

**Color Guard Advisory Board Meeting
June 9-10, 2023
Las Vegas, Nevada
PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION**



Elected to Steering Committee:

Louis Hellinger
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Elected to Board of Directors:

Ed Devlin
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VOTING

RESULTS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proposal #1 FAILS

Amend 4.8 Qualification for World Championship to add: "Groups competing in Independent World and Independent Open must achieve the regional minimum qualifying scores."

Submitted by Rosie Queen, Arcadia HS

Rationale: The WGI policy manual lists a chart for qualifying scores for Open & World class groups at a regional and explains that "this is to assure that a minimum level of quality and achievement exists for finals competition" this "minimum level of quality and achievement" should also be true for our World Championships.

With the demand for groups to attend World Championships and the potential for wait-listing groups for these precious time slots, it is important that we are mindful of the quality of groups attending. This year the CG division did have a wait list going into World Championships but eventually were able to accommodate all groups because some had pulled out.

I think this is a point worthy of discussion and also realize it could make things challenging for groups that have to plan travel months ahead of time and might not make a qualifying score mid-season.

Currently the WGI policy manual states:

4.8 Qualification for World Championship: All groups must attend a Regional Contest if their hometown is within 400 miles of any Regional to be eligible to enter World Championships. This requirement will be waived for any ensembles outside North America or any Winds group that conflicts with a school district concert/festival. Groups beyond a 400-mile radius of any Regional or those outside North America must submit a video recording for classification purposes no later than March 15. The Director of Color Guard, Director of Percussion, or Director of Winds will have final approval of any exemption to this policy.

Groups beyond a 400-mile radius must have all required paperwork on file by March 31.

AND

"A minimum score must be reached for all Open and World Class guards to qualify for finals competition at a regional. The purpose of this directive is twofold. It will address the issue of those guards who elect to compete in a class where historically most or all participants are assured advancement to finals regardless of show completion or quality. With many regional contests experiencing an increased number of entries, this will assure that a minimum level of quality and achievement exists for finals competition. The following scale only applies to the Open and World Classes.

	Feb 4-5	Feb 11-12	Feb 18-19	Feb 25-26	Mar 4-5	Mar 11-12	Mar 18-19	Mar 25-26
Qualifying Score	49.5	51.0	52.5	54.0	55.5	57.0	58.5	60.0

Financial Impact: Loss of registration fees for those groups not qualifying.

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
Avon HS	AMP Winter Guard	Etude Open
Collage	Arcadia HS	Franklin HS (TN)
Juxtaposition	Blessed Sacrament	Milford HS (OH)
Mason HS	Carmel HS	
Purdue University	Center Grove HS	
The Magnolia Project	Centerville HS	
Warren Central HS	Chino Hills HS	
	Clear Brook HS	
	Dobyns-Bennett HS	
	Edge Independent Open	
	El Dorado HS	
	Etude	
	Fantasia	
	FIU World	
	Fusion Winter Guard	
	Kiski Area HS	
	Mayflower	
	Miamisburg HS	
	Mirage	
	Mt. Carmel HS	
	Northview HS	
	Onyx	
	ORIGINS	
	ORIGINS Open	
	Oviedo HS	
	Pacificaires	
	Paramount	
	Pride of Cincinnati	
	Somerset Academy	
	Stoneman Douglas HS	
	Tampa Independent	
	Tampa Independent A	
	Tarpon Springs HS	
	The Pride of Missouri State	
	The Woodlands HS	
	UCF Pegasus World	
	Vox Artium	
	West Broward HS	

ADJUDICATION

Proposal #2 (AMENDED) PASSES

In the Captions IA Equipment and IA Movement, maintain the 70/130 Factored emphasis on excellence in the A classes. Expand the factoring percentages for the Regional A Classes to 60 Vocabulary/140 Excellence.

