

2017 April Marching Band Committee Report

The 2016 marching assessment cycle is complete and the event finished \$1200 in the black. Northwest had no lodging cost and three sites had the facility fee waived which if incurred would have pushed us into the red. The marching band committee recommends we increase the marching assessment fee by \$25.00 to \$200.00. The additional \$4200 in revenue would ensure we do not run the event as a deficit in 2017.

Sites and adjudicators are being contracted. Registration will begin on line on May 1, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. No US post will be mailed this year. All information will be sent through email address in VBODA's database. We will be posting initial site assignments in June and directors will have the opportunity to update numbers in August via a google doc.

Sites for 2017 will be as follows:

- October 21 west at Richlands High School and Rock Ridge High School.
- October 26 in Williamsburg.
- October 28 at Patriot High School, Landstown High School, Massaponax and at one site to be determined. Possible Monticello or in the Lynchburg area.
- November 4 at Hermitage High School and Liberty High School.

We are in the process of creating/updating site coordinator, host and director responsibility documents. One of the main area of concerns was ensuring full warm up periods at sites and ensuring performance blocks maintained the designed schedule. Language will be provided to ensure bands are not rushed from warm up with the expectation that directors will be prepared to take the field at the appropriate time. Site coordinators are tasked to enforce any time penalties that cause a delay in the performance schedule using the established VBODA rule of lowering the highest adjudicator score one degree.

A Copyright Form has been created and will be a required element for assessment. Form is online and can be filled and printed before receiving the principal's signature. We will need to create a copyright position/stipend with the person being tasked with ensuring forms are complete with correct signatures and documentation.

The committee discussed size reclassification and recommends that since this is an assessment and not a competition, and since we order bands from smallest to largest based on the number of winds and percussion we no longer need to define bands by class A, AA, AAA, AAAA etc. We should just list the name of the band and eliminate classification.