



Mississippi Indoor Association

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I. NAME

Our organization shall be known as the "Mississippi Indoor Association" and will be referred to as "THE CIRCUIT" in the following document.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our organization are as follows:

To assist area color guard and percussion ensembles financially and through leadership in achieving a means to provide opportunity for competition corresponding but not limited to the Winter Guard International's rules and guidelines. To provide a means to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information on subjects of common interest, namely winter guard and winter percussion.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any bona-fide Color Guard or Winter Drumline is eligible for membership. To vote on any issue at any meeting a unit must be a member in good standing having paid the current dues in full. There will be one vote per unit.
- Section 2. All members will enter a competitive class and perform either a colorguard show or a concert or marching percussion show. All WGI rules will be followed as it pertains to use of instruments in the percussion classes.

ARTICLE IV. DUES/FEES

- Section 1. Membership dues shall be voted on at the annual circuit meeting and posted in the Contest Policies.

ARTICLE V. COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Circuit offers the same classes that Winter Guard International offers plus any classes added by the Board of Directors and listed in the Contest Policies.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. MEETINGS. The Executive board shall decide the meetings of membership of the Circuit. During the meetings the election of the executive board for the ensuing year shall take place. The executive board shall take office immediately following elections. Also, the competition season shall be discussed and approved by quorum of the membership present. There shall be at least two (2) meetings of the membership each year.
- Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be held at the call of the executive director or by written notice of three (3) members of the executive board. At least five (5) days notice of each special meeting shall be sent via electronic mail to all members of the organization.
- Section 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS. Order of business at circuit meetings or special meetings called shall be as follows:
- a. Meeting called to order
 - b. Reading of minutes from previous meeting
 - c. Financial report by treasurer
 - d. Report of Executive Director
 - e. Committee reports as needed
 - f. Old Business
 - g. New Business
 - Election of Officers
 - h. Forum
 - i. Adjournment
- Section 4. QUORUM. At least five (5) members in good standing present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 5. VOTING. Each paying unit in good standing shall have the right and be entitled to one vote, in person, upon every proposal submitted to vote at any meeting of the organization. Voting member must be named and declared prior to the vote by roll call.

ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIRCUIT shall be vested in the Executive Board to be elected by the membership. The executive board shall consist of the following:
- a. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 - b. SECRETARY
 - c. TREASURER
 - d. COLORGUARD MEMBER AT LARGE
 - e. PERCUSSION MEMBER AT LARGE
 - f. COLORGUARD JUDGE COORDINATOR
 - g. PERCUSSION JUDGE COORDINATOR

The executive board shall be employed with the power to interpret and enforce all rules and regulations as set forth in the by-laws and shall further have the power to decide on all issues not specifically covered by the by-laws. The Executive Director will administer the decisions of the executive board. The Executive Board shall act as an appeals board for the membership on matters of a by-law nature. All appeals must be submitted to the Executive Director in writing and must be acted on by the executive board within 10 days.

- Section 2. REQUIREMENTS:
Board shall come from interested persons at least 21 years of ages prior to the

date of the elections willing to fulfill the responsibilities rendered by their elected office. No member of the executive board shall hold more than one office. You must be a member in good standing to hold an office on the Executive Board.

- Section 3. **TERM OF OFFICE:**
Each board member shall hold office for one year, elected at the annual meeting and until his/her successor is elected.
- Section 4. **DUTIES OF THE BOARD:**
The Executive Board shall manage the business, property and affairs of the organization. The board shall develop policies and make recommendations concerning financial matters to the general membership, and in general assume responsibility for guidance of the affairs of the organization.
- Section 5. **QUORUM FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:**
A majority (4) of the members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.
- Section 6. **MEETINGS:**
The Executive Director shall call executive board meetings. A quorum (4) must be in attendance in order to have a meeting.
- Section 7. **REMUNERATION:**
The executive board will not receive any remuneration in exchange for serving.
- Section 8. **VACANCIES:**
Vacancies in the executive board shall be filled by the designation of a successor by a majority of the executive board and such successor shall serve for the remainder of the term.
- Section 9. **REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER:**
Any of the elected or appointed officers can be removed from office by two-thirds vote of all members in good standing. Voters must be in attendance or must have submitted written proxy.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

- Section 1. **OFFICERS:**
The officers of the executive board shall be the officers of the Circuit.
- Section 2. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**
The Executive Director shall:
a. Preside at all meetings of the executive board and at all membership meetings.
b. Perform all duties usually pertaining to the office of Executive Director.
c. Be Chairman of the Executive Board
- Section 3. **SECRETARY**
The Secretary shall:
a. Learn and use the current edition of the "Robert's Rules of Order"
b. Record the minutes of all meetings.
c. Read the minutes of each previous meeting to membership.
d. Maintain committee reports (if any).
e. Carry on all necessary correspondence of the Circuit.
f. Make reports at meetings and special reports when requested.

- g. Perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the executive board.

Section 4.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Be custodian of all funds and securities of the organization and collect interest thereon.
- b. Keep a record of the accounts of the Circuit.
- c. Deposit all monies of the Circuit in the name of the Mississippi Indoor Association in a bank designated by the executive board, subject to withdrawal for authorized purposes upon the signature of the treasurer or the Executive Director.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the executive board.

Section 5.

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Members at Large shall:

- a. Attend the annual meeting and any meeting called by the Executive Director.
- b. Vote on all issues presented them as board members of the organization.
- c. Perform duties delegated to them by the Board of Directors.
- d. Act as a representative for the units of the circuit.

ARTICLE IX. CONTEST DIRECTOR/JUDGE COORDINATOR

Section 1.

CONTEST DIRECTOR:

The executive board shall appoint a contest director for all circuit contests. The Contest Director shall not have a competing unit in the contest. The Contest Director will be the circuit official in charge of the competitive aspects of the event. The Contest Director will not be a member of the executive board.

The Contest Director's duties will include:

- a. Assess penalties by the penalty judge.
- b. Oversee and complete control of the tabulation process.
- c. Distribute checks to judges.
- d. Instruct and direct the runners to their duties.
- e. Assist the announcer on the P.A.
- f. Fee for the Contest Director shall be declared at the start of each season by the Executive Board.

Section 2.

JUDGE COORDINATORS:

The executive board will appoint two people to serve as percussion and color guard judge coordinators. Their duties will be as follows:

- a. Be a voting member of the executive board.
- b. Be responsible for securing and training all circuit show judges.
- c. Assign all judges to all Circuit events.
- d. Arrange travel for judges as necessary and report travel expenses to the executive board.
- e. Judge coordinator may not judge in a show that their unit is a participant in.

ARTICLE X. DISPERSEMENTS

All expenditures must be approved by a majority of the current board of directors.

ARTICLE XI. RULES OF ORDER

The latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of

procedure not specifically covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII. CIRCUIT SHOWS/COMPETITION

All circuit shows and their sponsors shall abide by the published Mississippi Indoor Association contest rules approved by the membership at the annual meeting. The appointed contest director shall assume the responsibility for implementation of designated rules and guidelines.

ARTICLE XIII. WEBSITE/COMMUNICATION

All circuit related communication will be transacted electronically where possible through electronic mail and or the use of a website maintained by the executive board or their designee.

ARTICLE XIII. AMMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors and membership may amend, revise, add to, repeal, or rescind these by-laws and/or adopt new by-laws at pleasure by a quorum (4) of the Executive Board and 2/3 vote of membership present at the annual meeting, provided that ample notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, revision, addition, repair, or rescission of the by-laws or adoption of new by-laws has been given to membership.