

Texas Educational Colorguard Association

Proposed Amendment to TECA Contest Rules, Constitution, or By-Laws

Proposal: PASSED

Altar executive board job descriptions to fit the actual jobs the members of the board do.

Rationale:

The job descriptions are outdated.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): none.

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Richard Lopez, Madison HS

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current job descriptions:

- A. Office of President and duties are as follows: The President shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she will preside over all meetings, oversee all decisions pertaining to the Circuit, write the newsletters and send them to the secretary for distribution, and monitor the assigned duties of the other officers.
- B. Office of Vice-President of Colorguard and duties are as follows: The Vice-President of Colorguard shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she will preside if the President is unable and will assist the President with the administration of the circuit. The Vice-President will work as the Publicity and Marketing Director for the circuit. The Vice-President will also be responsible for handling all aspects of the TECA scholarships and will also arrange for all aspects of awards to be presented at the circuit championships. The Vice-President will oversee securing a panel of qualified and impartial judges for the circuit championships.
- C. Office Vice President of Percussion and duties are as follows: The Vice President of Percussion shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall handle and oversee all details pertaining to the percussion portion of the TECA. He/she will oversee unit review, judging panels, and serve as a liaison for the percussion membership.
- D. Office of Treasurer and duties are as follows: The Treasurer shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall have charge of and control of and be responsible for all funds of the circuit. The Treasurer will keep an accurate record of all financial transactions including receipts and expenditures and will provide a written financial statement at all general and executive board meetings and at other times as requested by the president.
- E. Office of Secretary and duties are as follows: The Secretary shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or She shall keep minutes of all meetings, see that all notices are given, distribute the newsletter completed by the President, and be custodian of the Circuit records. He shall keep a register of the member and their addresses. He/she will collect

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all Circuit dues and applications and will report to the President and Contest Director on membership.

- F. Office of Parliamentarian and duties are as follows: The Parliamentarian shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall advise the presiding officer of all matters of parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall keep a current Constitution and By-Laws and shall review these with the executive board at each change in board administration. The parliamentarian shall be responsible for making sure that all rules and regulations are followed by the membership.
- G. Office of Historian and duties are as follows: The Historian shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall keep a written and photographic record of each season. The Historian will be responsible for coordinating the program for the circuit championships along with the championships host.

PROPOSED JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

A. Office of President and duties are as follows: The President shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she will preside over all meetings, oversee all decisions pertaining to the Circuit, oversee all financial matters related to the circuit, and monitor the assigned duties of the other officers. He or she will be responsible for coordinating all support including but not limited to sound technician, tabulator, etc. for contests.

B. Office of Vice-President of Colorguard and duties are as follows: The Vice-President of Colorguard shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she will preside if the President is unable and will assist the President with the administration of the circuit. The Vice-President will oversee securing a panel of qualified and impartial judges for the circuit championships. He or she will generate and distribute all contest schedules. The Vice-President will maintain an average of all scores (guard and percussion) throughout the season for the purpose of the championship contest scheduling. He or she will serve as a liaison for the colorguard membership.

C. Office Vice-President of Percussion and duties are as follows: The Vice President of Percussion shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall handle and oversee all details pertaining to the percussion portion of the TECA. He or she will oversee unit review, judging panels, and serve as a liaison for the percussion membership. He or she will be responsible for enforcing the no-show fee for units that fail to withdraw within the set time frame within the by-laws. He or she will also be responsible for communicating with the treasurer to facilitate collection of fees and dispersal to the contest host.

D. Office of Treasurer and duties are as follows: The Treasurer shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall have charge of and control of and

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be responsible for all funds of the circuit. The Treasurer will collect all circuit membership fees, keep an accurate record of all financial transactions including receipts and expenditures and will provide a written financial statement at all general and executive board meetings and at other times as requested by the president. He or she will oversee the collection of fees and all gate personnel at the championships contest(s).

E. Office of Secretary and duties are as follows: The Secretary shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall keep minutes of all meetings, see that all notices are given, and be custodian of the Circuit records. He or she will coordinate a volunteer organization to work with the circuit at various shows.

F. Office of Parliamentarian and duties are as follows: The Parliamentarian shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall advise the presiding officer of all matters of parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall keep a current Constitution and By-Laws and shall review these with the executive board at each change in board administration. The parliamentarian shall be responsible for making sure that all rules and regulations are followed by the membership.

G. Office of Historian and duties are as follows: The Historian shall be a member of the Texas Educational Colorguard Association. He or she shall keep a written and photographic record of each season. The Historian will be responsible for coordinating the program for the circuit championships to include ad sales. He or she will be responsible for managing all aspects of marketing for the circuit.

H. All circuit officers will be responsible for the management and efficient running of all circuit shows through a visible presence in and around the competition areas.