Submitted by Color Guard Steering Committee

Rationale: This proposal is a placeholder to ensure a conversation is possible for the incoming A & Open Caucus.

Because this population changes frequently, every other year we give the A/Open caucus the opportunity to decide if the 70/130 practice has outlived its use, needs an update in the percentages, or is fine as is.

If the A & Open Caucus decides no changes are needed, we will withdraw this proposal in the General Meeting.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
AMP Winter Guard	Mayflower	
Arcadia HS	Warren Central HS	
Avon HS		
Blessed Sacrament		
Carmel HS		
Center Grove HS		
Centerville HS		
Chino Hills HS		
Clear Brook HS		
Collage		
Dobyns-Bennett HS		
Edge Independent Open		
El Dorado HS		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
FIU World		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Miamisburg HS		
Milford HS (OH)		
Mirage		
Mt. Carmel HS		
Northview HS		
Onyx		
ORIGINS		
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Pacificaires		
Paramount		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Purdue University		
Somerset Academy		
Stoneman Douglas HS		
Tampa Independent		
Tampa Independent A		
Tarpon Springs HS		
The Magnolia Project		
The Pride of Missouri State		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Vox Artium		
West Broward HS		

CLASSIFICATION

Proposal #3 (AMENDED) PASSES

Initial reclassification reviews would be done by the Color Guard Education Director, The Director of Color Guard, and the Color Guard Chief Judge. These will be independent evaluations without consultation with each other. If there is a unanimous decision to reclassify by the three administrators, it would immediately go to the five instructors for review.

If three of the five instructors vote to reclassify, then the group is reclassified. There would be no further appeals since the process includes a secondary review.

Groups will be permitted to submit a brief written appeal to accompany their original video submission.

All other current policies regarding the review process would remain. The Director of Color Guard will be the administrator of the review process.

Submitted by Randy Nelson, UCF Pegasus

Rationale: This offers a more thorough, multi layered process. It puts the elected instructors in the secondary review rather than the primary review. While it doesn't necessarily make it harder to get reclassified, the process is more thorough. A group would need 6 out of 8 votes to get reclassified which represents a 75% agreement between both review groups.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
AMP Winter Guard	FIU World	Onyx
Arcadia HS	Somerset Academy	
Avon HS		
Blessed Sacrament		
Carmel HS		
Center Grove HS		
Centerville HS		
Chino Hills HS		
Clear Brook HS		
Collage		
Dobyns-Bennett HS		
Edge Independent Open		
El Dorado HS		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Mayflower		
Miamisburg HS		
Milford HS (OH)		
Mirage		
Mt. Carmel HS		
Northview HS		
ORIGINS		
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Pacificaires		
Paramount		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Purdue University		
Stoneman Douglas HS		
Tampa Independent		
Tampa Independent A		
Tarpon Springs HS		
The Magnolia Project		
The Pride of Missouri State		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Vox Artium		
Warren Central HS		
West Broward HS		

Proposal #4 PASSES

Change 9.1.1 in the Policy Manual to "Appeals will be reviewed by a committee of three individuals not on the original committee, consisting of the Director of Color Guard, Chief Judge and an Adjudication Caption Manager. If the Director of Color Guard broke a tie in the original decision, a second Adjudication Caption Manager will replace the Director of Color Guard.

Submitted by Randy Nelson, UCF Pegasus

Rationale: The CEO of WGI should not be distracted from the day to day operations of the organization to participate in reclassification appeals.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
Arcadia HS	AMP Winter Guard	Milford HS (OH)
Avon HS	Blessed Sacrament	Pacificaires
Carmel HS	FIU World	Paramount
Center Grove HS	Mayflower	Pride of Cincinnati
Centerville HS	Somerset Academy	The Woodlands HS
Chino Hills HS		
Clear Brook HS		
Collage		
Dobyns-Bennett HS		
Edge Independent Open		
El Dorado HS		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Miamisburg HS		
Mirage		
Mt. Carmel HS		
Northview HS		
Onyx		
ORIGINS		
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Purdue University		
Stoneman Douglas HS		
Tampa Independent		
Tampa Independent A		
Tarpon Springs HS		
The Magnolia Project		
The Pride of Missouri State		
UCF Pegasus World		
Vox Artium		
Warren Central HS		
West Broward HS		

