

Contest Rule Proposal - Emergency Tenor Drummer - Proposed by Leisel Shupe

Existing Text in Contest Rules:

7.2.8

Emergency Bass Drummer Substitution: If a band finds itself without their bass drummer within 15 days of a contest due to unforeseen circumstances, and has no other registered bass drummer available for the contest, any playing member on the current band roster may play bass drum at that contest. The substitute bass drummer cannot be registered as a bass drummer with any other band. This will not supersede any other roster requirements.

A Band representative shall notify the Band Registrar and the Branch Preside where the contest will take place as soon as the band becomes aware that a substitution under this rule will be necessary. The substitute bass drummer will have “bass drummer” added as a secondary role on the roster effective immediately. A band representative shall also notify the designated WUSPBA Contest Steward on the day of the contest, no later than one hour before the contest starts. The band representative will be expected to produce a roster validated by the Band Registrar more than 15 days prior to the contest, as well the updated validated roster provided by the Band registrar as a result of the substitution, if one has been provided.

Proposed Text:

7.2.8

Emergency **Tenor or** Bass Drummer Substitution: If a band finds itself without their **tenor or** bass drummer **required for minimum numbers as stated in subsection 8.4** within 15 days of a contest due to unforeseen circumstances, and has no other registered **tenor or** bass drummer available for the contest, any playing member on the current band roster may play ~~bass drum~~ **at in that position to make up minimum numbers for** that contest. The substitute **tenor or** bass drummer cannot be registered ~~as a bass drummer on that instrument~~ with any other band **in any grade except where allowed by the Juvenile Bands rule 7.2.6**. This will not supersede any other roster requirements.

A Band representative shall notify the Band Registrar and the Branch President where the contest will take place as soon as the band becomes aware that a substitution under this rule will be necessary. The substitute bass drummer will have “**tenor drummer**” or “bass drummer” added as a secondary role on the roster effective immediately. A band representative shall also notify the designated WUSPBA Contest Steward on the day of the contest, no later than one hour before the contest starts. The band representative will be expected to produce a roster validated by the Band Registrar more than 15 days prior to the contest, as well the updated validated roster provided by the Band registrar as a result of the substitution, if one has been provided.

Rationale:

One bass drummer is required for all grade band contests. One tenor drummer is required for grades 3, 2, and 1 band contests. It would make sense to include provision for a substitute tenor drummer in case the only tenor drummer on the roster cannot compete due to unforeseen circumstances.

Examples from other associations:

From EUSPBA: Competition Rules

Substitute Bass/Tenor Drummers: In the event that a bass or tenor drummer is unable to compete with his band, that band may choose a bass or tenor drummer from another band of the same grade or a lower grade, if that bass or tenor drummer is so willing, or, the band may select any member that appears on their band roster, with the exception of instructors and dual musicians in the lower grade band, to perform as a substitute bass or tenor drummer.