

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MASSED BANDS MINIMUM REPRESENTATION

Submitted by WUSPBA Drum Major Committee

Existing Text

8.3. Band Representation: In the event minimum representation in a massed band is a requirement for payment to bands of any fee or award, band representation shall be reckoned after exclusion of band members out of uniform.

Proposed Text – 1) Aligns with band contest rules; 2) Introduces a “minimum players only” option; 3) clarifies financial decisions for travel/prize money.

8.3. Minimum Band Representation: The minimum required band representation at massed bands shall mirror the minimum player requirement for their competing grade per rule 7.13. Bands with multiple competing units will appear with the minimum required for each grade attending. Additionally, a games committee or the Drum Major in charge may ask for only minimum representation when venue space or time is an issue. In the event If minimum representation in a massed band is a requirement for payment to bands of any fee or award, band representation shall be ~~reckoned~~ assessed after exclusion of band members out of uniform. Such financial decisions will be at the discretion of the games committee as per 8.2.

Rationale

1. The proposed text establishes a fair expectation for massed bands across WUSPBA.
2. The option for “minimum numbers only” could be very useful. For example, it would facilitate a faster opening ceremony at larger highland games where competition times are of concern.
3. Travel money and prize money are the responsibility of a games committee. The additional text removes WUSPBA from the decision-making process.

Respectfully,
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