Proposal #5 PASSES

Any unit attending World Championship that will only be attending one WGI Regional may submit a video for reclassification review prior to attending the Regional. If the review results in a reclassification, the unit must compete in the new class at the upcoming Regional. Video submission must be of a recent performance within two weeks of the anticipated Regional. They would be placed first in prelims within their new classification. This would not apply to teams not attending WGI World Championships.

Submitted by Randy Nelson, UCF Pegasus

Rationale: Eliminates having teams attend World Championships to compete in a class they have never competed in and preserves the current seeding process. This was offered to Week 7 teams in 2023 and I feel it should be offered to all teams in 2024 who only compete in one WGI Regional prior to attending WGI World Championships.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
AMP Winter Guard	Avon HS	ORIGINS
Arcadia HS	Centerville HS	
Blessed Sacrament	Clear Brook HS	
Carmel HS	Purdue University	
Center Grove HS	Stoneman Douglas HS	
Chino Hills HS	Tampa Independent	
Collage	Tampa Independent A	
Dobyns-Bennett HS	Tarpon Springs HS	
Edge Independent Open	West Broward HS	
El Dorado HS		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
FIU World		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Mayflower		
Miamisburg HS		
Milford HS (OH)		
Mirage		
Mt. Carmel HS		
Northview HS		
Onyx		
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Pacificaires		
Paramount		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Somerset Academy		
The Magnolia Project		
The Pride of Missouri State		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Vox Artium		
Warren Central HS		

Proposal #6 FAILS

The top two (2) Scholastic and Independent A Class and the first place Scholastic and Independent Open Class color guards will automatically be reviewed at every Regional.

Additionally, any color guards in either of the following circumstances will also be reviewed:

- any group within .5 of the lowest automatic review placement
- or, any group with four (4) higher sub caption scores than the lowest automatic review sub caption scores

Additional color guards may be reviewed based on the recommendation of the Acting Lead Judge, Chief Judge, Director of Color Guard, or Color Guard Education Coordinator.

Submitted by Tim Mikan, Fantasia

Rationale: In addition to the automatic reviews, this rule would add mechanisms in place to help avoid color guards from being overlooked, especially when the differences between groups are deemed 'insignificant'. These additional mechanisms are only to suggest a review, not a reclassification itself. This proposal still leaves that delineation to the steering committee, or whichever review system is in place.

There is certainly wiggle room on the .5 spread, but it seems to be a reasonable starting point as it's the median range of 'insignificant differences'. Additionally, caption specific rankings seems like something that should be taken into consideration.

I'm open to amending the parameters of this rule.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
Arcadia HS	AMP Winter Guard	ORIGINS
Blessed Sacrament	Avon HS	Paramount
Chino Hills HS	Carmel HS	Pride of Cincinnati
Dobyns-Bennett HS	Center Grove HS	The Magnolia Project
El Dorado HS	Centerville HS	
Etude	Clear Brook HS	
Etude Open	Collage	
Fantasia	Edge Independent Open	
Franklin HS (TN)	FIU World	
Fusion Winter Guard	Kiski Area HS	
Juxtaposition	Mayflower	
Mason HS	Miamisburg HS	
Mirage	Milford HS (OH)	
Mt. Carmel HS	Northview HS	
Onyx	Oviedo HS	
ORIGINS Open	Somerset Academy	
Pacificaires	Stoneman Douglas HS	
Purdue University	Tampa Independent	
The Pride of Missouri State	Tampa Independent A	
The Woodlands HS	Tarpon Springs HS	
Vox Artium	UCF Pegasus World	
	Warren Central HS	
	West Broward HS	

Proposal #7 FAILS

Independent multi team organizations will be allowed to repeat a class under the same name after promotion if 95% of the promoted membership does not participate.

