2026 Grand National Championships

DAILY SCHEDULE *as of 11/6/26*

Lucas Oil Stadium - Indianapolis, IN

A PROGRAM OF Music for All

PRESENTED BY YAMAHA | Sweetwater

Thursday, November 12, 2026

8:00 a.m.	Lucas Oil Stadium Ticket Office Opens
8:30 a.m.	East Gate Opens for Spectators Expo opens – Premium Area
9:00 a.m.	Grand Nationals Preliminary Competition Begins
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Parent Booster Session 1: Building A Strategic Plan for a Thriving Booster Club Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club Upper Level
11:45 a.m.	Indianapolis Public Schools Music Showcase
12:15 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Leadership BLAST: Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club
3:00 p.m.	Break (15 minutes)
3:15 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Parent Booster Session 2: Less Choas. More Volunteers. Better Fundraising. Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club Upper Level
5:30 p.m.	Break (15 minutes)
5:45 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Leadership BLAST: Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club
8:15 p.m.	Break (15 minutes)
8:30 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
10:45 p.m.	Competition Concludes

Friday, November 13, 2026

6:15 a.m.	Lucas Oil Stadium Ticket Office Opens
6:45 a.m.	East Gate Opens for Spectators Expo Opens – Premium and Standard Areas
7:15 a.m.	Grand Nationals Preliminary Competition Resumes
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Leadership BLAST: Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club
10:15 a.m.	Break (15 minutes)
10:30 a.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Parent Booster Session 3: Building A Strategic Plan for a Thriving Booster Club Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club Upper Level
1:45 p.m.	Break (30 minutes)
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Parent/Booster Roundtable: Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club Upper Level

2:15 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Parent Booster Session 4: Less Choas. More Volunteers. Better Fundraising. Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club Upper Level
5:15 p.m.	Break (15 minutes)
5:30 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Resumes
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Leadership BLAST: Lucas Oil Stadium – East Club
8:30 p.m.	Preliminary Competition Concludes Exhibition: Western Carolina University Pride of the Mountains Marching Band Special Performance by United Sound
8:45 p.m.	Prelims Awards Ceremony Sponsor Recognition Patrick John Hughes Parent/Booster Award Presentation Awards Ceremony & Announcement of Grand National Semi-Finalist Bands
10:00 p.m.	Semi-Finalist Directors Meeting – Meeting Room (8/9)

Saturday, November 14, 2026

*30-mins prior to first performing Band**	Lucas Oil Stadium Ticket Office Opens East Gate Opens for Spectators Expo Open – Premium and Standard Areas
6:30 a.m.*	Semi-Finals Competition Begins **Start time will be determined Friday evening after announcement of Semi-Finalists*
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	*TeachMusic Experience* (Southeast Entrance/Quarterback Suite)
4:30 p.m.*	End of Semi-Finals Competition Exhibition: West Chester University Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band
5:00 p.m.*	Semi-Finals Awards Ceremony Grand National Class Championship Awards Announcement of Grand National Finalist Bands
5:30 p.m.	Finalist Directors Meeting – Meeting Room (8/9)
6:30 p.m.	North and East Gate opens for Spectators Expo re-opens – Premium Area
7:00 p.m.	Grand National Finals Opening Ceremony Presentation of Scholarships George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education Award Presentation National Anthem: West Chester University and Western Carolina University Bands
8:00 p.m.	First Competing Band in Championship Finals
11:00 p.m.	End of Finals Competition
11:15 p.m.	*Grand Nationals Class Champion Bands may perform in exhibition at the conclusion of Finals competition if they are not among the 12 Finalist bands.*
11:30 p.m.	Grand Finale and Awards Ceremony Cadence: West Chester University and Western Carolina University Drumlines Expo Closes