



Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship presented by Yamaha

October 17, 2026 - Newark, DE

Information Updated: December 17, 2025



Schedules

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship will operate on **Eastern Time**.

Maps

Arrival

Bus/Truck Parking Location

- Enter the parking lots via **S. College Avenue**
 - **Trucks** will turn onto **Marvin Street** to enter the lot west of the stadium (**Address:** 625 S College Ave., Newark, DE 19713)
 - **Buses** will turn onto **Inspiration Boulevard** to enter the lot directly north of the STAR Health Sciences Complex (**Address:** 468 S College Ave., Newark, DE 19713)
- BOA staff will be on hand to meet you and give your drivers parking instructions
- There is no eating, warm-up, or stretching allowed in the parking lots
- BOA does NOT provide bus driver hospitality areas
- **For safety reasons, participants MUST use the crossing guards to leave the lots and cross to warm-up and the stadium.**

Parking Passes

Band Check-In

- Location: northwest corner of the Bob Carpenter Center
- Opens 30 minutes after the first parking lot arrival time. See Prelims Schedule.
- Each band must check in to receive their check-in packet (final schedule, participant segment patches, and event credentials) and complete the Pre-Draw for Finals

Restrooms and Changing Facilities

- Restrooms: stadium concourse
- Limited number of portable restrooms will be available near the bus parking lot

Student Safety

Participant Hydration

- It is the responsibility of each band to ensure proper hydration of its members throughout the duration of the event.
- Bands of America will provide a potable water bottle filling station.
- These water stations will be equipped with water horses and continuously flowing water. Bands of America will NOT PROVIDE CUPS.
- LOCATION: near band exit



Weather

Bands of America defers to the weather policies and safety protocols of the facilities in which we operate. On-site updates will be provided via the BAND app for this event.

Warm-Up

Warm-Up Information

BAND WARM-UP

- LOCATION: softball field southeast of the stadium
- SURFACE: grass
- Separate area for pit percussion
- Groups MUST report to their assigned warm-up at their scheduled time, as BOA doesn't provide guides. Late

arrivals cannot extend their time.

- BOA staff will monitor time and direct groups to the gate, providing 15 and 5-minute warnings. Groups must exit by the end of their time, starting to move out at 2 minutes.
- New groups can enter as the previous one exits, following BOA staff directions.
- Warm-up/rehearsal on-site is only allowed during the assigned time and location.

BATTERY

- LOCATION: With the band in the Band Warm-Up Area
- SURFACE: grass

PIT PERCUSSION

- LOCATION: sidewalk directly southeast of the Bob Carpenter Center
- SURFACE: concrete
- Pit percussion moves to the gate 15 minutes before band report time.
- Pit percussion can warm-up with the band, though it's not recommended due to the distance and terrain.

WIRELESS SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONICS

- Wireless microphone transmitters, wireless networks, and audio and/or lighting control devices may not be used in warm-up areas.
- Wired instruments, including guitars, keyboards etc. may be used in warm-up at reasonable volumes or while not amplified.

Instrument Repair

- A small repair kit and limited number of instruments will be available at Band Check-In.

Performance

Field Entry Timing

The full entrance sequence and announcement examples are listed in the BOA Adjudication Handbook.

THE SEQUENCE

At the Gate: Band arrives at the gate per schedule (no band guides). Explain your setup to BOA Staff for clarity.

Goal Line: We will move the band to the GOAL LINE. BOA staff will count down the start of your 4-minute set-up time.

Take the Field: 4 minutes before show time, enter the field as you have rehearsed. All setup (prop staging, warm-up, etc.) **MUST** be within these 4 minutes.

- **Props:** Rehearse field entry with prop movers for a smooth performance day.
- **Front Ensemble:** A BOA official will coordinate this entrance at the same time as the band entrance.

Announcement: At 3 minutes 15 seconds (of the 4 minutes), the announcement begins. BOA Staff can cue your drum major(s) for the announcement and salute (optional).

- **Note:** The BOA announcement does NOT ask, "Is your band ready?"

Perform: Begin after the announcement. All adults must be off the field at this time.

Clear the Field: You have 2 minutes after your show to clear the field (or be making substantial progress towards the exit side) – all props, personnel, and parents.

Gate Dimensions and Stadium Flow

- BOA's prop rules apply regardless of venue's gate and tunnel dimensions. See Adjudication Handbook.

BAND AND PROP FIELD ENTRY

- Back, Side 1
- Gate is 16' wide, with no height restrictions

BAND AND PROP FIELD EXIT

- Back, Side 2
- Gate is 13' wide, no height restrictions

PIT PERCUSSION FIELD ENTRY AND EXIT

- Front, Side 2
- Gate is 13' wide, no height restrictions

Field Markings

- Both NCAA/Texas High School & Traditional High School Field Markings
- NCAA/Texas High School markings: white, 60' from the front and back sidelines and 40' apart. These are marked every yard.
- High School field markings: yellow, 53'4" from the front and back sidelines and 53'4" apart. These markings will be placed every five yards.
- **Livestream microphones will be placed 1 foot outside the 15-foot line on the 35 and 50-yard lines**

Director Viewing Area

- LOCATION: Top of Section C

Adjudicators

- LOCATION: Judges will be located in the press box
- Adjudication Panel Biographies are posted online on the event's Spectator Guide. Caption assignments will be released on event morning at Band Check-In.
- All scores and recaps will be released after the Finals Awards Ceremony.

Adjudication Handbook

[Adjudication Handbook](#)

Award Ceremonies

- PRELIMS: This is a Drum Majors ONLY ceremony.
- A Finalist Directors Meeting will be held right after Preliminary Awards. Drum majors are encouraged to attend. You'll receive the finals schedule, field passes, and Finals Awards information.

- LOCATION: stadium press box
- FINALS: full band Olympic-style retreat.
- Class champions not advancing to finals are invited to perform in exhibition and the Finals Awards.
- Read the [Awards Ceremony Walkthrough](#).
- [Finale Staging Map \(PDF\)](#)

Post-Performance

Student Re-Entry

- LOCATION: Students should enter as a group at the Band Re-Entry gate. See Site Overview Map.
- Students receive wristbands at band check-in for spectator entry (Prelims AND Finals)
- Only clear bags and emergency bags will be permitted.

Photography

Jolesch Enterprises will be on-site taking group, section, and field-level action photos and awards photos. See Site Overview Map for group photo location.

Ordering information is available online at joleschenterprises.com.

Picnic Location

- Outside food and beverage are NOT allowed to be brought into the stadium.
- LOCATION: south of the truck parking lot by the retention pond
- The stadium will be cleared, and concessions will be closed during the dinner break between Prelims and Finals.
- Food Delivery: There will be a designated food delivery drop-off zone **in the parking lot west of the Bob Carpenter Center** (Address: 637 S. College Ave.). Bands getting food delivered should prepare to meet the drivers here and bring their food to the picnic area.