# 2015 LA COUNTY FAIR High School Marching Band PARADE COMPETITION 

## Don't miss the opportunity for your band's chance to win part of $\mathbf{\$ 2 2 , 0 0 0}$ in cash prizes!

## RULES \& REGULATIONS

\& Bands will compete in the Marching Band Competition throughout the following dates:

## Preliminaries

J Friday, September $4{ }^{\text {th }}$
$s$ Wednesday, September $9^{\text {th }}-$ Friday, September $11^{\text {th }}$
$\&$ Wednesday, September $16^{\text {th }}$ - Friday, September $18^{\text {th }}$
$\&$ Wednesday, September $23^{\text {rd }}$
Finals \& Awards Ceremony
$\boldsymbol{s}$ Friday, September $25^{\text {th }}$
s Parades Wednesday - Friday begin at 5:00pm. Bands must check in no later than $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$, as we will start feeding into the parade by 4:30pm.
\& Class Breakdown - On your application, you will be asked to select one of the following classes based on the total number of Band Members, not including Auxiliary:
s Open Class (Any size, puts band in the running for the Grand Prize)
Finalists selected by scores given during preliminaries. Finalists must return for the Finals on Friday, Sept. $25^{\text {th }}$.
Grand Prize: $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$
Second Place: \$5,000
Third Place: \$2,500
s Class A (65 or more band members) Winners determined by scores given during preliminaries. Bands do not return for Finals.

First Place: \$1,000
Second Place: \$750
Third Place: \$500
$\int \quad$ Class B ( 64 or less band members)
Winners determined by scores given during preliminaries. Bands do not return for Finals.
First Place: \$1,000
Second Place: \$750
Third Place: \$500
\& The LA County Fair reserves the right to move your band into a different class if a head count is conducted and your band is larger or smaller than indicated on the application. Actual numbers will be required on your confirmation sheet for credential purposes.
\& Bands that win the First Place Grand Prize in the Open Class will not be eligible to compete for the grand prize for the following three years. We do require those bands to return to our Parade of Champions on the last Thursday of the Fair for the three years that they are ineligible.
\& Please return your application as soon as possible before the deadline. This year's preliminaries will only have eight competition days, so the sooner you submit your application, the better chance you have to get the date of your choice! Entries will be limited and determined by a selection process based on information provided in the application. Not all bands who submit an application may be selected to compete. The sole decision for selection rests with the LA County Fair Entertainment Department. Any application may be rejected for any reason deemed necessary.
\& The judging area will be a marked straightaway (including 250 feet leading up to the judges' stand, and an additional 50 feet after the judges' stand). Please keep in mind that portions of the parade route may be narrow; certain areas may be no more than 20 feet wide.
$\&$ The competition is in a continuous forward motion - you may NOT stop at the competition line. Intentional stopping at any point of the parade may result in a scoring penalty. Gaps are not permitted in any portion of the parade. When gaps occur, fairgoers will attempt to cross in front of or in the middle of your band, which may disrupt your performance and the parade as well as endanger themselves and your band. Please stay as close as possible to the unit in front of you. Large, intentional gaps between your band and the group in front of you, between the auxiliary and the band, between the drum major and the band, or anywhere else in your lineup may result in a scoring penalty or your disqualification from the competition.
\& Bands are required to play throughout the entire parade route. Field show style music is highly recommended. Any breaks in music can be no longer than forty-five seconds. Don't forget that your main goal is to entertain and WOW us!
\& The LA County Fair's professional SCSBOA affiliated band judges will judge and score each band throughout the preliminaries, and the top 3 scoring bands from the Open Class will advance to the finals on Friday, September $25^{\text {th }}$. The band directors of the three finalists only will be contacted via telephone sometime after 7:00pm on Wednesday, September $23^{\text {rd }}$. The First Place winners from both Class A \& Class B will be contacted on Wednesday, September $23^{\text {rd }}$ in order to invite the Band Director \& one band member to accept a trophy at the Awards Ceremony in recognition of their placement. Prize monies will be mailed in early October.
\& The three finalists from our Open Class only will return on Friday, September $25^{\text {th }}$ to compete in an exciting battle for the title of Grand Champion. Our SCSBOA judges will select the grand champion based on the same standard SCSBOA judging format that was used in the preliminaries. Previous scores will not be considered in the final judging.
$J$ The finals will take place along the parade route, under similar conditions as the preliminaries.
$\boldsymbol{s} \quad$ If selected, your band must compete in the finals on Friday, September $25^{\text {th }}$ in order to qualify for prizes. A runner up band will be designated and will become a finalist in the event that a band makes the finals but cannot return on Friday, September $25^{\text {th }}$.
$J \quad$ NOTE: While the judges deliberate after the final competition, each of the three finalist bands will be required to perform to entertain each other and the crowd as part of the awards ceremony. This is an informal and non-judged performance that can incorporate the entire band or parts of the band for purely entertainment purposes. Please come prepared, as we will have an MC to announce your band and your fun musical selections.
\& Along with a great day at the Fair, the Grand Champion from the Open Class will receive a cash prize of $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ Place from our Open Class will receive $\mathbf{\$ 5 , 0 0 0}$, and $3^{\text {rd }}$ Place from our Open Class will receive $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 5 0 0}$. The top three highest scores given to bands competing in Class A \& Class B during the preliminaries will receive $\$ 1,000$ for First Place, $\$ 750$ for Second Place, and $\$ 500$ for Third Place.
\& The primary focus of this competition is entertainment value and showmanship as opposed to traditional parade criteria, which may include but is not limited to style, auxiliary, general effect, and marching. The more enthusiastic your band is, the more it will stand out! Please look over the enclosed judging form for information on what the SCSBOA judges will be looking for during the competitions.
$\&$ When filling out the enclosed application, please include contact information that is valid throughout the summer months as it is very important that we are able to contact you during summer vacation! We recommend that you contact us after sending in your application to confirm we received it as we are not responsible for lost, stolen, illegible, or misdirected paperwork. More details will be mailed to you as the Fair approaches.
\& By submitting an application, the band director acknowledges that the Fair has the right to use the band's trademarks, logos, and names for use in connection with the Fair and the performances, including all promotional materials, guides, websites, and the like. The band director allows the Fair the right to photograph and film this event and all participants, and to use any pictures, footage, video, sound clips, silhouettes, and other reproductions of the physical likenesses of those participants in any public relations, news media, or advertising materials for the Fair without compensation.

## Need Help With Funds?

\& The LA County Fair is once again extending a special offer to high school marching bands to help raise funds to march in the 2015 LA County Fair High School Marching Band Parade Competition. For every adult ticket sold by the band, a portion will be given back to the booster club to help offset any expenses incurred in coming to the Fair. Please note that bands must compete in the 2015 LA County Fair High School Marching Band Parade Competition in order to be eligible for the fundraiser and to receive the money. Questions regarding the Fundraiser opportunity can be directed to the Group Sales Department, at (909) 865-4050 or groupsales@fairplex.com.

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