

Drum Major Grades, Proposed by EC (Contest Rules)

Current Language

"6.1. Grade Designations: Solo drum major competition is organized into three (3) categories:

Adult Open-18 years or older with more than three (3) years of experience competition in Adult intermediate.^{[[SEP]]}Adult Intermediate-18 years or older with previous experience in Juvenile or no previous experience.^{[[SEP]]}Juvenile-17 years or younger. A juvenile may register with the WUSPBA as an Adult Open competitor and will no longer be allowed to compete in juvenile competitions."

Proposed Language

"6.1. Grade Designations: Solo drum major competition is organized into three (3) categories:

Adult Open-18 years or older with more than three (3) years of competition experience in any other grade of Drum Majors.^{[[SEP]]} Adult Intermediate-18 years or older with less than three (3) years of previous experience in Juvenile or no previous experience.^{[[SEP]]} Juvenile-17 years or younger. A juvenile may register with the WUSPBA as an Adult Open competitor and will no longer be allowed to compete in juvenile competitions."

Rationale:

The present wording has confused contest organizers and competitors. The proposed wording clarifies the expectation that progress is tiered. The struck language eliminates skipping straight to Open from Juvenile without completing 3 years.