

ALL-STATE BAND CHAIR AUDITIONS

I. REGISTRATION

- A. Students must be in attendance at the time of chair auditions and must have completed registration with the State Hotel Coordinator regarding Designated Chaperone and chaperone clinic contact information before being allowed to audition for chairs. Should a student not be able to complete registration in time to audition will be placed at the end of the section in the Concert Band.
- B. Students unavoidably delayed to chair auditions but who come in time for the organizational rehearsal will be placed at the end of the section in the Concert Band.

II. SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ADJUDICATION PANELS

- A. The State Chair Audition Coordinator shall assemble five-person panels to place All-State students in chair order.
- B. Every effort shall be made to balance panels, with each panel as geographically balanced as possible.
- C. Each audition room shall have an adult Monitor to help maintain decorum in the room and to serve as a way of communication between the students and the judges.

III. AUDITION PROCEDURES

- A. Screens shall be used to maintain anonymity.
- B. Each student shall have been given a registration or audition letter.
- C. Students will all be in the room at the same time.
- D. No school letter jackets or any other identifying item may be worn while the student is in the audition room.
- E. Cuts will be announced before the first audition begins.
- F. Auditions will be held in three rounds.
 - 1. Round one will begin with letter A and will be on an excerpt from one of the two pieces given the students at Area.
 - 2. Round two will begin a third of the way through the total count of letters (with letter J using A-Z) and will be over an excerpt from the second piece given the student at Area.
 - 3. Round three will begin two-thirds through the total count of letters (with letter S using A-Z) and will be over a cut from one of the two Area etudes.
- G. All students will be given a 20-second warm-up before the first student auditions and then again after every five players. Individuals may not warm up before they audition individually.
- H. No one shall be allowed in the audition room (or immediate area) except the judging panel, the Monitor, and the auditioning students. Should someone violate the audition area, auditions shall be suspended until all others (directors, parents, etc.) have been cleared from the area.
- I. Should the student experience an instrument malfunction during the playing of the warm-up, the student may have the instrument checked for mechanical problems and return to the audition room before the end of that round. Once a student sounds the first note of the etude, the student must continue to play and be scored.
- J. No audible electronic communication devices shall be allowed in the audition room.
- K. ATSSB will fill any needed "extra" instrumentation on-site with ATSSB All-State students when possible. In case this is not possible, the band organizer should have a qualified and willing ATSSB director ready to cover the needed instrumentation.

IV. RANKING THE STUDENTS

- A. Care should be taken to avoid mathematical errors. The monitor and the panel chair have the primary responsibility of insuring accuracy.
- B. At the close of auditions, the computer software will rank all students in chair order with the student selected as best ranked 1, the next-best 2, etc.
- C. The Olympic scoring system shall be used whereby the high and low ranking among the five judges for each audition letter shall be discarded and the remaining three rankings combined so that the audition letter with the lowest total rank points will be awarded first chair.
- D. If there is a tie in the low total for any number of audition letters, the tie shall be broken using the methods prescribed in the Region and Area Audition instructions.
- E. Results shall be posted with the following statement on each page: "Tabulated audition results shall be available for inspection by directors for 30 minutes following the posting of the last section of the audition. At the end of this period, tabulated results are final."