

Adjudication and Awards

As each band performs before you this evening, you will see on the field six judges evaluating the performance of the students. These are execution judges and it is their responsibility to spot mistakes by individuals and groups and to deduct by means of a "tick" (1/10 point per mistake) from a perfect score.

What you will not see are six other judges who will be seated away from the field where they have an ideal view of the performance. These are the general effect judges, and it is their responsibility to give credits to the performing group for positive contributions to the show. Therefore, these two phases of judging will tend to offset each other.

Each Band and Band Front begins with a perfect score of 100 points and as each execution judge finds a mistake, he deducts 1/10 of a point from the point value. At the same time, each general effect judge begins with a score of zero and, as he finds a positive contribution to the performance, he awards the unit a point value commensurate to the effectiveness of the contribution. At the end of the contest, the Band and Band Front, judged separately, that makes the least number of errors and scores the highest in general effect will receive the highest score.

Following are the total possible scores for Band and Band Front.

BAND – 100 Points: Musical Performance – 30 (two judges), Marching and Manuevering – 25 (two judges), General Effect Music – 25 (two judges), and General Effect Marching and Manuevering – 20 (one judge). Each Band must perform for at least 10 minutes and be in motion 6 out of the 10 minutes.

BAND FRONT – 100 Points: Marching and Manuevering – 40 (two judges), General Effect – 60 (two judges).

TWIRLING – 100 Points: 5% of this score will be included in the Band Front score.

After all competing Bands and exhibition groups have performed, all groups will be brought back on the field for the massed bands playing of the Star-Spangled Banner, the announcing of scores, and the awarding of the trophies to the Bands, Band Fronts and Twirling Corps. The awarding of the first place trophies to the Band, Band Front and Twirling Corps and the awarding of the Championship Trophy to the Band and Band Front with the highest combined score is the exciting climax of the evening.