
2024

DIRECTOR'S GUIDE

MARCHING RAMS



INVITATIONAL

Parking

An aerial view of the Rolesville High School Campus has been provided to assist you. We have a designated parking area for support vehicles based on the number you indicated on your registration form. Only these vehicles will be allowed into the equipment truck parking area. You may contact our parking coordinator, Gail Parquette (617-921-4147), if you have questions or need directions as your equipment trucks arrive. Spectator parking lots are noted on the map as well. Volunteers will be assigning parking spots upon your arrival.

Trucks carrying Front Ensemble/Pit equipment and student buses should use the first entrance off E. Young St., Quarry Rd. Trucks carrying Props will use the main entrance off of E. Young St. and park in the prop truck parking lot where they will unload props and bring them to the prop staging area which is located near the entry point for props to the field. If pit and props are being transported by the same vehicle, it is recommended to drop pit equipment off first then proceed to the prop parking lot.

Transporting Pit Equipment

We can provide limited transport of Pit equipment from the warm up area to the gate. Please plan accordingly with parent volunteers to assist with transport as we can only transport to the entrance gate. Absolutely no trucks or trailers are permitted on the field. We will have student volunteers to assist if needed. Please know that our grounds are flat and we give ample time to get from the warm-up area to the stadium.

Registration

Upon arrival Band Directors will be directed to the registration table located next to bus parking. Please register your band at this time. **If you are arriving early, please register your band upon arrival.** Students are asked to stay on the bus until the Director registers the band.

Band Guides

Each band will be provided with a Band Guide, RAMbassador. Your guide will remain with you until your band returns to the bus parking area after performing. The Band Guide will be responsible for directing the band from location to location and answering any questions you may have.

Passes/Wristbands

At the registration table, Directors will be issued a Band Director Pass and nametag, an additional staff pass, and 10 chaperone/pit passes/wristbands. All other members of the traveling party will need to purchase a ticket for admission at the ticket booth. Cost of admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for all students K-12, and children 5 and under are free. We do accept credit cards for stadium pass purchases.

Dressing Facilities

Changing facilities are provided inside the school for your band. Your guide will take you to the dressing area at the designated time unless you instruct otherwise. Bands arriving prior to their assigned dressing time will be allowed to use the facilities as they are available. There will be volunteers assigned to maintain the dressing facilities. No bands will be allowed to use the dressing facilities unless accompanied by a chaperone(s) from your program.

Restrooms

Restroom facilities are available throughout the campus. Restrooms will be available in changing areas and near warm-up areas as well as in the stadium.

Music Warm-Up Area

Please see the aerial view of Rolesville HS provided to you to locate the music warm-up areas. Bands will be given 45 minutes in the warm-up area. If the area is available prior to your assigned time, you may enter it early. However, bands following the Marching Rams Invitational timeline for their performance will have precedence. We will have water and cups available at the warm-up areas.

Equipment

No pyrotechnics, fireworks, firing of weapons, or fire will be allowed. No animals will be allowed as part of the performance. No band may perform a routine that requires the stadium lights to be turned off. No powder or any other material that may damage the field or leave excessive residue (paper wrappings, etc.) may be used. Please refer to NCBA Manual for additional information. No trucks or other vehicles are permitted on the track or field.

Adjudication

We will be using the NCBA sheets. Judges will provide comments on score sheets and audio recorders. We have additional judges for color guard, percussion, and drum major. We have assembled a panel of experienced adjudicators.

The NCBA Adjudication Manual and the NCBA Judge sheets will be available in your Dropbox. Bios of our judges will be available on our website.

Judges' Tapes

Judge's commentary will be placed in your individual Dropbox folder by the end of the evening following the event.

Performance

Band members and Pit/Front Ensemble will enter the field from the right side (as you face the field). Props will enter from the left side. All will exit from the left side where props entered.

Please make yourself aware of the rules regarding timing that the state committee has put into effect for this season. We will have a dedicated individual at field level whose role will be to keep track of all timing and to serve as the event's "producer". This person will also serve to help make the drum major comfortable with when they should salute if they are going to. Remember a drum major salute is not necessary nor will it be asked for from the announcer.

A drum tap may be used to enter and exit the field. *A full drum cadence should not be used at any time.*

Video Taping

We ask that all spectators and participants in our events only make videos of their band and comply with all copyright laws. No power source will be available in the stadium for spectator videos. Video cameras should not be set up in the Director's SkyBox/Hospitality portion of the stadium.

Concessions

Our volunteers work hard to make sure we offer great food and beverage options for your band. Our concession stand will offer Burgers, Pizza, Hotdogs and standard stadium foods including a bake sale.

Candy Grams

The Marching Rams Invitational will provide your students and guests the opportunity to send congratulatory comments to band members via candy grams (\$1 each). Candy grams will be available for pick up at the awards ceremony.

Stadium and Parking Area Policies

Please remind all chaperones and spectators that Wake County Public School System campuses are smoke free. No coolers, drinks, or other food items will be allowed into the stadium. No grills are allowed on campus except in the Concession's grill area.

Awards Ceremony

Please advise your student leaders to listen carefully for the awards ceremony announcements. We would like all students to be able to enjoy watching performances, therefore , they will be directed to line-up quickly directly following the exhibition performance.

Awards

An awards ceremony will be held at the end of the evening competition performances. Student leader representatives will be asked to line up to receive any awards/recognitions. Retreat should only consist of drum majors, captains, etc. only. The following awards will be given in each class:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Percussion (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Percussion (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Color Guard (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Color Guard (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Drum Major (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Drum Major (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Music Performance (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Music Performance (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Visual Performance (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Visual Performance (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place General Effect (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place General Effect (3A, 4A)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Best in Class (1A, 2A)
- 1st Place Best in Class (3A, 4A)
- Reserve Champion
- Grand Champion

Weather/ Rain Policy

As the week of the event is upon us, we will make you aware of our Weather Plan updates, should it be a threat. We, of course, expect sunny skies and a pleasant temperature to greet you as you visit Rolesville.

Band Director Hospitality

A Band Director's hospitality area with food and drinks will be set up behind the stands with VIP seating in the stands to the right of the press box. We encourage you and your staff to visit this area to take a break and meet and mingle with other Directors and staff. There will also be food and refreshments at this location.

Ongoing Communication and Updates

Additional information and updates can be found at <http://www.rolesvillehsband.com/marching-rams-invitational.html> and through your personal Dropbox.

Additional Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, we will do everything possible to accommodate your needs. Questions on the day of the event may be addressed with your band guide. Please feel free to contact Band Director, Rachel Harshman (rharsman2@wcpss.net) or rhs.marching.committee@gmail.com for additional information.

In addition to familiarizing yourself with the information in this packet, please also make yourself familiar with the NCBA Procedures Manual.