Clarification re: Double Rostering and the Draw – Submitted by Office of Strategic Planning for Games Organizers (OSPGO)

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Rationale

This is for clarification only–it is not a substantive change to the existing rules.

At least one of these rules (dual musicians) previously contained language to this effect, but it was thought superfluous and removed when the rule was undergoing some other changes. However, it has become clear that not all bands and/or individual players taking advantage of these rules to play in multiple bands are clear on this.

While the WUSPBA Contest Rules provide certain avenues for some players to register and play with multiple bands, the draw for the order of play is random. We have one narrow provision which prevents two bands from within the same organization from being scheduled to play in two different locations at literally the same time, or immediately back-to-back (when presumably there would not be any time for players, tuners, etc. to get from one location to the other). Aside from that, the rules do not provide any preference or special consideration for players playing in multiple bands when it comes to the draw, as this would quickly become unmanageable for Contest Organizers and undermine the randomness of the draw. It is the responsibility of the individuals who are playing in multiple bands–and the bands who may be relying on their ability to do so–to plan accordingly and be prepared to play at whatever times are drawn for each of their bands. And for those playing in two unrelated band organizations, to be prepared to prioritize in the event the draw will not allow them to play in both of their bands on a given day. Hopefully adding some additional language to these special rules will clarify this.

This change will not affect Rule 9.2.4, which provides a procedure for making changes to the order of play after the draw. However, any change made under that rule remains subject to the approval of both the Contest Organizer and the WUSPBA Contest Steward, and bands should not rely upon it or expect that they will be able to change the posted order of play.