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Dear Band Directors:

As you are preparing your schedules and finalizing your contests, please consider coming to the *Horseshoe Classic* in Philippi, WV on **Saturday, October 21, 2023.**

*The Horseshoe Classic* will be held, in conjunction with the Governor's Cup, at George Byrer Field at BCBank Park on the campus of Philip Barbour High School. *The Horseshoe Classic* will begin in the early evening, and is being sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. This is a unique opportunity to attend a hybrid event that is both a competition, for those bands who traditionally participate in competitions, and a spectacular, for those bands that would either like to sample a competition or simply play at a great venue for the love of band. If you elect to be a "spectacular" band, you'll still perform at the same time as others in your class, but simply will not be scored; playing for comments is an election a band director may choose as well.

At *The Horseshoe Classic*, you will be provided areas for your band to get dressed and warm-up as well as a hospitality room for directors, staff, and bus drivers. At the show, t-shirts, programs, and food will be available to your students, support staff, and fans.

*The Horseshoe Classic* will have four (4) class options based on the number of combined winds and percussion:

Class A: 71+  
Class B: 46 – 70  
Class C: 26-45  
Class D: 1 – 25

\**The Horseshoe Classic* reserves the right to reclassify entries depending on the number of bands registered for the contest. All directors will be made aware in advance should a move be necessitated.

*The Horseshoe Classic* will also have prize money as it is part of the Governor's Cup series of Band Competitions. The West Virginia Department of Culture and History will provide \$1500.00 per contest to award to the top West Virginia bands.

- \$400.00 – Grand Champion – 5 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings
- \$300.00 – 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up – 4 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings

- \$200.00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up – 3 points toward overall Governor’s Cup standings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up – 2 points toward overall Governor’s Cup standings
- 4<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up – 1 point toward overall Governor’s Cup standings
- \$150.00 – Each class champion – A, B, C, D classes – 1 point towards overall Governor’s Cup Standing

A reminder ***The Horseshoe Classic*** is the also the final entry in the Governor’s Cup Finals this year and the band with the most accumulated points in the series will be awarded over \$5000!

There is no fee to enter any portion of the competition, but all photos and registration information is due by September 20, 2023.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for considering our contest. We hope to see you there!

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## ***The Horseshoe Classic*** Entry Form

Band Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Assistant Director/Staff (Please include titles.) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Drum Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School Colors \_\_\_\_\_

Class is determined by number of Winds and Percussion. # of Winds and Percussion \_\_\_\_\_

Which captions would you like to be judged? \_\_\_Color Guard, \_\_\_Majorettes, \_\_\_Feature Twirler, \_\_\_Drum  
Majors, \_\_\_Percussion, \_\_\_Dance Team

\_\_\_We do not wish to be judged, and are entering as a spectacular band \_\_\_\_\_Comments Only\_\_\_No Comments  
Theme of Show \_\_\_\_\_

Selection 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Selection 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Selection 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Selection 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Selection 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional songs/Information about your show \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need electricity on the field? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Your performance order will be determined by when your entry form has been received.

Please return this entry form to [wvulion@hotmail.com](mailto:wvulion@hotmail.com) or by mail at:

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