

## Band disqualification due to tardiness -Erin Gunn

Current Wording:

7.17. Band Representative Duties: A representative shall be held responsible for the prompt attendance of his or her band on the contest field. The first band to compete will be advised at the draw as to the time it must be at the starting point in the contest arena. Thereafter, it is the duty of each succeeding band to move forward as directed by the stewards. Bands that are not at the line at their designated time are subject to disqualification. The officials shall mark off final tuning areas in the closest possible proximity to the contest arena, and bands should move forward to these areas upon request. Stewards may be provided as an aid to bands, but they carry no responsibility for the attendance of any band in the playing area. The final responsibility rests with each band to be at the starting point as and when required, and any band failing to do so and not complying with the official instructions is subject to immediate disqualification.

Proposed Wording:

7.17. Band Representative Duties: A representative shall be held responsible for the prompt attendance of his or her band on the contest field. The first band to compete will be advised at the draw as to the time it must be at the starting ~~line point in the contest arena~~ **ready to play**. Thereafter, it is the duty of each succeeding band to move forward as directed by the stewards. Bands that are not at the line **within 180 seconds of** ~~at~~ their designated time **will be disqualified** ~~are subject to disqualification~~. The officials shall mark off final tuning areas in the closest possible proximity to the contest arena, and bands should move forward to these areas upon request. Stewards may be provided as an aid to bands, but they carry no responsibility for the attendance of any band in the playing area. The final responsibility rests with each band to be at the starting point as and when required, and any band failing to do so and not complying with the official instructions is subject to immediate disqualification.

Rational:

This wording makes it clear for bands, WUSPBA Reps., and contest organizers as to when a band can be disqualified for tardiness. This is not a grace period; all bands should strive to be at the line on time.

PPBSO requires bands competing at their events to arrive at the starting line on time and ready to play. If a band is up to three minutes late they are penalized by playing first at the next PPBSO event they compete at. If the band is more than three minutes late they may be disqualified.