



Guard Individual and Ensemble Competition Rules and Information

I. Membership:

Participation in any event requires that the school becomes a paid “Member in Good Standing” of the LMCGPC.

II. Dates:

The LMCGPC Individual and Ensemble Competition will take place annually; currently in conjunction with the LMCGPC Circuit Championships or Circuit Competition. Registration forms and payment postmarked by March 11, 2023. Submissions also due March 11th by 8pm.

III. Qualifications:

Students participating in the LMCGPC Individual and Ensemble Competition must be enrolled at a school that is a paid “Member in Good Standing”.

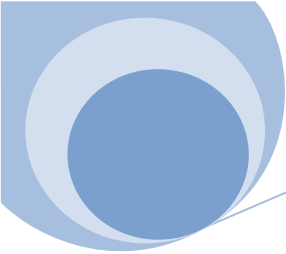
1. All soloist and ensemble members participating in the Individual and Ensemble Competition must be a bona fide student of the school they represent and must be certified as such by their director’s signature on the application composite form.
2. Participation is limited to academically eligible students in grades 5-12 or those listed as members of an independent unit.
3. Student participation is at the discretion of the school’s band/music director or guard instructor.

IV. Entry Fees:

- A. Students are required to remit \$15.00 for each solo performed.
- B. Those students participating in ensemble events are required to remit \$10.00 per each performing member.

V. Applications:

- A. All applications for entry into the LMCGPC Individuals and Ensemble Competition will be mailed to the LMCGPC Treasurer – Cortney Lyon, 3901 Vanderbilt, Lake Charles, LA 70607 OR hand delivered at any LMCGPC show up to the deadline.
- B. Applications for entry will only be accepted on official LMCGPC forms.
- C. All applications and monies must be submitted through the band/music director or guard instructor of the LMCGPC member school or unit.



D. Any applications or monies received from anyone other than the band/music director or guard instructor of the LMCGPC member school or unit will be returned at the expense of the applicant.

E. ALL APPLICATIONS AND FEES MUST BE SENT ON OR BEFORE THE DESIGNATED POSTMARK DEADLINE. **March 11, 2023!**

1. Any school's entry received with a late postmark, or hand delivered to a member of the executive board of the LMCGPC past the postmark deadline, will result in a phone call from the LMCGPC Colorguard Representative. The school will have the option of posting a late fee of \$10.00 per event immediately on that day OR, having the entry returned as unacceptable.

2. Any school's entry received after **March 11, 2023**, will not be accepted for any reason. The application and fees will be returned at the applicant's expense.

VI. Entries:

F. Each LMCGPC member school or unit may submit entries based on a first come basis— regardless of type (solos, duets, etc). Number of participants in each ensemble is limited to 4.

G. WGI classification of legal equipment must be utilized during the solo/ensemble, but other props may be incorporated at the performer's discretion.

H. All WGI rules pertaining to the taping of equipment and props for the safety of the performance venue will be strictly enforced.

I. Participants will compete within the classification of their respective unit. (Elementary, Cadet, Novice, Regional A, Regional AA, Scholastic A, Scholastic AA, Scholastic Open, Independent Regional A, Independent A, Independent Open, or Independent World)

J. Time Limits:

1. Both solo and ensemble participants must perform for a maximum time of 1 minute.

2. Each performance will be allowed 1 minute needed for set up and take down of equipment or props during the live portion of the competition.

K. Participants may only perform one solo or ensemble. Students may not do both.

L. A student may not repeat a solo or ensemble routine that they performed on any previous year.

M. No soloist may perform in place of another soloist.

N. All participants are required to provide their own equipment and music for their performance.

O. Preliminary performances must be submitted by video. (See VII)



VII. Video Submissions:

- A. All solos and ensembles will be submitted by video for preliminary adjudication by March 11, 2023. **Videos will not be accepted after 8pm, March 11 2023.**
- B. Videos can not not be edited in any way.
- C. All video submissions must be done through YouTube. To do so, follow these steps:
 - i. Sign in to YouTube.
 - ii. At the top of the page, click Upload.
 - iii. Select Upload video.
 - iv. Before you start uploading the video, you can choose the video privacy settings.
 - v. Select the video you'd like to upload from your computer. You can also import a video from Google Photos.
 - vi. As the video is uploading, you can edit both the basic information and the advanced settings of the video. Please make sure to not list any personal names on the video or in the description (school names only).
 - vii. Make sure to set the video privacy setting to Unlisted. Once it is finished uploading click Share to privately share your video.
 - viii. Email the video link to lmcgpc@gmail.com. Make sure to include all members names, school and classification in the email.

VIII. Adjudication:

- A. The adjudication panel will consist of one or two judges who are past or retired instructors, teachers, directors and judges and are not affiliated with any competing ensemble.
- B. All decisions of the judging staff with regard to our Individual and Ensemble Competition will be final.
- C. All solo and ensemble entries will receive verbal or written comments from their adjudicators.
- D. Judging criteria will consist of:
 - 25 Points Equipment
 - 25 Points Movement
 - 25 Points Performance
 - 25 Points Repertoire

IX. Awards:

- A. All students participating will be awarded a certificate.
- B. Those students who finish in the top three of their respective class will perform at Circuit Championships on April 1, 2023 and receive an appropriate award at the awards ceremony.