

Playoff Marching Band & Pep Band Guidelines

Only 35 pep band members, and the director, will be admitted at no charge to the state playoffs, providing each member of said groups complies with the following conditions. Additional members may attend at the student fee at the discretion of host administrator based on facility space consideration.

1. The site director is notified in advance and the group appears at the entrance designated by the site director.
2. Band members must have an instrument in possession and be accompanied by the director.
3. All performing groups (i.e., dance groups, pom poms, flag teams, drill teams, winter percussion, etc.) must make previous arrangements with the site director. The site director will arrange for admission either by passes, gate list, or other means.
4. When marching bands are required to attend football playoff events, they will be admitted at the discretion of the site director and are not limited to the 35 member maximum for pep bands.
5. The CHSAA defines a pep band as a musical group from the school's music program and designed to perform before games, at time outs and halftime (sharing time with opposing school's pep band). The number of members allowed is 35, must have typical pep band instrumentation (50% wind instruments is minimum).
6. In the event that a percussion ensemble is deemed to be the schools spirit ensemble (pep band), membership should not exceed 20 members total. Ensembles larger than 20 will need to petition an extension to the site host.
7. The pep band must be under the direction of the school band director or his/her designated certified staff member.
8. Marching Bands/Pep Bands are asked to observe the following:
 - i. Play only at pre-game, time-outs and intermissions during games. At no time can bands, percussion, any part of an instrument perform while the ball is in play.
 - ii. To give consideration to other bands in attendance. Every school should have the opportunity to complete a cheer and to have its band play. (A meeting of the band directors prior to the start of the contest always helps to ensure good sportsmanship).
 - iii. Do not allow band instruments, drums, etc., to be used as noise makers.. Only a maximum of 2 amplifiers can be used for the purpose of amplifying a piano, guitar, or bass.