

Contest Guidelines

VISUAL FX NATIONALS

AUXILIARY CATEGORIES - TEAMS

TEAM FLAG TEAM RIFLE TEAM FLAG & RIFLE
MAJORETTE DANCE TWIRL MAJORETTE TEAM TWIRL
WINTER GUARD SHOW

Teams consist of 5 or more members.

If you have any questions, please contact the MA Office at 800-977-7933.

AUXILIARY TEAM CLASSIFICATION

Auxiliary groups do **NOT** compete by team size or gender.

AUXILIARY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please complete the National Competition Registration Form enclosed and mail or fax it to our Plano Office to be received at least **14 days prior** to the contest date. You may also register at www.MAux.com. For the convenience of scheduling, please register as early as possible even if you do not know the specific names of your ensembles or soloists. You must submit your solo and ensemble names and ages (as of Aug 31 of this school year) 14 days before the competition you are attending.

Late entries must call to confirm space availability and each late entry may be subject to an additional \$25 for each routine entered. Confirmation packets and contest schedules will be emailed one week prior to the competition. MA will post a preliminary schedule on our website the weekend before each event with a final update on the Wednesday evening prior to the contest.

AUXILIARY COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

Regional, Classic, State, and National Championship fees are detailed in charts on the inside of the brochure or online under Competitions. These must be consulted to fill out the Registration Forms.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds must be requested in writing and received in our office at least 14 days prior to competition date. Phone calls are not acceptable. Teams, ensembles, and individuals that cancel entries after that time will not receive any refund! All entry fees must be paid by the date of the competition or performers may not be allowed to participate in the contest! **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN DUE TO WEATHER UNLESS THE CONTEST IS CANCELLED, SO MAKE PLANS ACCORDINGLY.**

AUXILIARY TEAM ROUTINE GUIDELINES

1. Including set up/entrances/breakdown/exits, teams have a total of 5 minutes of floor time per routine in Team Flag, Team Rifle, Team Flag & Rifle, Majorette Dance Twirl, and Majorette Team Twirl. Winter Guard Show will be allotted 10 total minutes. Entrances and exits are not judged. You may also petition for additional time if needed, but only in ONE category!
2. Total routine time with set-up & breakdown of props/backdrops should not exceed time limits itemized above. A one point penalty per judge per minute will be assessed for exceeding routine times.
3. Music must be recorded on compact discs or MP3 players. Variable speed CD players will be available in all areas. Bring back up CDs to avoid technical problems.
4. Performance area is 96' x 50' (Regulation basketball court)
5. All props and backdrops should be taped to avoid damage to wooden floors. **ALL PROPS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MA PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE!**

AUXILIARY ENSEMBLE GUIDELINES

1. Small Majorette Ensembles (2-4 members), and Small Color Guard Ensembles (2-4 members) may compete in the following age groups as of August 31 of this school year: Tot 3 years & younger, Tiny 4-6 years, Mini 7-9 years, Youth 10-12 years, Junior 13-14 years, Senior 15-16 years, Senior 17-18 years and Open 19+ years.
2. Ensemble routines should be 1 minute and 30 seconds to 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
3. Three digital audio critiques on flash drives and score sheets will be given for each ensemble.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMER GUIDELINES

1. Soloist will compete in the following age groups as of August 31 of this school year: Tot 3 years and younger, Tiny 4-6 years, Mini 7-9 years, Youth 10-12 years, Junior 13-14 years, Senior 15-16 years, Senior 17-18 years and Open 19+ years.
2. Solo routines must be limited to 2 minutes and 30 seconds in length. A .5 point penalty for every 5 seconds per judge will be assessed if the time is greater than 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
3. Soloists will receive a free video of their performance on flash drive with 3 audio digital critiques & scoresheets.

JUDGING CRITERIA

A panel of professional judges will provide oral digital critiques on all Team, Ensemble, and Solo Performances at the M.A. National Championship. Score sheets indicating the numeric scores for each caption will accompany the critiques. Note: At all M.A. Competitions, judges will be encouraged to deduct points in the choreography caption if appropriate costuming, movement, and/or music is not utilized in all routine performances.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- ★ National Team Placement Trophies for all Guard, Winter Guard and Twirler divisions
- ★ Best in Class Banners for teams with the highest overall score in their division
- ★ National 1st through 3rd place Trophies for Solos and Ensembles in each age division
- ★ National Championship Jackets or Rings for Solo winners in all age divisions
- ★ National Winner's Circle Banners for the top scoring teams in the competition
- ★ Medals will be awarded to all participants receiving a superior rating in their scoring packets

NATIONAL PRICING

Team Routines	\$325
Small Ensembles	\$195
Solo Routines	\$100

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Full Competition begins at 8 AM on Friday, March 22nd. Teams should be available to perform by 8 AM! This will allow awards to be completed by Midnight on Saturday evening, March 23rd.



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