

Percussion Adjudication Sheet Discussion

Theory: There are really only two captions that matter when evaluating a marching percussion section:

1. How well do the kids play?
2. How effective is the contribution of the percussion (battery and pit) to the entire musical presentation of the band?

Adjudication Sheet:

2 Sub-captions - possible total of 200 points:

PERFORMANCE QUALITY/EXCELLENCE (100 points)

Consider:

1. Rhythmic accuracy
 - a. Segments, e.g. snares, etc.
2. Musicality
 - a. Musicianship
3. Ensemble Cohesiveness
4. Tempo Control
 - a. Feet and hands
5. Phrasing, Expression
6. Clarity of Intent
7. Uniformity of Technique
8. Composition
 - a. A “reward” that is factored into the score ONLY if the performance level is acceptable
 - b. Accounts for musical demand, technical demand, and simultaneous responsibilities

ARTISTRY/EFFECTIVENESS (100 points)

Consider:

1. Enhancement of Music
 - a. Percussion to winds
2. Synergy (total band)
 - a. The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects
3. Ensemble Awareness
 - a. Blend
 - b. Balance
 - c. Phrasing
 - d. Expression
4. The Musical Journey
 - a. Relationship among time spent, paths taken, and destinations reached
5. Idiomatic Interpretation
6. Creativity
7. Communication
8. Presence
9. Entertainment

BAND _____
 DATE _____ Prelims Finals

PERCUSSION

Performance Quality/Excellence (100) Rhythmic Accuracy Musicality Ensemble Cohesiveness Tempo Control Phrasing, Expression Clarity of Intent Uniformity of Techn Content/D	0 – 49 Poor	SAMPLE
	50 – 64 Fair	
	65 – 79 Good	
	80 – 89 Excellent	
	90 – 100 Superior	
Industry/Entertainment Emphasis on Music Stage Ensemble Awareness Musicality / Interpretation Creativity Communication Presence Entertainment	0 – 49 Poor	SAMPLE
	50 – 64 Fair	
	65 – 79 Good	
	80 – 89 Excellent	
	90 – 100 Superior	

0 – 99.9 Poor	100 – 129.9 Fair	130 – 159.9 Good	160 – 179.9 Excellent	180 – 200 Superior
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SIGNATURE _____ TOTAL SCORE _____
 (Possible 200)