

2017 Allen County Fair Baton Twirling & Flag Corp Competition

RULES ELIGIBILITY

All contestants must be currently enrolled in an accredited high school for the '17 -'18 school year to be eligible to compete. Contestants may be male or female. Entry blanks shall be signed by the Principal and Band Director or Auxiliary Director.

Schools will compete in either Class A or Class B depending on school enrollment size.

Class A = (351 or higher enrollment grades 9-12)

Class B = (350 or less enrollment grades 9-12)

Dance Team = Open to any age group

Dance Twirl Team = Open to any age group

Any school moved up a division on request of the instructor/band director shall be moved up and will remain in that division for the remainder of participation in the competition.

ENTRIES

There will be no entry fee. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than July 7, 2017. Entries will not be accepted after July 31. Introduction sheets must be typed; no handwritten material will be accepted. Deadline for introductions will be Thursday, August 17th. We will not accept any introduction sheets the day of the competition.

Mail forms to: Allen County Fair Baton/Flag Competition 2750 Harding Highway Lima, OH 45804

PERFORMANCE

The contest will take place on the racetrack directly in front of the grandstand. There will be no directors meeting. The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather, it may be necessary to start early, relocate, postpone or cancel this competition. Only CD's/IPODs with your music can be used. An estimated appearance time will be assigned to each group prior to the contest. Order of performance will be done by lottery drawing. There will be separate categories for each of the following: Majorette Squads, Flag Corps, Rifles, Dance Twirl Team, Feature Twirlers, Feature Flags, Dance Team. There needs to be 2 groups for each Dance Team and Dance Twirl Team to have these categories. There needs to be 3 schools in the Rifles to have this category.

Total performance time limits are as follows:

Majorette Squads, Dance Team, Dance Twirl Team – 1 1/2 to 3 minutes maximum

Feature Twirlers - 1 to 2 1/2 minutes maximum

Flag Corps - 4 minutes maximum

Feature Flags - 3 minutes maximum

Rifles - 3 minutes maximum

Timing will begin when your music starts and will end when the final position is held or when the music ends (whichever comes first).

There will be a one point penalty for each second over the time limit (deducted from the total score).

Each group must provide their own CD/IPOD. A sound system will be provided and music will be played through the grandstand speaker system. CD should be of good quality and loudness. CD must be ready to play when brought to the table. CD's will not be tested at the official sound system. Each group must have one (1) representative (coach/supervisor/band director) to start their groups music. The representative must remain at the table during the performance, and then remove the CD upon completion of the routine. If your music does not work, you may try your back up CD. There will be a one (1) point off for each minute of delay. If your backup does not work, you may perform without music with a (5) point deduction taken from your score. The Allen County Agricultural Society or its representatives will not be responsible for any malfunctioning CD's.

Props may be put in place as soon as the squad performing before you have left the staging area. Judging sheets will be returned to you following the contest.

JUDGING

The contest will be judged by a panel of qualified judges. The judges will score all areas of the competition. The scores of the judges will determine the final placings. Judges will be given a maximum of 2 minutes to judge each category. Judges will write comments on your score sheets. Final scores will be checked by an official tabulator.

WINNERS & AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. Medals will be awarded for first place, ribbons for second place.

ADMISSION

Instructors and participants will be admitted to the fairgrounds free of charge on the day of the contest.