Proposal: **PASSED**

Amend appointed officers' job descriptions to match current job assignments.

Rationale:

Job descriptions are out of date.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

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Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

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Current job descriptions:

- A. Office of Contest Director and duties are as follows: the Contest Director will handle all details and phases of running contests sanctioned by the Circuit The Contest Director will be responsible to the Circuit Membership through the President and shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Circuit, and as a staff officer, will receive orders form them in the form of changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Contest Director will be responsible for the TECA owned items and insure they are present and in working order at all contest. The Contest Director will be responsible for coordinating all support including but not limited to sound technician, tabulator, etc. for contest and shall be financially compensated in an amount established annually by the executive board.
- B. Office of Chief Judge (CGCJ and PCJ) and duties are as follows: The CGCJ/PCJ will oversee logistical aspects of the judges association. This includes sending informational newsletters, assigning adjudicators for contests and making necessary travel arrangements for adjudicators. The CGCJ/PCJ will keep a copy of the current circuit by-laws and the current WGI Rulebook and make them available at all TECA contests. The CGCJ/PCJ will be responsible for insuring that all adjudicators are aware of TECA's professional expectations throughout the season and shall be charged with reporting any violations of rules or ethics to the executive board. CGCJ/PCJ shall be financially compensated in an amount established annually by the executive board.
- C. Office of Education Director (Colorguard and Percussion) and duties are as follows: The Education Director shall assist the chief judges in the training of all TECA adjudicators so they may stay current with the philosophy of WGI and their management of numbers to accurately rank and rate competing units. He or she shall advise the executive board on all matters of WGI's philosophy and its effect on TECA and its competitive season as well as its adjudication training process. Additionally he or she shall mentor new units and their directors and provide training for these individuals as needed and approved by the executive board. The Education Director shall be financially compensated in an amount established by the executive board.
- D. Office of Webmaster and duties are as follows: The Webmaster shall maintain all aspects of the TECA website including correspondence with the web hosting company and presenting the TECA treasurer with all necessary receipts and invoices for payment of said services. He or she with the assistance of the executive board shall maintain the site with the most current information regarding meeting dates/times, contest information and packets, schedules and scores. The Webmaster will maintain an email listing of all circuit members in order to provide notices of important updates to the website. The webmaster shall be financially compensated in an amount annually established by the executive board.

Proposed job descriptions:

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present and in working order at all contests. He or she will work with the timing and penalty judge to ensure the smooth flow of the contest. The Contest Director shall be financially compensated in an amount established annually by the executive board.

B. Office of Chief Judge (CGCJ and PCJ) and duties are as follows: The CGCJ/PCJ will oversee logistical aspects of the judges association. This includes sending informational newsletters, assigning adjudicators for contests and making necessary travel arrangements for adjudicators. The CGCJ/PCJ will keep a copy of the current circuit by-laws and the current WGI Rulebook and make them available at all TECA contests. The CGCJ/PCJ will be responsible for insuring that all adjudicators are aware of TECA's professional expectations throughout the season and shall be charged with reporting any violations of rules or ethics to the executive board. CGCJ/PCJ shall be financially compensated in an amount established annually by the executive board.

C. Office of Education Director and duties are as follows: The Education Director shall assist the chief judges in the training of all TECA adjudicators so they may stay current with the philosophy of WGI and their management of numbers to accurately rank and rate competing units. He or she shall advise the executive board on all matters of WGI's philosophy and its effect on TECA and its competitive season as well as its adjudication training process. Additionally he or she shall mentor new units and their directors and provide training for these individuals as needed and approved by the executive board. The Education Director may be financially compensated in an amount established by the executive board.

D. Office of Webmaster and duties are as follows: The Webmaster shall maintain all aspects of the TECA website including correspondence with the web hosting company and presenting the TECA treasurer with all necessary receipts and invoices for payment of said services. He or she with the assistance of the executive board shall maintain the site with the most current information regarding meeting dates/times, contest information and packets, schedules and scores. He or she will oversee the registration process for all circuit units. The Webmaster will maintain an email listing of all circuit members in order to provide notices of important updates to the website. The webmaster shall be financially compensated in an amount annually established by the executive board.

Proposal: **FAILED**

Elimination of multiple classifications within Regional A and Scholastic A classes.

Rationale:

Reviewing scores from the 2014 season, including Championships, there is a large amount of overlap between the multiple Regional A and A classes. In some cases, Many Regional AAA guards would have been near the top of Regional AA class and even Regional A based on criteria and scores. The same situation is true of the A classes, wherein a AA guard would have won the A class

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*Multiple opportunities for show and circuit winners & method for determining show order is included in proposed change for Article VII – Contests.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None – could potentially reduce costs.

