



NCBA Awards Ceremony Guidelines

Trophy Acceptance Policy & Procedure

1. Trophies for bands and all other units must be accepted at the awards ceremony by a fully uniformed member of the winning band or attached unit(s). (Drum Majors are to wear competition uniform & headgear if part of the uniform)
2. The uniform worn at the awards ceremony must be one that truly represents the school involved.
3. Schools are limited to sending up to 6 representatives from each competing unit to the awards ceremony.
4. All Drum Majors and Captains who participate in the awards ceremony are expected to stand during the entire presentation. No lounge chairs will be permitted.
5. Salutes given by the host awards personnel and those receiving awards should be in a dignified and respectful manner.
6. Any unit or individual who displays poor sportsmanship or behaves in such a manner as to demean or degrade the awards ceremony will be asked to leave the awards presentation area.

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony is the highlight of the band event that has just concluded.

Band members, friends, parents, boosters, and supporters are reminded that while in the awards area they will be expected to display proper behavior and good sportsmanship at all times. No throwing of any objects will be allowed. Nothing that squirts or shoots will be allowed.

Any individual, group, or organization that behaves in such a manner as to demean or degrade the awards ceremony, demean or degrade another person or unit, or behaves in such a way as to cause injury to any other person or property will be asked to leave the awards presentation area.

Community Relations

Hosts of NCBA events have reported incidents of vandalism both on and off campus, including fires in the locker rooms and broken windows, in addition to drug and/or alcohol use, fights, and shoplifting, all while visiting bands are present. Please caution your students that this type of behavior jeopardizes that ability of the hosting unit to continue to make this opportunity available for everyone. Directors, instructors and/or head chaperones will be held accountable for any incidents that occur at any event

Appropriate Salute Guidelines

Salutes at awards ceremonies are equivalent to a hand shake. The salute is a respectful greeting exchanged between band members. It's a courtesy based on mutual respect.

You are encouraged to keep it short and simple. Guard members can perform a short dance element from their routine in lieu of a salute if they choose.

Here is a video of some creative, simple and quick salutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlGYiXwMtGs>

Here is a article describing a basic salute:

<https://camp.musicforall.org/drum-major-salute/#:~:text=The%20Traditional%20Way%3A%20Beat%201.goes%20into%20the%20salute%20position.>