

# Peach State Marching Competition Handbook



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*On behalf of the Rome Band Boosters and the Rome City School Bands, we are happy that you and your band are participating in the Peach State Marching Competition. Ours is the oldest continuously run marching competition in the state and we are glad you have chosen to be a part of it this year.*

*The following is some general information that may answer many questions you have about the day and our preparations.*

## CHAPERONES

Your chaperones are our guests. **You are allowed one chaperone for each ten (10) band members.** Chaperones will receive a stamp that will identify them. Directors and spouses will be issued "Director" and "Special Guest" badges, which may be used at any gate except the VEHICLE ONLY gate. Bus drivers are admitted free and will also be issued a stamp for admittance.

## REGISTRATION

This year, our registration area will be located BEHIND the levee across from the stadium. This is where all bus and truck parking as well as Warm-Up areas are located and all students unload. A changing tent is also located in this area. Directors should disembark their bus as they come into the area. Registration is near the levee entrance.

## HOSPITALITY

A Hospitality area will be provided for Directors and their spouses as well as bus drivers. Light refreshments will be available. This hospitality area is not for chaperones or students.

## GUIDES

A guide will be assigned to your group when you register. These people have volunteered to serve as your assistants during your stay at Peach State. They have been instructed in handling your needs. **Your cooperation with these guides in maintaining time schedules is greatly appreciated.**

## PARKING

Buses and trucks will be parked in Riverview Park and Heritage Park behind the levee from the stadium. Fields are available in this area for warm-ups as well as the changing tent and restrooms. Your guide will have the information and will assist your bus drivers in locating assigned parking. We will also have a crew working this area the entire day. They will be located just past from the Registration area.

You may use your own equipment transportation to drive to our designated unloading area next to the performance field. You may do this IF AND ONLY IF your transportation is /are licensed vehicles! **By order of the Rome Police Department, NO UNLICENSED VEHICLES (4-wheelers, carts, gators, etc.) ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THIS AREA TO HAUL EQUIPMENT!** We will provide you with equipment transportation if needed and requested.

Please note: Second Avenue is an extremely busy street that is also a state route. For your students' safety, do not allow your students to cross Second Avenue anywhere except the levee

entrance where Rome Police will be stationed ALL day to assist all those crossing. ***NO STUDENTS are permitted to cross over the levee itself.*** You are responsible for making sure your students understand and obey this rule. Any students not obeying this will be reported to their band director.

Buses must remain parked at their levee location and band members must walk to the stadium since the arrangement of Barron Stadium and the surrounding streets does not allow for parking closer to the stadium.

### **SCHEDULING**

Due to the number of bands attending and performing at Peach State, scheduling is extremely tight with few breaks. Your band should adhere to schedules and cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave when instructed by you and/or your guide. We need your utmost consideration and cooperation so that we can stay on schedule and keep the bands moving onto and off the field as advertised.

### **DRESSING**

There is no dressing area available, so please plan accordingly.

### **FIRST AID**

First Aid is provided in the Northeast area of the stadium and will be manned during the day.

### **POLICING AND DISCIPLINE**

Please remind your students to show respect for the stadium facilities by putting litter in the trash receptacles. Also please ask your band members to show respect for other performers by being quiet during a performance by another band. No one will be allowed in or out of the stands during a band's performance on the field of competition. This will be strictly enforced.

### **Pyrotechnics**

***Due to the artificial turf, fire batons, fireworks, or any visual effect that may be chemical based, or be ignited to create an effect, are prohibited.***

### **TICKETS**

Tickets for spectators will be on sale at two gates, one located near West Third Street adjacent to the Tennis Center and then other located on West Fifth Street next to the Floyd Medical Center's Business Office building. Tickets are \$10.00 for anyone 7 years of age or older. Anyone 6 years or younger is admitted for free.

### **PROMOTIONS**

Peach State T-shirts and other items will be available for purchase by your band members. Our exclusive vendor for these products and will have 2 locations at the stadium to serve your members and chaperones.

### **CONCESSIONS**

Concessions will be open on both sides of the stadium with a wide variety of meal, snack and drink items available for visitors and spectators. A menu and price list is included with this packet.

Please encourage your band members, chaperones and spectators to eat with us during the day. Peach State is a major fund raising endeavor for the Rome Band Boosters and your support is appreciated.

If you would like to pre-order food for your band, please feel free to do so. We hope to e-mail you a menu and order form sometime this weekend.

### **PRESS BOX**

The Press Box is for judges and festival officials with special passes only. No one else is permitted to enter the press box. This policy will be strictly enforced.

### **VIDEO RECORDING**

Peach State will once again be video taping the days performances. Due to the large number of bands and spectators as well as the design of Barron Stadium, NO CAMERAS mounted on bi-pods, tri-pods, Quadra pods, etc. will be permitted.

### **RATINGS AND AWARDS**

Festival Ratings only will be given for Festival Bands. Festival awards will be given before Competition events begin. Trophies are awarded for bands receiving Superior or Excellent ratings. Auxiliary trophies are for Superior ratings only.

Competition: Classification grouping is determined by the number of wind instruments as listed on your registration form. Bands may choose to enter a higher classification but not a lower one. Classifications are based on the GMEA recommendation of Class A = 40 and less wind instruments; Class AA – 41 to 59; Class AAA – 60 to 79; Class AAAA – 80 to 100; and OPEN Class – 101 and up.

Judging: Numeric and Olympic style. The high and low band scores will be dropped and the remaining three scores will be averaged to determine the band placement.

Trophies are awarded for bands receiving Superior or Excellent ratings. Auxiliary trophies are for Superior ratings only. In addition, trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class for Band. A Best in Class trophy will be awarded in each Auxiliary class.

The David L. Walters Grand Championship Trophy will be awarded to the band with the highest score in combined Classes A and AA and the T. Eugene Inglis Grand Championship Trophy will be presented to the band with the highest score in combined AAA, AAAA and Open Classes based on Final Band Judges score.

The Don Everett Outstanding Musical Performance Trophy will be awarded to the band with the highest musical score of the day regardless of class.

### **EMERGENCY CALLS**

**If an emergency should arise** requiring you to be contacted during Peach State, please have those calls directed to Chad Hannah on his personal cell phone at 850-865-0242.