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Michael Vasquez, ATX Winterguard

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current:

ARTICLE VI-CLASSIFICATION

I. Colorguard Units

SCHOLASTIC CADET

SCHOLASTIC NOVICE

SCHOLASTIC REGIONAL AAA

SCHOLASTIC REGIONAL AA

SCHOLASTIC REGIONAL A

SCHOLASTIC AAA

SCHOLASTIC AA

SCHOLASTIC A

SCHOLASTIC OPEN

SCHOLASTIC WORLD

INDEPENDENT REGIONAL A

INDEPENDENT SENIOR

INDEPENDENT A

INDEPENDENT OPEN

INDEPENDENT WORLD

Proposed:

ARTICLE VI-CLASSIFICATION

I. Colorguard Units

CADET CLASS – No change to unit description

SCHOLASTIC NOVICE CLASS – No Change

SCHOLASTIC REGIONAL A CLASS – No Change to unit description

SCHOLASTIC A CLASS – No change to classification description

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SCHOLASTIC OPEN CLASS – No change to unit description

SCHOLASTIC WORLD CLASS – No change to unit description

INDEPENDENT REGIONAL A CLASS- No change to unit description

INDEPENDENT SENIOR CLASS – No change to unit description

INDEPENDENT A CLASS – No change to unit description

INDEPENDENT OPEN CLASS – No change to unit description

INDEPENDENT World CLASS - No change to unit description

Proposal: **FAILED**

Change the manner in which performance order is determined for certain circuit shows.

Rationale:

More fair method of establishing performance order. Allows for multiple winners within same class at larger shows. Eliminates (or greatly reduces) need for contest director and host to address scheduling concerns.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

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Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current:

ARTICLE VII – Contests

III: Performance Order will be determined in lottery fashion drawn by the executive board for each contest.

A. The Contest Director and the Contest Host will jointly address concerns for scheduling problems with the exception of the Circuit championships.

B. A categorized performance order of units will be provided by the circuit.

1. The schedule will be strictly adhered to.

2. In the event of an emergency, rescheduled performances will be made at the discretion of the Contest Director, but rescheduling will not be guaranteed.

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C. The contest host will have the performance order, determined by Texas Educational Colorguard Association, prior to the contest date.

1.

A host may cancel the contest not less than ten (14) calendar days prior to the show date if the host feels there are not enough competing units to meet operating costs. A sponsor should consult with the Contest Coordinator before making the final decision.

Proposed:

ARTICLE VII – Contests

III. Performance order at regular season shows for all units will be determined by timestamp or postmark date of unit's membership registration for the first two required shows. For units in the same classification that have the same registration timestamp or postmark date, order will be determined by random draw.

- A. All guard classes with 15 or more entries will be split into rounds.**
- B. For all remaining shows, units will perform in random draw order. Classifications using rounds will use a seeding process to facilitate an equity in each round and then randomized. This seeding process will be based on WGI's Championships seeding process.**
- C. Draws will be done electronically. Unit reclassification due to promotion will be considered a lateral slide into the next class, i.e., if a unit's draw is fifth, they will maintain their relative draw position in the new class.**
- D. A tentative categorized performance order of units will be provided by the circuit at least 3 weeks before the contest. A final categorized performance order of units will be provided by the circuit the Wednesday before the contest.**
 - 1. A host may cancel the contest not less than ten (14) calendar days prior to the show date if the host feels there are not enough competing units to meet operating costs. A sponsor must consult with the Contest Coordinator before making the final decision.**

Proposal: FAILED

Change the manner in which admission fees for local shows are determined.

Rationale:

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Rather than determining ticket prices for individual shows, the circuit should allow sponsors to determine what their market can bear in terms of pricing. TECA would then be able to access \$1 from each admission price throughout the season to be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- a) Increase the TECA scholarship fund
- b) Assist units who attend WGI World Championships
- c) Pay to bring in national-level judges on a more regular basis.
- d) Submit for 501(c)(3) IRS status.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Michael Vasquez, ATX Winterguard

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current

ARTICLE VII – Contests

V. The Texas Educational Colorguard Association Executive Board will determine the admission fees for all contests throughout the season as well as the State Contests.

Proposed:

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V. The Texas Educational Colorguard Association Executive Board will allow show hosts to determine admission fee for contest. In addition, the Board will require an additional \$1 added to all admission fees for all contests throughout the season, to be paid to the Association within 14 days following the contest. The Texas Educational Colorguard Association Executive Board will determine the admission fees for TECA Circuit Championships Contest.

Proposal: **FAILED**

Change the manner in which performance order is determined for championships.

Rationale:

Includes opportunity for WGI contests to count toward TECA Championships seeding.

Makes accommodations for units that are promoted through the season.

Creates true champions for each class, as well as divisional champions.

