

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS

WAMSB World Championships – Qualification and Invitation to Apply

1. Qualification to the WAMSB World Championships

We encourage bands who have met a recognized standard of performance to apply for participation in WAMSB World Championship events. There are four ways to receive an invitation to compete in a WAMSB World Championship event.

1. Bands who achieve a **score of 80** points or above in a WAMSB Sanctioned live event.
2. Bands who achieve a **score of 80** points or above in a WAMSB Sanctioned Online Event.
3. If no WAMSB Sanctioned event is available, bands may qualify through receiving a **score of 80** points or above at a non-WAMSB event in their country. These events and results must be approved by WAMSB International before an invitation is offered.
4. WAMSB International reserves the right to invite any band to a Championship Event if the above methods are not possible. This type of invitation is only granted in very special circumstances.

2. Eligibility of Bands to Compete/Participate in WAMSB World Championship Events

Bands need to qualify in the categories which they intend to compete:

1. **Show Band** category are eligible to compete/participate in **all** events offered at the Championships. In addition to the Show Band event these may include Concert Band, Field Parade, Street Parade, and other Non-Adjudicated performances.
2. **Field Parade, and/or Concert Band** may compete/participate in **some** events offered at the Championships including Concert Band, Street Parade, and any other Non-Adjudicated performances.

3. “Invitation to Apply” to the WAMSB World Championships Certification

1. The “invitation to apply” certificate is issued by the local festival authorities directly to qualifying bands. The certificate should be presented as part of the awards presentation. The festival will submit a list of qualifying bands to WAMSB International at the conclusion of their event.
2. “Invitations to Apply” to the WAMSB World Championships will be valid for two calendar years.

****Note:** Due to Covid19 WAMSB International has extended the eligibility of “invitations to apply” gained in 2018 & 2019 to include the WAMSB World Championships in 2022 and 2023.*

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WAMSB World Championships – Qualification Procedure – RULE #3 PROVISION

3. *If no WAMSB Sanctioned event is available, bands may qualify through receiving a score of 80 points or above at a non-WAMSB event in their country. These events and results must be approved by WAMSB International before an invitation is offered.*

Procedure for a Band to apply for Qualification under “Rule #3”:

1. Band must contact WAMSB International about intention to qualify under Rule #3
2. Must provide WAMSB the following:
 - a. Non-edited Video and Scoring Sheets from the non-sanctioned event or a non-edited “one take” video of a show performance.
 - b. Contact information of event organizers/officials
 - c. Name and Biography of Band and the Band Director
3. WAMSB will review the submission by a minimum of two and a maximum of six WAMSB sanctioned judges and the recommendation shared with the Official WAMSB Affiliate hosting the event for competition and/or exhibition participation only. The recommendation of the WAMSB judges for participation will be deemed final.

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