

AMAA Color Guard Class Descriptions

Cadet Class:

This class is exclusively for elementary and middle school guards. Members should not exceed 8th grade. This class is intended for first year performers in lower grade levels. Units competing in this classification will be judged on the AMAA Novice Class Sheet. This class is designed to introduce performers to the activity, promote beginning level techniques, and develop training programs. Programming choices in this class are often simple and fun, encouraging student participation in an exciting and educational environment.

Novice Class:

Novice Class is an AMAA specific classification and is not yet ready for the demands of the Regional or Scholastic classes. Units competing in this class are judged on the Novice Class Sheet to encourage understanding and development. The performers should be experiencing their first set of body and equipment skills at a beginning level. The program may be in its early years of development. In Novice Class training is an absolute necessity. Students will be learning to utilize equipment and body within the coordination of staging to reach the highest levels of this classification. Programming choices should reflect an emphasis on student achievement. Music choices are often simplistic to facilitate success in timing and display of skills. The ultimate goal for this classification is to develop the skill necessary to reach the Regional Classification. A promotion from this classification should be viewed as a success equivalent to medaling in championship competition.

Regional B Class:

Regional B Class will be judged using the WGI Regional A Class criteria and sheets. Teams promoted from Novice start here and are beginning to explore the development of design as well as body and equipment layers that are expected in the Regional A Classification. This class is appropriate for experience color guard members during their introduction period to winter guard.

Regional A Class:

Units in this classification are judged using the WGI Regional A Class criteria and sheets.

Scholastic C Class:

Units in this classification will be judged using the WGI A Class criteria and sheets. Teams promoted from Regional A start here and are beginning to develop the skills and design levels expected of the Scholastic A Classification. While ready to exceed Regional A Class, these teams may not yet be ready for the demands of Scholastic B and Scholastic A Classification.

Scholastic B Class:

Units in this classification will be judged using the WGI A Class criteria and sheets. Teams promoted from Regional A start here and are beginning to develop the skills and design levels expected of the Scholastic A Classification. While ready to exceed Regional A Class, these teams may not yet be ready for the demands of Scholastic A Classification.

Scholastic A Class:

Units in this classification will be judged using the WGI A Class criteria and sheets. Teams promoted from Regional A start here and are beginning to develop the skills and design levels expected of the Scholastic A Classification.

Open Class:

Units in this classification will be judged using the WGI Open Class criteria and sheets.

World Class:

Units in this classification will be judged using the WGI World Class criteria and sheets.