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Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Michael Vasquez, ATX Winterguard

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current:

ARTICLE X – TECA CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. Performance order will be determined by the average of the two highest scores that each unit earns throughout the season. If a second score has not been earned in the current classification, the unit will compete first in the class.

Proposal:

C. The order of appearance in championships will be determined by the average of a unit's two highest scores. If a unit receives multiple scores on a given weekend, only the highest score from that weekend will be used in the calculation method.

Scores from WGI contests will be used in calculating this average. Only scores earned on the sheet that the unit will be adjudicated on at championships will be used in calculating this average. If a second score has not been earned in the current classification, the unit will compete first in the class. Units will perform in reverse order of this average. Averages will be posted no later than five days before championships for the directors to view. In the event that two units end the season with the same average, the tie will be broken by considering the unit with the single highest score for the season to have the higher total average.

D. All guard classes with 15 or more entries will be split into divisions. Awards will be given to the three top-scoring units in each division. The three top-scoring units in each class will also receive medals or awards indicating exceptional achievement within the class. The top-scoring unit in a class shall receive the title of "TECA Class Champion" for that class and receive a banner and trophy/plaque indicating that title.

- 1. At least two (2) units need to be in a class to be a TECA Class Champion. If there is only one unit in a class, then a First Place trophy/plaque will be awarded only.**

Proposal: **FAILED**

Change the manner in which amendments to the TECA Constitution and By-laws are submitted.

Rationale:

Defines specific-limits on submitting amendments and voting, as is indicated on the proposal form.

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Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Michael Vasquez, ATX Winterguard

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

Current:

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

I. Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted to the President in writing and signed by at least two active members. The President shall announce the proposed amendment at a regularly scheduled meeting of the membership and the amendment will be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the general membership.

II. The By-Laws may be amended or altered by two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members present and voting

Proposed:

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

I. Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing through post or through email prior to the Spring Meeting. The Executive Board shall announce the proposed amendments at the spring meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments will be emailed to all members 21 days prior to the fall membership meeting. Proposed amendments will be voted upon at the fall membership meeting.

II. The By-Laws may be amended or altered by two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members present and voting at the fall meeting.

Proposal: **PASSED**

Change the manner in which percussion units enter and exit the competition floor.

Rationale:

There was confusion on the part of some unit directors causing the shows to run behind.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): John DeLeon, Eagle Pass HS

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Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Flynt, Jourdanton HS

A) Current:

ENTRY & EXIT 6.1 – An ensemble may enter the competition floor over any line (vertical or horizontal.)

Proposed:

All ensembles will utilize the host site's timeline only. Units will follow entry and exit locations UNLESS doorways do not accommodate large equipment.

B) Current

Exit may be over any line at the conclusion of the performance (vertical or horizontal.)

Proposal:

Exit will be over the host timeline at the conclusion of the performance.

Proposal: **PASSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD - PROCEDURAL**

New medaling process for state. Call all groups like normal until top 3. Call 3rd place – have them move to side 1, call 2nd place – have them move to side 2, call 1st place and have them move to the center then allow directors from all medaling units to medal their students.

Rationale:

The way we currently do it takes too much time. We could save anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes. One concern might be that each of the top 3 groups will not receive enough time for recognition. If you look at it, it's the same amount of time, just shared with 2 other groups. Honestly, parents will only be paying attention to their own students. This will also allow units who travel great distances to compete, to get on the road and home sooner. This will also allow host schools to get people out of the building sooner.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): None

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Ascano, Crystal City HS

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Lura Stevens, Carrizo Springs HS

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Proposal: PASSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD - PROCEDURAL

All warm-up sites at all contests will have a large visible time clock. All warm-up sites will be run by adults rather than students.

Rationale:

I have asked a monitor how much time was left, was told 3 minutes by the monitor only to be told 10 seconds later that I had 30 seconds remaining. I would like to be able to see for myself, without having to ask how much time is left in warm-up. Also there should be an adult in the room for supervision.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): The cost of two large digital countdown clocks.

Submitted by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Nathan Ascano, Crystal City HS

Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Lura Stevens, Carrizo Springs, HS

Proposal: PASSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROCEDURAL, HOWEVER WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE CURRENT SUPPLY OF MEDALS IS EXHAUSTED

TECA should have a TECA State Medal –bronze on a white ribbon, silver on a red ribbon, gold on a blue ribbon.

Rationale:

The medals that have been given out are hard to differentiate from the other medals students receive from track, powerlifting, etc. A customized medal with the TECA logo on it will make a longer and stronger memory of the hard work and good times that came with earning that medal. Students put in a lot of hard work to get into the top three of their respective classes. A TECA State medal should be a reward of equal caliber.

Financial impact to the circuit (if any): Cost of individual medals. (Cost of NCTA medals is \$2.30 per medal.)

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Seconded by (member in good standing of TECA for the 2013 season): Lura Stevens, Carrizo Springs HS