



### **Color Guard Rule Changes for 2015**

- Rule 1.2.1 amended to add: Combined scholastic color guards may only use students that are in their district and/or home-schooled students that would be zoned for those schools.
- Rule 1.5 added: No color guard may use music on the "Restricted Music" list as published on the WGI website. Directors are responsible to verify music eligibility.
- Rule 1.6 added: Color guards must compete in the same or higher classification at WGI events as they do in their local circuit if the local circuit uses WGI scoring system.
- Rule 4.4.8 added: Use of glass objects is prohibited.
- Rule 4.5 added: Props built and/or used, including drum major podiums, that measure over six feet (6') high and are used in such a way that result in a participant whose feet are more than six feet (6') above the competition area must have appropriate safety railings in place. Participants are prohibited from jumping or leaping off any prop that exceeds six feet (6') in height unless protective padding is in place or other adequate safety precautions are taken.
- Rule 6.7 amended to add: World Class color guards are permitted to have this second announcement pre-recorded into soundtrack. Color guards may not deviate from wording of announcement.
- Rule 8.3 added: All programs, soundtracks, thematic and costuming choices must reflect the qualities that would be acceptable for performance at a scholastic venue or suitable for marketing to sponsors on a national level.

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- The top three Scholastic and Independent A Class color guards at all regionals will be reviewed for misclassification, up to and including the last weekend of regional calendar. Previously color guards were reviewed only once during the season and only during the first five weeks of competition. This means that color guards can be reviewed multiple times and through the last week of competition prior to world championships.
- Should there be a cancellation of a scheduled event, color guards registered for that event needing to qualify for world championships will bypass any wait-list and given priority into another scheduled event.
- Wristbands will still be used at WGI events; however, colors will be more sensitive to costuming choices.
- A consistent number of 1.5 points per week of the regional calendar will be used to create the standings list for world championships round assignments.
- Number of color guards advancing to Semi-finals at world championships has been adjusted to a maximum of 64 (see Page 148 of WGI rulebook).
- At world championships, the highest scoring color guards will advance to Semi-finals, regardless of the round in which they competed. In the case of multiple preliminary contest sites, an equal amount from each contest site will be taken to make the total number of semi-finalists.
- At world championships, Scholastic A Class finalists will be determined by averaging preliminary and semi-finals scores. Color guards will perform in reverse order of score at finals.
- Open Class guards who qualify for semi-finals at world championships will perform in reverse order of preliminary scores.