



# SCBDA 2022 IA/3A LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Blythewood High School Blue Legion

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

## **General Information**

### **Travel Suggestions**

All band traffic (buses and support vehicles noted on the equipment and personnel form) is advised to use Wilson Boulevard (Exit 24 from I-77) and enter campus through the South (bus and staff parking) entrance. All spectator traffic is advised to use Blythewood Road (Exit 27 from I-77). Premium Parking traffic and all Handicapped (with cards) will enter through the Stadium (north) Gate, until the stadium parking lots are full. Please see the attached campus map for traffic flow.

### **Upon Arrival**

Buses, equipment, and pit vehicles displaying vehicle passes (which will be sent via email) should arrive at the same time. Check in at the Hospitality Tent, where your band guide will meet you. Band members will have their hands stamped at Band Welcome. Director/staff badges and bus driver/chaperone/pit wristbands will be in your hospitality packet.

### **Dressing Rooms**

Several large bathrooms at Blythewood High School will be available for use. Students must be chaperoned at all times. Each band is responsible for providing an adequate number of chaperones while their students are in the bathrooms. We do suggest that you arrive in "half uniform" to make this process easier.

### **Warm-Up Areas**

There are four designated warm-up areas. Your pit may choose to accompany the winds to the designated warm-up area or warm-up in the grassy areas directly behind Blythewood High School. (The BHS softball and baseball fields cannot be used as additional warm-up areas.) If your pit chooses to be in the areas behind the school, no cymbals or hard mallets may be used. (Please see the enclosed schedule and map for your assigned warm-up area). Please face away from the stadium during your warm-up. You must depart the warm-up area on time to avoid a 2 point penalty. You may only warm up in your assigned area at your assigned time. Penalty = 2 points. After warm-up, move your band, as shown on the enclosed map, to the staging area.

### **Emergency Repairs**

Musical Innovations, Inc. will have a booth in the Vendor location on the Home Side.

### **Pit Crew**

Your pit crew should be in the staging area (judge's right, home side of the field) prior to your band's arrival in the staging area. Only vehicles with "turf" tires will be allowed inside the stadium. No pick-up trucks or any vehicle with "all-terrain tires" or "mud tires" will be allowed to enter. Golf carts and similar towing vehicles may drive onto the field to pull pit trains, props, etc. if (1) vehicles have turf tires and (2) the pit train, props, etc. are equipped with tires (not wheels that will leave grooves in the turf). Vehicles must be within the goal lines. Please no driving in the end zones. If you need assistance with moving equipment, please inform your band guide upon arrival. Vehicles should exit to the judge's left, home side of the field.

### **Performance**

The band proper will be entering from the judges' right, home side of the field behind your pit. An official at the staging area will inform you when to enter the field. You may take the field on drum cadence. You will have a total of 15 minutes to set-up, warm-up (optional), perform, and exit. Your exit must be on drum tap. Exit the field to the judges' right on the away side of the field. Richland School District Two prohibits the use of fire extinguishers, glitter, confetti, or other materials that cannot be immediately removed from the field.

There is an 8-foot brick wall that is located 10 – 15 yards away from the front (home) sideline. For those of you that will be using amplification, you may want to take this into consideration as you think about your placement for speakers. Astro turf is on the home and away sidelines. There is an A/C outlet located on the brick wall near the 50-yard line.

### **Award Retreats**

The awards ceremonies are NOT full band retreat. The representatives for each band will line up in performance order and enter the field on the home side numbers. The Drum Majors for each performing band will then move to the front side line for the ceremony.

### **Video**

We will provide a video of your band's performance at the award ceremony.

### **Parking**

Premium Parking will be available for spectators around the stadium on a first come – first serve basis.

### **Satellite Parking**

There are additional free spectator parking areas off campus, within a short walk to the stadium. Please allow for additional time to get from these parking areas to the stadium so you do not miss a performance.

*Palmetto Pediatrics*  
121 Blythewood Rd., Blythewood, SC 29016

*Trinity United Methodist Church*  
155 Blythewood Rd., Blythewood, SC 29016

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church*  
105 Main St., Blythewood, SC 29016

*First Community Bank*  
201 Main St., Blythewood, SC 29016

### **Admission**

Ticket prices are: \$12.00 for Adults and \$8.00 for Students. All tickets must be purchased onsite: there are no pre-ordering or virtual options available.

All bands regardless of size will receive 15 chaperone armbands, 6 staff badges (including directors) and 1 arm band for each bus driver. Bands over 100 members will be given an additional chaperone pass per 8 every 8 students over 100.

### **Bad Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, activities will be moved indoors.

### **Concessions**

A variety of concessions will be available throughout the stadium.

*PLEASE NOTE: Bands will not be allowed to cook/grill on the campus of Blythewood High School or at the stadium. All band directors are encouraged to bring your students to the concession areas.*

### **Programs/T-Shirts, Etc**

Official 1A/3A programs and apparel will be available for purchase.

### **Directors' Hospitality Room**

We will have a First Class Directors' Hospitality Room for all directors and staff (only) that will be located in the Food Court at Blythewood High School. Enjoy!