



Color Guard Rule Changes for 2018 *(changes in italics)*

- Rule 4.1 modified to read: *For the protection of the facilities, especially wooden competition floors and easements, all equipment and props must be properly prepared to assure that damage of the facilities will not occur. All equipment will be subject to inspection. Any damage to the facility (wheels on carts locking, improperly prepared equipment, etc.) that may occur will be the responsibility of the color guard. (See page 95)*
- Rule 4.2.3 modified to read: *Rifles are defined as devices with the outward appearance influenced by a rifle. Rifles must be at least twenty-four inches (24") in length. (See page 96)*
- Rule 4.3.1 modified to read: *Color guards may manipulate their soundboard by using a remote-controlled wireless device through a self-supplied network. WGI will provide an area in the stands with a direct line of sight to the competition area for one (1) designated staff member to adjust the mix or control any device using wireless technology. A & Open Class devices must be battery operated as per rule 4.3.3. The soundboard/controlled device must remain in the competition area. (See page 96)*
- Rule 4.5 modified to read: *The following safety guidelines are applicable to the construction, transport, and use of any prop or structure at any WGI event or facility and to any performer, staff, volunteer, or parent who may be assisting in the construction or transport of the prop or structure. These guidelines are in effect during the entire time in the competition area, including setup and exit. (See page 97)*
- Rule 5.6 modified to read: *Competing color guards cannot be required to perform before the time set in the latest contest schedule for prelims distributed by the WGI office. Schedules for finals may be adjusted up to 15-20 minutes from the published schedule. If a schedule change occurs, color guards will be notified by text message at the conclusion of prelims. (See page 98)*
- Rule 6.2 modified to read: *All props must be able to fit through a standard size double door with the center bar removed. No timing exception will be made for oversized props. Props will not be allowed in the competition area before the color guard's performance. (See page 99)*

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- Non-finalist tickets for A Finals and Open Finals at the WGI World Championships have been eliminated. Participant wristbands received at group check-in will allow entry at no charge.
- A Class finalists at Regional events will be a maximum of 50% of participating groups from preliminaries, based on scores, time permitting.