

**Idaho State University
Mountain West Marching Band Invitational
Director Information Sheet**

Welcome to the ISU Mountain West Marching Band Invitational!

Please read this information before attending the festival.

ARRIVAL

Maps and driving directions are enclosed. Upon arrival, ISU Student volunteers may stamp the hands of all STUDENT PERFORMERS either on the bus, or as they exit the bus. This will give all students access to enter/exit the arena as they wish.

An ISU volunteer will assist you through the warm up/performance process. They will meet your school approximately 90 minutes before your performance.

Notes for Parent Boosters:

- You may reserve or block off sections of seating so that you may all sit together. Please be considerate of others and do not reserve seats that won't be filled.
- No objects, such as balloons, may be released inside the Holt Arena. The structure of the facility makes it impossible to retrieve such objects.
- No food or drinks will be allowed in the Holt Arena except those purchased at the concession stand. ISU will have their concession stand open during the competition for your convenience. You may bring lunches or drinks, but they must be eaten outside in the parking lot or on the bus. ICCU Dome personnel will enforce their food policy.
- Your band Director has contest rules that must be followed if you are helping with the band. Please contact him/her for additional rules that may apply to you.

PASSES

The Director will receive passes and field passes in their packet upon arrival. These will also allow your staff and volunteers to enter/exit the arena as they wish.

TICKETS

Parents and friends may purchase tickets at the door for \$12 & \$8 (students/seniors). **PLEASE NOTE** that this is the only source of income for paying for the use of the ICCU Dome. Encourage your parents to help support this event. Group Rates for non-performing school bands can be purchased at \$3 per ticket.

WARM UP: THREE official warm up areas (as labeled on the map) are to be used **55 minutes** before your performance time. You may warm up before this time preferably in the “green” parking lot/grass areas on the Map (away from the arena) if needed (while space is available). **PLEASE DO NOT INTERFERE WITH OFFICIAL WARM UP SPACES.**

The Practice Field (on the other side of the arena) IS NOT AVAILABLE

PERFORMANCE – Please refer to the SEI Competition Handbook for specific Performance Times, Rules, and Procedures (attached). We are still using those guidelines.

ISU has scheduled bands in 15-minute intervals.

PERCUSSION ADVICE

In general, higher pitched snare and tenor drums are **AMPLIFIED** within the dome. It is recommended that you ask these students to adjust (softer 20-25%) for optimal balance.

Recent Renovations have increased the echoes (up to 8 echoes per drum click) and ring time (Sounds ring for 5 seconds). Consider performing with MORE ARTICULATION than you would outside, and use percussion impacts sparingly.

Consider placing any mallet percussion as close (backed up) to the front sideline (or on the field) for maximum benefit. **POWER** is available; bring your own extension cord.

NOTE: Balloons, confetti, or anything else impossible to clean up is NOT permitted on the field. This also goes for smoke effects, and fire is not permitted. Bigger wheels (over 4”) are much easier to move on the turf. Please carry all equipment that could possibly damage the field.

Script:

Between (3) minutes 15 seconds to three (3) minutes 30 seconds, the announcer will introduce the band as follows:

*“Joining us from (Band city), please welcome the (Hometown) High School Marching Band!”
(pause for audience response)
(Announcer reads their program and/or selections)
If your drum majors are going to salute, it should occur no later than when the announcer says:
“(Competition Name) is proud to present Drum Majors _____ and _____ and the
_____ H.S. marching Band.*

A drum major salute is not necessary to indicate that the band is ready to start.

VIDEO

The ISU Commercial Music department will provide each director with an overhead shot of your performance. Files will be mixed and shared as soon as possible (up to 24 hours, we hope). PARENTS can film at the top of the 50-yard line stairs. Signs will be posted. Please video your own group and allow access after your show is complete.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions (food & beverages) will be sold throughout the event.

EMERGENCY

Any one of the ISU student volunteers will be able to contact Tom Kloss in case of an emergency/problem. Inform Arena Staff for immediate medical emergencies.

RAIN/SNOW PLAN – If needed, limited alternate warm up areas will be developed near the entrance at Holt (and two on the back side of Holt under the eaves). In these situations, please be flexible.