

Summer Newsletter



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Dates to Remember:

September 20th: Fall Membership Meeting at Georgia State University

October 1st: Event registration opens for all paid units

December 1st: Membership fees are due! \$75 late fee added after December 1st

December 15th: All required forms are due (with the exception of Percussion/Winds Permission to Arrange)

January 1st: Event registration opens for non-members of SAPA

SAPA's 2015-2016 Executive Board

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Changes to Colorguard A Class Finals at WGI

At the recent annual WGI Board of Directors meeting, it was unanimously approved to expand the world class championships for A Class colorguards. The proposal features moving A Class Finals to Wright State University's Nutter Center on Saturday morning, to run concurrently with Open Class Finals in the University of Dayton Arena.

Changes in the A Class Expansion include:

- Scholastic A finalists will increase by 50%, from 15 units to 24 units
- Independent A finalists will increase from 15 units to 20 units
- Performance schedule will better mirror both Open and World classes – Preliminary performance on Thursday, Semi-final performance on Friday,

and Finals performance on Saturday morning

Other approved proposals at the meeting:

- Addition of a fourth judge to the Percussion division
- U.S. military veterans enlisting before their 19th birthday will be granted an additional year to any age rule eligibility in all three divisions (Percussion, Winds, and Colorguard)

Important Policy Manual Updates

This year, some important changes to the policy manual were approved by the general membership at the meeting in May.

Changes include:

- An attendance tally at all SAPA member events will begin this year. Director passes

will only be provided to active members of the circuit in 2017 (see policy manual for details)

- Any policy which is changed/added regarding classifications must not be amended/updated

until the next competitive season

- Vice President of Winds was added to the Executive Board
- Colorguard Scholastic A National class was added – these units must attend 1 WGI Regional AND National Championships

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• Colorguard Scholastic A units must now only compete locally and will be eligible for promotion to Scholastic A National should the unit attend a WGI Regional AND National competition.

• If there are more than 16 units in a class at SAPA Championships, the class will be split into multiple divisions of 16 units each, and the divisions will be filled by

odd or even rankings as detailed in the policy manual

Have questions on the policy manual changes? Unsure how the policy manual updates affect you? Contact Tita at **secretary@sapaonline.net** for additional information.



Don't Forget to Register Units on Website

Every year, the SAPA website undergoes an overhaul of the administration section, which means that the units you registered last season have been cleared from the website. This allows us to have only current and active members listed on the website and receiving pertinent information from SAPA.

The event schedule will be provided to the membership at the Fall

Membership meeting on Sunday, September 20th at Georgia State University. Event registration will open for all units who have their membership fees in and paid on October 1st. Please be sure to register the units you are planning on having compete this year on the website as soon as possible so you can take part in the event registration on October 1st!

Do you have questions on the website and how to navigate it? Are you unsure how to register your units on the website? Check out the "SAPA Website User Instructions" document under the resources tab on the SAPA website. Still have questions? Contact Chris at **mediatech@sapaonline.net**



Have a Story You Want to Share?

Like what you see in this newsletter? Want to see more stories about you? Would you like to see more articles about WGI updates? Would you like to see a classifieds section in this newsletter? Let us know! Send a message to **secretary@sapaonline.net** with your comments and suggestions.

In addition, if you have any additional questions or issues that you need help getting resolved, please feel free to contact the Executive Board at **eboard@sapaonline.net**. Let us know and we can help to address any issues up-front. We are here for you!

Make sure to tune in tonight and on Saturday, August 8th to find out how the corps stack up the 2015 DCI Championships. Good luck to all our SAPA members during their last few performances!