



PRE-EVENT INFO FOR DRUMLINES

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STADIUM PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING POLICIES

Still cameras are allowed into the stadium and may be used in stadium seating. Video recording is not permitted except for **One Video Designee** who may record your performance for training and educational purposes. Your designee may elect to use the taped off viewing area at the top of the grandstands for this purpose for as long as your unit occupies the field. In compliance with copyright law, HEB ISD will not provide video recordings.

COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE

You are required by law to obtain permission to arrange or adapt copyrighted material prior to creating the arrangement. As part of your HEB Drumline Contest enrollment you acknowledged full responsibility for compliance with Federal Copyright Law of 1978 (17 U.S.C.101 et seq.) and any Regulations issued thereunder including but not limited to the assumption of any and all responsibilities for paying royalties which are due for the use of copyrighted works in Licensee's performances or exhibitions to the copyright owner, or representative of said copyright owner.

DIGITAL COMMENTARY

Your drumline instructor will be emailed access to a cloud-based folder. Your audio commentary will be available there approximately 60 minutes after your performance. Following the awards ceremony score sheets for stadium drumlines will be pushed there, and a recap published at hebmarching.org. Ultimate Lot Experience drumlines are not scored.

STADIUM FORMAT - *NEW

Three drumline clinicians critique the stadium performance and make constructive comments to promote improvement. Your Traveling Clinician observes you twice, first during warm-up and again during your stadium performance. Traveling clinicians do not score your group, providing constructive comments only. ***Three Stadium Judges** observe your stadium performance from the stands and offer verbal feedback afterward, as time permits. The Stadium Judges also score each drumline, placing 40% of the value on technique, 40% on musicality and 20% on general effect. Their numbers are added to arrive at the drumline's total score. Outstanding captions are awarded according to judge consensus.

ULTIMATE LOT FORMAT

Two drumline clinicians critique the lot performance and make constructive comments to promote improvement. Your Traveling Clinician observes you twice, first during warm-up and again during your lot performance. The Lot Clinician observes your lot performance and offers verbal feedback afterward, as time permits. Ultimate Lot Experience drumlines are not scored. Awards of distinction are optional and will be determined by clinician consensus.

PRE-SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT (submitted online prior to contest day)

Your five-minute set-up time is cued by our Field Operations official. You may request the announcement when ready.

"Now taking the field, from [City, state], please welcome the [School name] drumline. The drumline's program is entitled [Show title] and includes [Musical selections]. The HEB Drumline Contest is proud to present in [Class-Division] performance section leader/s [Section leader/s] and the [School name] drumline."

STADIUM - ADMINISTRATOR INVITATION

Please invite any of your administrators and a plus-1 to view **stadium performances** from our well-stocked hospitality area in the press box. They can show their district ID at the elevator for access to that area on the press box's lower level (P1).

DAY-OF INFORMATION

ARRIVAL AND CHECK IN - *NEW SINCE 2024

Arriving to Pennington Field: Buses & trucks enter via Hoot Smith Drive. ***Director check-in now takes place in front of the Pat May Center on Hoot Smith Drive*** [\[map linked here\]](#). Check in 30 minutes prior to warm-up time.

BADGES AND PASSES

Stadium drumlines will receive up to six director badges, field passes and a video designee pass. Up to 15 field pass holders travel through warm up and stadium performance - more may be purchased. Uniformed members do not need a pass. Ultimate Lot Experience directors and performers will receive wristbands permitting access to stadium seating.

NOTE: SPECTATOR BACKPACKS PROHIBITED IN STADIUM SEATING AREAS ([See full Pennington Field spectator guidelines](#))

No backpacks or large purses/bags are allowed in the stadium. Only clear bags and small purse/clutch bags are allowed.
Exception: Drumline participants and badged/credentialed adults are permitted to have backpacks, bags, etc.

PARKING LOT WARM-UP AND CLINIC

There are four warm-up areas. [Consult the contest map](#). It is your responsibility to arrive to both the warm-up and clinic areas on time. If you arrive late, you must still exit at the scheduled time. Volunteers will assist with timing and movement. Be aware that wireless transmitters may cause interference. Avoid any such wireless signals while in warm up.

TIMING AND MOVEMENT

You have 35 minutes of Parking Lot time: 20 minutes for warm-up, followed by 15 minutes with a private Traveling Clinician at your disposal. We plan 10 minutes of travel time to the performance area. You have 20 minutes to set up, perform, receive clinician comments and exit. No minimum time requirement.

POWER AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Electrical power is available in the main performance areas. Please bring your own power cords.

Stadium drumlines: All vehicles must have a covering underneath the engine of the vehicle. At no time may a motorized vehicle be inside the playing area of the field. Vehicles can only be driven on the turf surrounding the field.

WATER AND FIRST AID

Please make sure your students are well hydrated before warm-up and performance. There will be a volunteer on the front sideline in the stadium (Side 1, 30YL) and near the lot clinic area with emergency water during your performance time. There will be water for performers as you exit both areas. A minimal First-Aid station will be available by the stadium.

RE-ENTRY

Stadium performers may re-enter with their band shirt. Ultimate lot performers will receive a wristband for entry/re-entry.

DIRECTOR HOSPITALITY AND VIEWING

A hospitality area for directors and your administrators will be set up on the P1 level of the Press Box at Pennington Field.

STUDENT LEADER AWARDS RETREAT

It's a late retreat (10pm). But even if your group departs you are welcome to send representatives back, to participate in the awards ceremony. Every drumline will be recognized. If your school will not be represented at our ceremony, please make us aware of that ahead of time.