Submitted by Katie Pacifico, Edge Independent

Rationale: Independent organizations need the opportunity to maintain and enhance the spirit of inclusion, personal development and community of all performers seeking to participate at every level. This allows upward growth inside an organization and not just the singular team of classification.

COMPLIANCE - WGI currently requires all participants to turn in liability waivers. The parent organization will identify any performer who performed the previous year. Rosters from two consecutive years may be compared for accuracy.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
Chino Hills HS	AMP Winter Guard	Etude
Edge Independent Open	Arcadia HS	Etude Open
FIU World	Avon HS	Milford HS (OH)
Franklin HS (TN)	Blessed Sacrament	The Magnolia Project
Mason HS	Carmel HS	
Mayflower	Center Grove HS	
Mirage	Centerville HS	
Onyx	Clear Brook HS	
ORIGINS	Collage	
ORIGINS Open	Dobyns-Bennett HS	
Somerset Academy	El Dorado HS	
UCF Pegasus World	Fantasia	
Warren Central HS	Fusion Winter Guard	
West Broward HS	Juxtaposition	
	Kiski Area HS	
	Miamisburg HS	
	Mt. Carmel HS	
	Northview HS	
	Oviedo HS	
	Pacifiques	
	Paramount	
	Pride of Cincinnati	
	Purdue University	
	Stoneman Douglas HS	
	Tampa Independent	
	Tampa Independent A	
	Tarpon Springs HS	
	The Pride of Missouri State	
	The Woodlands HS	
	Vox Artium	

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Proposal #8 PASSES

This is a proposal to amend Section 1.23 of the Policy Manual regarding membership on the Color Guard Steering Committee.

The Color Guard Steering Committee will consist of 5 Color Guard instructors elected by the CAB and 2 adjudicators assigned by the Color Guard Chief Judge.

Instructors and adjudicators will serve two-year terms. Instructor terms will be staggered for continuity.

The Steering Committee will be chaired by the Color Guard Education Director.

Elected instructors will be voting members and will vote on all issues before the Steering Committee.

Appointed Adjudicator Members will be limited to philosophical discussions regarding the adjudication system and discussions relating to general adjudication and will be non-voting.

The Color Guard Chief Judge and Director of Color Guard will serve as members in advisory roles for all aspects of the committee and will be non-voting.

Color Guard Instructors and Adjudicators must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the WGI Board of Directors.

Submitted by Randy Nelson, UCF Pegasus

Rationale: Background: From the very beginning WGI had judge representatives involved in its structure, governance, and rule-making functions. This is evidenced by the minutes from the first official meeting conducted in 1977 which were recently published in a story on the WGI website. <https://wgi.org/happy-birthday-wgi/> Those minutes reflected that a judge representative was initially part of the first Steering Committee. Later, when those functions were modified into the WGI Color Guard Task Force, that body was made up of instructor representatives, an Education Director, Chief Judge and between two to four judge representatives at various times. When the transition was made from the Task Force to the Steering Committee the group continued to have judge representatives included for several years.

Under the current structure we have two Color Guard Captions Specialists who assist the Chief Judge to coordinate and implement adjudication activities. See Section 1.6 of the Policy Manual. Those Caption Specialists are not a part of the Steering Committee, do not take part in any meetings with the Steering Committee and therefore do not have access to the conversations and specific discussions which they are tasked to later implement. The Steering Committee and the activity could benefit from this change in the following ways:

Having judge representatives present would allow more effective and efficient communication between the Steering Committee instructors, Education Coordinator, Chief Judge, and the panel of working judges.

Having these representatives be part of this Committee would give the Committee the benefit of the knowledge, experience and perspective of working judges who are also responsible for the function of judges within the captions they supervise.

