

THE NORTHWEST CLASSIC MARCHING CONTEST
September 26, 2009
Franklin Field - Northwest Mississippi Community College
Senatobia, Mississippi

*Sponsored by the Northwest Mississippi Community College Ranger Band
the Lambda Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Men's Music Fraternity*

CONTEST RULES

A. Eligibility

Any high school marching band is eligible to enter.

B. Classification

Bands will be classified according to wind section size:

GRAY CLASS	0 to 32 winds
WHITE CLASS	33 to 48 winds
RED CLASS	49 to 64 winds
BLUE CLASS	65 or 90 winds
GOLD CLASS	Over 90 winds

A band may enter a higher class but not a lower class. This must be done at the time of application, and *may not be changed after it has been submitted.*

The order of performance in each class will be determined in order of the applications received – i.e. the first application received will march last in the class. *Bands may enter as "comments only" if the director feels that this is appropriate for the ensemble's level of maturity.*

C. Performance rules

Bands may perform any type or style show they wish. No type of show props may be used that could damage college property. (This includes fire batons or other pyrotechnics). Pit transportation will be provided by the college if needed. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for bands in all classes. This also includes set-up and performance time. After the set time limit, a band will have five points per minute deducted from the grand average score. Time will be determined from the moment the band is allowed to begin set-up and will end when the band has cleared the field. No Cadence should be used while entering or exiting the staging area. (It is acceptable to use cadence entering and exiting the field itself.) Any program needing power must provide their own independent power source.

ADJUDICATION

Three band adjudicators will judge all aspects of band performance: Music, Marching and Maneuvering, General Effect and Routine Design. Separate judges will be provided for Auxiliary, Drum Majors and Percussion. Point totals will determine award recipients for these categories.

Festival ratings will be announced for each judge as follows:

I	=	SUPERIOR	80 to 100 points
II	=	EXCELLENT	60 to 79 points
III	=	GOOD	40 to 59 points
IV	=	FAIR	0 to 39 points

AWARDS - Trophies will be awarded for the following:

***every Superior-rating band will receive a wall plaque**

***1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLACE in each class by band score only.**

In the event of a tie in band overall awards, the tie will be decided by band score first (three band judges only) then by music caption score.

***BEST IN CLASS in each class by totaling the band, drum major, percussion and auxiliary score**

***1st, 2nd and 3rd place in DRUM MAJOR, PERCUSSION and AUXILIARY (*OVERALL REGARDLESS OF CLASSIFICATION*)**

***RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION (2ND Place Overall regardless of classification as with "Best in Class" score)**

Governors Cup awarded to the top Mississippi Band – (Highest total of all captions)

***GRAND CHAMPION (Best Overall) – Overall highest total score including all captions.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Deadline (postmarked by) August 26, 2009 – Contest Fee must be received by the deadline in order for a band to be listed on the schedule.

Admission fee for spectators is \$5.00 general public, \$3.00 for students and Free for Children under 12. Ten contest passes for each participating band. If additional passes are needed, *you must call in advance so that they will be ready for you at the gate.* This contest is scheduled to RUN ON TIME – PLEASE BE PROMPT! We understand that delays occasionally happen, and we will do everything possible to schedule your group's appearance in a gap if one occurs or following the final scheduled band if one does not.

Our concession stands will be open for your convenience – please encourage your students to eat with us, as this is our Phi Mu Alpha Chapter's only fund raiser for the year. There are only two Phi Mu Alpha Chapters at community colleges - PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THIS FIFTY YEAR TRADITION!

Warm-up times will be approximately 30 minutes before your band's performance time. Detailed warm-up information will follow after the deadline for application has passed. If you have any questions concerning the rules or regulations, please feel free to call John Ungurait (662-562-3335) or John Mixon (662-562-3336)