

# OMEA Marching Band Adjudicated Events Quick Rules Guide for Parents



## **Intent**

Band Directors and staff members of participating bands are aware of the rules applicable to marching band adjudicated events, but often parents may not have the same knowledge. This short guide is meant to help prevent parents from unknowingly violating a rule at an OMEA Marching Band Adjudicated Event.

## **Entering the Performance Field**

- The Timing & Penalties Adjudicator will tell you when personnel are permitted on the field to pre-place props, color guard equipment, and large percussion or front ensemble equipment.
- Do NOT enter the field without permission from T&P Adjudicator.

## **Grounding Zone**

- The grounding zone extends five yards deep from both front and back sidelines and runs the entire length of the field to the back of the end zones.
- Performers are permitted to be in the Equipment Grounding Zone at any time.
- With the exception of sound boards/mixers and podiums for field commanders/drum majors, ALL percussion instruments, equipment, and props must be fully within the grounding zone or a penalty will be assessed.

## **Powered Vehicles**

- No powered vehicles will be permitted on the performance field at any time.
- Powered vehicles ARE permitted in the grounding zone.
- At some show sites with limited space, a defined variance from this rule may be established and will be communicated to directors. Deviation from the defined variance will be penalized.

## **Stadium Power**

- Stadium electrical outlets may be used only at OMEA approved sites.
- Stadium power may not be used at unapproved sites.
- If you use a generator or battery and have problems with it, you cannot use the power at an unapproved site without receiving a penalty.

## **Boundary Violations**

- An injured performer may leave the field but may not return.
- Returning to the field will be treated as a boundary violation.
- If one of your students leaves the field during the performance due to an injury,  
do not let them return to the field.

## **Drones**

- Operating drones at an OMEA Marching Band Event is strictly prohibited, including the parking lot, warm up areas, and stadium.

## **Speakers**

- Speakers must be placed within the boundaries of the performance field (which includes the grounding zone).
- Alternatively, speakers may be mounted on the conductor's podium.
- It is not acceptable for speakers to "ride in" on the conductor's podium, but then be placed down on the track or field outside the grounding zone for the performance.