

Greetings,

As we come to the close of the season, we would like to offer some clarification on the upcoming Circuit Championships Qualifier. As this is our first year to have the qualifiers, we want to make sure that everyone knows what the process will be as we head into the next few weeks.

First, let's talk about seeding into the qualifier. As in the past, we use the following process to determine ranking and performance schedule:

1. All units will be seeded for Circuit Championships (Qualifier) using their most recent contest score increased by 1.5 points each week of the regular contest calendar
2. Performances will be scheduled beginning with the lowest ranked group performing first in the class and progressing numerically so that the highest ranked group performing last
3. Classes with more than 9 units will be split into *rounds.

*The following example is based on a preliminary contest with 30 color guards. The number of rounds and guards within each round will vary depending on the size of the contest but this gives an example of the process. The numbers represent the RANKING of the color guard. The highest ranked color guard will perform in the last round: (per WGI 2026 Color Guard Rulebook)

<p style="text-align: center;">ROUND 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 21, 24, 27, 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUND 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17 20, 23, 26, 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUND 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16 19, 22, 25, 28</p>
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The top two-thirds (2/3) of each class from each site will advance to the Championship / Finals Weekend (with an overall minimum of 5 per class and an overall maximum of 20 per class). When applicable, the number of units advancing will be rounded up to the next whole number (For example, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 10 is $6\frac{2}{3}$, so we would advance 7 units)

Here are the numbers per class per side that will advance to Circuit Championships (April 4th as Yukon High School):

East Qualifier (UMAC):	West Qualifier (Mustang):
SRB: 13 Units (out of 19)	SRB: 7 Units (out of 11)
SRA: 9 Units (out of 13)	SRA: 6 Units (out of 9)
SB: 5 Units (out of 7)	SB: 2 Units (out of 3)
SA: 6 Units (out of 9)	SA: 7 Units (out of 10)

All Open and Independent color guards will qualify for Circuit Championships. Performance times for Circuit Championships will be scheduled in rank order as determined by qualifier scores for all classes.

Please see the attached draft schedule for details. If you have any questions, please feel free to message any board member for clarification