World Championship Appearance and Advancement

All Classes Prelims Seedings

- Seeding is done according to the color guard's adjusted score. Highest ranking color guard goes in the latest round.
- All ties based on the final standings are put into the same round.

| Round | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| Standings | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | | <mark>15,15</mark> | 14 | 13 |
| | 36 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 |
| | 48 | 47 | 46 | 45 | 44 | 43 | 42 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 37 |
| | ETC | | | | | | | | | | | |

• After the guards are placed into rounds the round is divided into a top half and a bottom half and scrambled so the top half and bottom half still appear together but are random.

Scholastic A Class

- There are 140 color guards sorted into 12 rounds at two separate sites.
- Odd numbered rounds are at one site, even numbered rounds are at the other site.
- A single panel of judges works each site.
- Each site has 70 units.
- The top 32 scoring color guards from each site regardless of round advances to semi finals.
- Once the 64 semi finalists are determined, the semi finalists are then ranked 1-64 based on their prelims score regardless of round or prelims site. They are then seeded into 6 rounds (10,10,11,11,11,11) using the same method as for prelims. The semi finals rounds are also divided in half and scrambled.
- The single panel of judges from each site comes together and judges semi finals as a double panel.
- The top 20 highest scores from semi finals advance to finals regardless of round and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.
- The same double panel of judges from semi finals judges finals.

Independent A

- There are 63 color guards sorted into 6 rounds at one site.
- A single panel judges prelims.
- The top 36 scoring color guards regardless of round advance to semi finals.
- Once the 36 semi finalists are determined, the semi finalists are ranked 1-36 based on prelims score and seeded into 3 rounds of 12 using the same method as for prelims. The semi finals rounds are also cut in half and scrambled.
- A different single panel of judges will judge semi finals.
- The top 15 highest scores from semi finals regardless of round advance to finals and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.
- The prelims and semi finals panels come together and judge finals as a double panel.

Scholastic Open Class

- There are 51 color guards sorted into 5 rounds at one site.
- A single panel judges prelims at one site.
- The top 36 scoring color guards regardless of round advance to semi finals.
- Once the 36 semi finalists are determined, the semi finalists are ranked 1-36 based on prelims score and seeded into 3 rounds of 12 using the same method as for prelims. The semi finals rounds are also cut in half and scrambled.
- A different single panel of judges will judge semi finals.
- The top 15 highest scores from semi finals regardless of round advance to finals and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.

• The prelims and semi finals panels come together and judge finals as a double panel.

Independent Open Class

- There are 47 color guards sorted into 4 rounds one site.
- A single panel judges at one site.
- The top 24 scoring color guards regardless of round or site advance to semi finals.
- Once the 24 semi finalists are determined; the semi finalists are ranked 1-24 based on score in prelims and perform in semi finals in reverse order 24-1.
- A different single panel of judges will judge semi finals.
- The top 15 highest scores from semi finals advance to finals and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.
- The prelims and semi finals panels come together and judge finals as a double panel.

Scholastic World

- There are 24 color guards sorted into 2 rounds at one site.
- A single panel judges prelims at one site.
- The top 20 scoring color guards regardless of round advance to semi finals.
- Once the 20 semi finalists are determined; the semi finalists are ranked 1-20 based on score in prelims and perform in semi finals in reverse order 20-1.
- A different single panel of judges will judge semi finals.
- The top 15 highest scores from semi finals advance to finals and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.
- The prelims and semi finals panels come together and judge finals as a double panel.

Independent World

- There are 31 color guards sorted into 3 rounds at one site.
- A single panel judges prelims at one site.
- The top 24 scoring color guards regardless of round advance to semi finals.
- Once the 24 semi finalists are determined, the semi finalists are ranked 1-24 based on score in prelims and perform in semi finals in reverse order 24-1.
- A different single panel of judges will judge semi finals.
- The top 15 highest scores from semi finals advance to finals and appear in reverse order of placement based on the semi finals score.
- The prelims and semi finals panels come together and judge finals as a double panel.