vans, pickup trucks with equipment in the beds, etc.) must enter via the South gate (exit 150 off I25). They will turn right at Airfield Drive and proceed to the Large Vehicle Inspection Site. These vehicles will undergo a security inspection that will take **45-90 MINUTES**. Drivers will be required to produce a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, registration and Bill of Lading (CBA will email to participating directors). All passengers age 16 and old must show a picture ID. **Equipment vehicles may be left overnight by prior arrangement with CBA. An overnight pass will be required (see attachments).**

**Bus/Truck Parking (LOT 5)-** **no private vehicles** will be allowed in this area for the safety of students. Please plan with your boosters accordingly.

**Cooking, Food Serving Area (LOT 4)-** we will use the designated cooking area for any cooking vehicles, serving of meals, etc. Discuss this with your booster groups. Please **no charcoal barbeques** as required by USAFA. **Entrance into Lot 4 should be from Stadium Blvd.** Use the area to the northwest in Lot 4 with dumpsters, porta potties, etc. Please keep vehicles that are not directly related to cooking, serving food out of this area to ensure safety of the students. **No overnight camping allowed.**

**Water-** there is no potable water available at this site. Stadium management said there is no water source available for you to use. Bring all water you will need.

**Porta Potties and Trash-** there will be porta potties in the bus parking area and some in the cooking food serving area. There will be large dumpsters nearby in the food area. Please use these dumpsters!

**Music & Body Warm Up** - there are two areas labeled A & B on the map for music warm up. You will have 30 minutes in this area. Batteries are allowed to participate in music warmup. There is a designated body warm up area as well. Your band has an assigned body warmup time and location. Depart the warm up areas on time as the time for the next group starts at your departure time. Do not use Long Rangers, metronomes, woodblocks, claves, etc.

**Percussion Warmup**- Ward Durrett will be supervising percussion warmup. There are assigned areas and times for battery/frontensemble warm up. Refer to the map for these locations. Please inform your percussion staff where these locations are. **Percussion sections warming up who are not in the designated areas will be told to stop and to move. Batteries are allowed to participate in music warmup.**

**Color Guard Warmup**- This area is the only location where this will be allowed. Please inform your color guard staff where this location is. Color guards warming up who are not in the designated areas will be told to stop and to move. **Do not use Long Rangers, metronomes, woodblocks, gock blocks, claves, etc.**

**Hash Marks**- there will be permanent collegiate white hash marks on the field. There will also be high school hash marks on the field **IN YELLOW**. Please make your students aware of the two sets of hash marks.

**Tunnel Height**- 9'6" is the height of the tunnel leading onto the field at the stadium. Tunnel width is 20'

**Motorized vehicles for pit equipment/props** are not allowed in the tunnel or anywhere near the performance field per stadium regulations.  
ATV GUIDELINES: For use of towing prop trailers ONLY – NO PERSONAL USE  
5 MPH Speed Limit. Use lights whenever in use.

**Props**- there is a designated prop building location in the SE corner of lot 5. This will also be the area where you can store props. You will not be allowed to store props near the top of the tunnel.  
**Stadium staff have informed us that all sand bags used to stabilize props will need to be inside a secondary container.**

Check your schedule and notice the new time table for prop pre-staging. This area is the road just to the east of the prop building area. You are to stage your props for entry in the order you want them to go to the tunnel. When given clearance you will be directed to move forward with these items.

**Emergency Services-** There is an ambulance available 24/7 on the Academy grounds. If a Medical emergency occurs, **call 911** and tell the dispatcher that you are on the grounds of the Air Force Academy. **Give an exact location** so the ambulance can find you, i.e.

**CHSAA Passes-** we will accept these passes at the gate for administrators and superintendents. These will be honored for that person only.

**Director/Staff Passes-** are not to be used for parents, only directors and assigned staff.

**Stamping Policy-** we will stamp the hands of students and bus drivers. We will not stamp the hands of chaperones, truck drivers, boosters, etc. Each director will be given comp tickets to distribute as needed. Hand stamps will be honored for semifinals and finals.

**Band Guides-** we will not have the manpower to provide guides. Please study the map so you are aware of the locations of your assigned warm up area, stadium entrance, group picture site, etc.

**Power-** We will provide one power cord to the 50 yard line. Use at your own risk.

**Pit/Prop Wristbands-** Quarterfinalist and the automatic qualifiers will receive pit/prop Wristbands (25) in a packet upon arrival. All other wristbands will be in a packet handed out at awards presentations. **All adults assisting with pit/props will be required to show their wristband at the top of the tunnel.**

**Prop Building/Storage area** will be toward the SE corner of Lot 5 where buses and equipment vehicles will be parked. **Do not store props near the top of the tunnel.**

**Group Pictures-** Jolesch Photography will be the official group photographer. All groups are **required** to take a group photo.

**Quarterfinal and Semifinals Awards-** this will be a retreat for drum major only. They should be in uniform. Color guard captains, percussion captains are not allowed to participate in this retreat.

**Finals Packets-** packets for directors of all finalist bands will be handed out immediately after semifinals awards. Included in this packet will be schedules, pit/prop parent wristbands, retreat instructions and finals comp tickets.

**Finals Retreat-** If your band is in finals, be prepared to march your band into the stadium in a parade block no wider than five yards.

**Repair Van-** Graner Music will provide instrument repair service. This repair service will be located near the band warmup areas.

**Directors and staff-** are invited into the lower level of the press box to view performances. Admittance to this area is limited to those with director, staff or guestpasses.

**Spectator Entrance-** the main entrance for the general public is through **gate 3 at the south end of the stadium.** This is also where the ticket booth is located.

**Spectator Parking-** Free parking! We ask that spectators park in the lots on the south side, Lot 2, as this is closer to the ticket tent and spectator gate into the stadium. Handicapped parking is available as marked on the map.

**Handicap Parking-** Handicap parking is located in the paved area just behind the East stands. Volunteers will be operating a courtesy shuttle for guests needing further assistance to the stadium south entrance.

**Band Students Entrance-** there will be an entrance on the north side of the stadium for bands to enter to watch other performances. The hand stamp admits them for free.

**Concessions-** there will be concessions available in the stadium.

**Patches/Souvenirs-** Boomerang will be selling State patches, shirts, caps, hoodies, etc.

**Upper Level Judging Area-**the upper level of the stadium is reserved for judging. We have this area marked with caution tape. In the past we have had parents and students enter this area on their own, going past the caution tape. Please assist us by instructing parents/students to stay away from this area.

**Quarterfinals Ticket Prices**

Adults \$17.00  
Students \$12.00  
Seniors (60+) \$12.00  
Age 9 and under Free

**Semifinals Ticket Prices**

Adults \$18.00  
Students \$13.00  
Seniors (60+) \$13.00  
Age 9 and under Free

**Finals Ticket Prices**

Adults \$19.00  
Students \$14.00  
Seniors (60+) \$14.00  
Age 9 and under Free

**Combination Semifinals and Finals Ticket Prices**

Adults \$32.00  
Students \$25.00  
Seniors (60+) \$25.00  
Age 9 and under Free