

NWPA Contest Rule Modifications

The official rule changes are located within the NWPA Policies & Procedures Manual - available to all units that are members of the NWPA. Below is a summary of changes made to the WGI Contest Rules.

The Northwest Pageantry Association hereby adopts the latest version of the WGI Color Guard Adjudication Manual and Rule Book, the WGI Percussion Adjudication Manual and Rule Book, and the WGI Winds Adjudication Manual and Rule Book or their successors, as set forth and published by Winter Guard International (hereafter known as "WGI") on or before the date of the first show sanctioned or sponsored by the Association.

The rules below have been adopted by the NWPA and supersede the WGI rules for shows sanctioned or sponsored by the NWPA.

Memorandums may be published by WGI during the competition season; these memorandums will be evaluated for inclusion in the current season by the NWPA Show Coordinator and/or the NWPA Judges Coordinator and distributed to the membership at large as necessary.

New Rule: The use of drones or remote-controlled airborne devices will be strictly prohibited at all WGI and NWPA events effective immediately

The following changes have been made to the WGI Rule Book(s):

- WGI Rule ¶11 as modified by NWPA Rule §4.3, §4.4, §4.5, and §4.6
- 4.3 Independent units may not recruit students who are currently members of a Scholastic unit that is a member of NWPA. It is the Independent unit's directors' responsibility to ensure that the student does not have a scholastic unit at their school prior to having that student as a member of their organization. Failure to comply with the following regulations could result in the unit's loss of membership in NWPA at the discretion of the Board of NWPA. This does not apply to students who were members of said Independent unit prior to attending a school with a Scholastic unit. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶11**
- 4.4 A student's first obligation is to their school's scholastic winterguard, percussion, and/or winds programs. If a student is a member of their schools scholastic winterguard/percussion/winds unit at any time during the current school year which proceeds the competitive winter season and the student wishes to leave that unit and join an Independent unit, a letter must be on file with the Vice President of NWPA stating that the student is officially released of any obligations to the Scholastic unit. This letter must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian of the student, the director of the Independent unit and the official credentialed teacher in charge of the Scholastic unit or a school administrator (walk-on coaches signatures are not valid). **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶11**
- 4.5 If a student decides to participate with an Independent unit and their Scholastic unit, a letter stating that the Scholastic unit takes priority must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian of the student, the director of the Independent unit and the

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credentialed teacher in charge of the Scholastic unit. It is recommended that a copy of this letter be given to the student, the Independent unit and the Scholastic unit. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶1**

- 4.6 If a student from a school with a Scholastic unit that is a member of NWPA is not a member of that unit during the current school year which proceeds the competitive winter season and chooses to join an Independent unit, no letter is necessary. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶1**

WGI Rule ¶2 as modified by NWPA Rule §4.8 and §4.9

- 4.8 If a member changes units from one season to the next and leaves an outstanding obligation (financial, equipment, costume, or otherwise) with the prior unit, the directors of both units are encouraged to resolve the debt prior to the member performing with the new unit. If a suitable resolution cannot be independently reached by the directors of the units, the NWPA may offer to facilitate arbitration between the two units. Until the dispute over the debt is resolved, the member in question is not eligible to participate in any NWPA sanctioned events. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶2**

- 4.9 If an instructor has left an outstanding obligation (financial, equipment, costume, or otherwise) with any prior member unit (either as a member or instructor), said instructor may not design for or instruct any member unit nor may they participate in or be present at any NWPA sanctioned or sponsored event until said matter is resolved. If a suitable resolution cannot be independently reached by the director(s) of the units, the NWPA may offer to facilitate arbitration. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI (CG, PERC, WINDS) RULE ¶2**

WGI Rule ¶4 as modified by NWPA Rule §1.2

- 1.2 All performers at a NWPA event will be required to wear protective footwear while outside the performance area. **THIS RULE EXPANDS WGI RULE ¶4**

WGI Rules 1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, & 1.2.3

as modified by NWPA Rule §4.1 and §4.10

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of the director for each Scholastic Unit to insure compliance with all school, district and state academic and athletic eligibility regulations. Scholastic units must provide a NWPA Scholastic Eligibility Certification Form signed by the official credentialed teacher in charge of the Scholastic unit or a school administrator (walk-on coaches signatures are not valid). This form may be submitted on the NWPA website or be mailed to the NWPA office. **THIS RULE MODIFIES WGI RULE 1.2 AND 1.2.2**

- 4.10 Units whose total membership comes from the same high school and/or middle schools that feed into the same high school may compete in the Scholastic classification provided by NWPA. Units whose total membership comes from more than one high school and/or middle schools that do not feed into the same high school are only eligible to compete in the Scholastic classification if only one (1) of the schools contains a unit member and if a letter is provided to the Association per WGI Rule 1.2.3. **THIS RULE MODIFIES WGI RULE 1.2.1 AND 1.2.3**

WGI CG Rule 2.9

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6.12 The NWPA will provide the sound system for each show.

Units providing music on external devices (phones, iPods, etc.) must be present at the announcer's table during their performance in order to start and stop said device. Units providing music on CD or USB stick are encouraged to do so prior to the start of the competition in order for the sound technician to make preparations. Music will not be accepted on tape.

All units are encouraged to have two or more copies of their show in case the primary copy should fail.

Sound checks are for pitch/speed and balance only; headphones will be available for listening.

Volume adjustments may be requested; however the sound technician is not expected to adjust volume throughout your performance. In order to comply with OSHA and WGI requirements sound levels of 90 - 95 decibels are considered questionable and anything over 95 decibels will be turned down. Final say about the volume of a show is at the discretion of the NWPA Contest Director and/or Chief Judge of the Contest.

THIS RULE REPLACES WGI CG RULE 2.9

WGI CG Rule 6.7 as modified by NWPA Rule §6.20

6.20 The announcer will change the phrase "WGI Sport of the Arts" to "The Northwest Pageantry Association" when announcing the start of a performance. Colorguards performing in the World Classification may use a pre-recorded introduction with either phrase per WGI Colorguard Contest Rule 6.7. **THIS RULE MODIFIES WGI RULE (CG) 6.7 AND WGI ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE (PERC, WINDS)**