

**A****The Value of the Tenth****HEB Marching Contest**

**The Value of the Tenth** applies only to the **Overall Total Score**, not each of the sub-captions individually.

The Value of the Tenth is a tool to provide information to bands and the band director. Sub-caption ties may occur but it is the responsibility of the judge to adhere to integrity of each sub-caption. Judges must still rank and rate each performance.

- **1-2-3 tenth spread in Overall Total Score:** The units are essentially equal except for minor issues with differing strengths in the two sub-captions, leading to a narrow spread. This could be reversed on any given performance.
- **4-5-6 tenth spread in Overall Total Score:** The units have identifiable and narrow differences which make it clear that one unit is achieving at a higher level than the other. The judge should be able and prepared to identify these differences between groups.
- **7-8-9 tenth spread in Overall Total Score:** There are significant differences between units. These differences can be identified in the descriptive words used in commentary. Large variations in performance achievement and quality will be noted and recognizable between groups.
- **ONE point spread in Overall Total Score:** There are multiple significant differences between units.