The Steering Committee could benefit in its discussions of philosophy and scoring by the knowledge and

experience of these working judges.

Including judge representatives on the Steering Committee would give a voice to our roster of judges. The judges for WGI, in all divisions, should be recognized as one of the strengths and assets of the organization. This change would go a long way in developing community between the instructors and the adjudication team. It would give them a voice to make a positive contribution to the continued growth of the Color Guard Division

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
AMP Winter Guard	Clear Brook HS	Chino Hills HS
Arcadia HS	FIU World	Somerset Academy
Avon HS	Mayflower	The Magnolia Project
Blessed Sacrament	Mirage	
Carmel HS	Onyx	
Center Grove HS	Tampa Independent	
Centerville HS	Tampa Independent A	
Collage	Tarpon Springs HS	
Dobyns-Bennett HS	The Pride of Missouri State	
Edge Independent Open	West Broward HS	
El Dorado HS		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Miamisburg HS		
Milford HS (OH)		
Mt. Carmel HS		
Northview HS		
ORIGINS		
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Pacificaires		
Paramount		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Purdue University		
Stoneman Douglas HS		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Vox Artium		
Warren Central HS		

RULES

Proposal #9 PASSES

Change the maximum number of performers from 40 to 50.

Submitted by Michael Lentz, Onyx

Rationale: More options

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
Arcadia HS	AMP Winter Guard	Clear Brook HS
Centerville HS	Avon HS	
Chino Hills HS	Blessed Sacrament	
Edge Independent Open	Carmel HS	
El Dorado HS	Center Grove HS	
Etude	Collage	
Etude Open	Dobyns-Bennett HS	
FIU World	Fantasia	
Franklin HS (TN)	Juxtaposition	
Fusion Winter Guard	Mason HS	
Kiski Area HS	Mt. Carmel HS	
Mayflower	Northview HS	
Miamisburg HS	Pacificaires	
Milford HS (OH)	Purdue University	
Mirage	Stoneman Douglas HS	
Onyx	The Magnolia Project	
ORIGINS	Vox Artium	
ORIGINS Open		
Oviedo HS		
Paramount		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Somerset Academy		
Tampa Independent		
Tampa Independent A		
Tarpon Springs HS		
The Pride of Missouri State		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Warren Central HS		
West Broward HS		

Proposal #10 PASSES

To allow all classes the use of plug in power during a performance. Expansion of rule that currently states plug in power in Reg A, A and Open can only be used for amplification purposes.

Submitted by Scott Snell, Shenendehowa HS

Rationale: The world class has had access to this option for several years and it has been a smooth transition. It would make sense to now allow all other classes this option. This expands opportunities for design teams to explore enhancements to their shows.

Financial Impact: None

RESULTS		
Pass	Fail	Abstain
AMP Winter Guard	Avon HS	
Arcadia HS	El Dorado HS	
Blessed Sacrament	Mt. Carmel HS	
Carmel HS	Northview HS	
Center Grove HS	ORIGINS	
Centerville HS	ORIGINS Open	
Chino Hills HS	Paramount	
Clear Brook HS	Purdue University	
Collage	Tampa Independent	
Dobyns-Bennett HS	Vox Artium	
Edge Independent Open		
Etude		
Etude Open		
Fantasia		
FIU World		
Franklin HS (TN)		
Fusion Winter Guard		
Juxtaposition		
Kiski Area HS		
Mason HS		
Mayflower		
Miamisburg HS		
Milford HS (OH)		
Mirage		
Onyx		
Oviedo HS		
Pacificaires		
Pride of Cincinnati		
Somerset Academy		
Stoneman Douglas HS		
Tampa Independent A		
Tarpon Springs HS		
The Magnolia Project		
The Pride of Missouri State		
The Woodlands HS		
UCF Pegasus World		
Warren Central HS		
West Broward HS		