

# Nebraska State Bandmasters Association

August 10, 2007

Dear Nebraska High School Band Director,

The **2007 NSBA State Marching Band Festival** will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2007**

Classification and sites are:

**Class A, B, C and D Competition will be held at:**

**Seacrest Field - Lincoln**

**Site Director: Dave Young**

**Class AA Competition will be held at:**

**Millard South H.S – Omaha**

**Site Director: Rex Barker**

Enclosed you will find the following:

1. **An Official NSBA Marching Contest Entry Form.**
2. **The average NSBA contest ratings over the past 10 years.**
3. **Music Information Form**
4. **A membership application. if needed.**
5. **NSBA Marching Contest Rules**

The complete set of rules and other information is available on line at: [www.nsbma.org](http://www.nsbma.org).

## **Mission Statement**

The Nebraska State Bandmasters Association Marching Band Contest strives to provide bands, in a competitive arena, educational and constructive feedback from nationally respected adjudicators, with the intent of improving all of the aspects of marching bands in Nebraska.

Once we have received your official entry, you will receive from the Marching Chairman:

1. **A notification that we have received your entry form by email or regular mail.**

You will also receive at a later date from the site chairman:

1. **Two complimentary passes for your administration, sent directly to the addresses on your application.**
2. **General contest site information and schedule.**
3. **Contest advertisement poster.**
4. **Pre-order brochures for photographs, video and clothing orders.**
5. **Contest judges' names.**
6. **A news release form to be sent to your local newspaper.**

I would like to call your attention to several important details related to the entry form:

1. Return the enclosed entry form WITH ENTRY FEE to the Marching Band Chairman.
2. Your NSBA membership begins with the March convention each year. If you did not register this past March or at the summer convention, please complete the enclosed application and include it with your entry. Please include a separate check for your membership application.
3. Return the completed and signed NSBA Music Information Form along with the copyright clearance documentation.
4. Be sure to fill out the back side of the official entry form. This information is needed for the official program.
5. Entry Deadline is September 7. (postmarked) No late entries will be accepted. Be sure to include fee check with entry form. Any director who mails an incomplete or late entry will be contacted by phone. If you do not receive confirmation of your entry before the deadline, contact the Marching Band Chairman immediately.
6. Your form will be returned to you if you are not a member and a membership check is not included with the application form.
7. We will randomly assign performance times and notify directors by email on Sept. 14th. Directors without email will be notified by regular mail. The ACT Test will NOT be a conflict this year.
8. Your letter from the site chairman will be mailed on Oct. 1. Your announcement form, t-shirt and picture order forms are due back to the site chairman by Oct. 10.
9. Each band director is responsible for knowing the rules of operation of the contest.
10. Please review the timing rules . Everyone has 15 minutes to enter, setup, warmup(optional), perform their show, and then exit the end zone boundary.
11. Check the NSBA web site at [www.nsbma.org](http://www.nsbma.org) for more information. All of the forms and complete handbook are posted on the web and printed in your membership book

When you receive your final mailing, you will be notified if you will be receiving a 10 or 20 YEAR PARTICIPATION AWARD. Please accurately indicate on your entry form the number of years your school's band has participated in the NSBA State Marching Contest. We do keep a participation database with this information. Keep in mind that if you entered the contest and then did not participate for whatever reason, that year does not count as a year of participation. There was some confusion over our delayed contest several years ago.

Please do not call the site chairman with requests for special considerations, as the event is bound by the Official Rules and Regulations of the Contest. However, please contact me, if you have any questions. The Executive Board and I will make every effort to answer your questions or help with any problem that may arise. My name, address, and phone numbers are listed below.

We are looking forward to the Twenty Fifth Annual NSBA Marching Band Festival and Competition, and hope you will join us in building and maintaining this fine Nebraska

**tradition.**

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