

CR8 - Proposal To Add an Adult 55-Plus Drum Major Division to Sanctioned Solo Competition

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1) EXISTING TEXT

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 any other grade of Drum Majors.

Adult Intermediate – 18 years or older with less than three (3) years of previous experience in Juvenile or no previous experience.

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.

2) PROPOSED TEXT

6.1. Grade Designations: Solo drum major competition is organized into ~~three~~**four (34)** categories:

~~Adult 18 & Over~~ Open – 18 years or older with more than three (3) years of experience competition in any other grade of Drum Majors.

~~Adult 18 & Over~~ Intermediate – 18 years or older with less than three (3) years of previous experience in ~~Juvenile 18 & Under~~ or no previous experience.

~~Adult Senior~~**55 & Over Open** - 55 years or older with three (3) years of previous experience competition in any other grade of Drum Majors.

~~Juvenile-Under 18~~ – 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.~~

3) RATIONALE

We are seeing an increase in the number of older (55+) and younger (in their 20s) competitors. Older adults may have physical limitations compared to the younger adults. This additional grading would allow for a fairer competitive environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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