

# West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Governor's Cup Marching Band Series 2023

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Dear Band Director,

Hello, my name is Randall Reid-Smith, and I am contacting you on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Along with hosting the twelfth annual West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational (WVMBI) this season, WVDACH is sponsoring the Governor's Cup Marching Band Series again. This series will help promote the department's educational Save The Music Foundation program, which provides free musical instruments to middle schools throughout our state. The series will also allow us to award prize money to high school bands.

This marching band season, we will again work with local band competitions to promote a Governor's Cup Series. The series will continue to make use of a comprehensive collective adjudication sheet and rubric promoting all aspects of the marching arts. The WVDACH will present \$1500.00 in cash prizes to the top West Virginia bands at a series of local marching band competitions throughout the state. Participating local competitions are:

- September 9, 2023 – John Marshall High School “John Marshall Marching Band Showcase”
- September 16, 2023 – Cabell Midland High School “A Knight at the Round Table”
- September 23, 2023 - Hurricane High School - “Whirlwind of Music”
- September 30, 2023 - Parkersburg High School “PHS Jim Kessell Marching Band Festival”
- October 7, 2023 - (Morning) Greenbrier East High School “Spartan Classic”
- October 7, 2023 - (Afternoon) Princeton High School “Southern Thunder”
- October 14, 2023 - (Morning) Petersburg High School - “Viking Classic”
- October 14, 2023 - (Afternoon) Musselman High School “Big Apple Marching Band Festival”
- **October 21, 2023 - Philip Barbour High School - “Horseshoe Classic” AND The West Virginia Marching Band Invitational and Governor's Cup Series Finals - All in ONE day!**

We will provide \$1500.00 per contest to award to the top West Virginia bands at each contest, and bands will collect points toward winning the Governor's Cup.

- \$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

Band Class sizes are as follows:

- Class D - 1-25 playing members
- Class C - 26-45 playing members
- Class B - 46-70 playing members
- Class A - 71 and above playing members
- Bands will need to compete in at least **four** local competitions, plus the **West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Championships and Governor's Cup Series finals on October 21st at The "Horseshoe Classic" at Philip Barbour high school in Philippi, WV.** If a band competes in more than four local contests, their best four scores will be used for final calculations plus their score at the WVMBI. The "Horseshoe Classic " will serve as a regional competition and as the WVMBI State finals. Each host band is eligible at their own competitions to be scored and awarded points toward the Governor's Cup.

Governor's Cup finals award money:

- \$5000.00 – Governor's Cup Grand Champion
- \$3000.00 – Governor's Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up
- \$1500.00 – Governor's Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up
- \$1000.00 – Governor's Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up
- \$ 500.00 – Governor's Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up

All West Virginia high school marching bands are invited to apply to participate in the Governor's Cup Series competitions, as well as the West Virginia State High School Marching Band Invitational.

WVDACH is very excited about WVMBI State Competition and the Governor's Cup Series. Our hope is to assist in awarding funds to help with success in promoting marching bands in West Virginia.

We hope you will consider the opportunity to participate in these wonderful events. If you have any questions or comments regarding the WVMBI or Governor's Cup Series, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304)558-0220.

Thank you,

Randall Reid-Smith  
Curator