



2026 Grand National Championships Housing Timeline

The Music for All (MFA) participant housing policy is stated below.

All competing and exhibition bands and their booster groups utilizing hotel accommodations for their stay during Bands of America Grand Nationals are REQUIRED to make their hotel reservations through the Bands of America (BOA) Housing Bureau.

This form must be completed by all Grand Nationals participating bands, **regardless of whether or not you need hotel housing**. It is intended to (1) make and ensure MFA is aware of participating band housing accommodations (regarding room block size and details - the number of rooms/room type - and amenities desired), and (2) serve as a support tool to the BOA Housing Bureau's group placement process. Forms submitted on or prior to May 15th at 11:59PM EST will receive priority placement.

It is imperative that your submission is as accurate as possible, especially responses to housing preferences (i.e. the number of hotel nights needed, room types, etc.). Submission of a Housing Preference Form helps the Housing Bureau meet as many participant preferences as possible but does not guarantee assignment to a preferred hotel. If you have questions regarding the process of housing placement, please visit <https://marching.musicforall.org/housingbureau/>

HOUSING FORM

All Grand National applicants will receive their performance day and block time or wait-list status via email.

Housing Guide: Document presented for use and information that details hotel options including price, location, amenities, and availability.

Grand National Housing Preference Form: Online form that every participating group must complete. This form will allow groups using hotel properties to submit their property preference, room block size and details (number of rooms/room type), and amenities desired. Submission of a Housing Preference Form does *not* guarantee assignment to a preferred hotel.

Please complete the form here: [Grand National Housing Form](#)

This information can also be found on Music for All's website by going to <https://marching.musicforall.org/housingbureau/>.

HOUSING TIMELINE

May 15th, 11:59 pm EST – GRAND NATIONALS HOUSING PREFERENCE FORM DUE

Housing Preference Form for bands that have a Grand Nationals performance date and time is due for initial housing placement. All groups who submit by the May 15th deadline will receive equal consideration. Group rooming lists are NOT due at this time, only the number of rooms you anticipate needing. **Your final rooming list will be due 45 days prior to your arrival date.**

If your band wishes to have students' family and/or friends travel with the group, those rooms should be accounted for when submitting your housing preferences (include the additional family rooms you anticipate needing). Groups will receive an initial communication from the Housing Bureau, cmcglobal, soon after the May 15th deadline to re-verify housing needs submitted and gather any further information needed at that time.

Groups that submit preference forms **after May 15th** will be assigned on a case-by-case basis. Upon receiving a Housing Preference Form, groups will be contacted by the Housing Bureau, cmcglobal, within seven business days to acknowledge receipt and make an assignment and/or inform you of your status. Regular updates will then follow until completion.

By June 15th – COMMUNICATION REGARDING STATUS

Any bands that have not yet received housing options will be contacted with an update on their status on or before June 15th. Group's Hotel needs and preferences will be re-verified at this time as well to ensure the information submitted is still as accurate as possible. Regular updates will then follow until completion.

By August 1st – GOAL FOR COMPLETION OF HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS OR STATUS UPDATE

It is MFA's and the Housing Bureaus Administrator's goal to have assigned housing to all bands that provided a Grand Nationals Housing Preference Form by May 15th completed on or before August 1st. If unassigned bands remain, they will receive regular updates from the Housing Bureau Administrator until their housing assignment is complete.

After September 1st – Remaining Unused/Unneeded Contracted Rooms Made Available for Individual Bookings (See text block below)

Our goal is to have the entire group housing process completed by September 1st, whether the housing submission was sent in before or after the May 15th deadline. Barring any groups with special placement difficulties, with which the Housing Bureau Administrator will continue to communicate with and work to resolve as quickly as possible. The Housing Bureau Administrator will begin releasing for individual booking remaining unused or unneeded hotel rooms under contract to Music for All. Such releases will be made at the discretion of the Housing Bureau Administrator. Contact housing@musicforall.org if interested in securing an individual booking.

Individual Hotel Room Booking: The goal of the housing bureau is to provide all participating bands and booster/parent groups discounted room rates and those needs will be met first and foremost. Should there be remaining hotel inventory, it will become available once band needs at a specific hotel are met. No individuals attending any Bands of America event are required to utilize the Housing Bureau. However, these rooms may afford you better pricing, but limited availability, specifically in downtown areas. Remaining hotel inventory (guest rooms) may be made available to individuals at the discretion of the BOA Housing Administrator.

FINAL NOTES

Once a hotel has been mutually agreed upon, the Housing Bureau, cmcglobal, will send a booking authorization form to your group that allows them to book rooms at that property on your behalf. Once the booking authorization form is completed and returned, you will next receive an email confirmation from the Housing Bureau once the hotel has been fully finalized.

Following the hotel being fully finalized, the Housing Bureau will connect each group with their specific event contact at their assigned hotel for most all final details. Rooming lists will be due to the hotel 45 days prior to arrival and will be sent directly to each hotel contact via the Band. The Housing Bureau will provide a rooming list template to each Group and be available to assist with any rooming list questions throughout the entire process. Additions can be made anytime leading up to the event as long as the hotel has the availability. To make additions contact and work through your Housing Bureau Administrator.

Should you have changes to your housing after you are placed in a hotel, those should be communicated with the Housing Bureau, cmcglobal, at housing@musicforall.org directly up until your arrival. Once you have checked-in, you may contact the hotel directly with any changes.

Cancellations: You may cancel rooms from your reservations at any time prior to 45 days from your arrival. However, reducing your block by more than 20% could incur a penalty. Hotel policies vary by location, contact your Housing Bureau Administrator for any specific details needed.

Please note, cancellation of your entire booking will need to be made with The Housing Bureau, cmcglobal; please do not cancel with the hotel directly. Cancellation of individual rooms (i.e., a couple of rooms within the block, not the entire booking) is dependent on each property but a good rule of thumb is to make your request at least 72 hours prior to arrival. Please contact the Housing Bureau, cmcglobal, at housing@musicforall.org if you have any questions regarding cancellations.