



2021 Virtual Contest Overview

INTRODUCTION: NJMBDA is happy to provide a competitive virtual option for the 2021 season to bands who are unable to travel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please note that if you are planning to attend an NJMBDA in-person contest in the fall of 2021, you are not eligible to participate in our virtual contests. Though a virtual contest will differ in many ways from our in-person events, our mission remains the same:

The New Jersey Marching Band Directors Association is a volunteer organization providing performance opportunities for all New Jersey marching bands, governed and facilitated by participating directors. We seek to expose all marching bands to the highest level of music/visual adjudication, that ultimately fosters educational growth for our students, staff, and community at large. We fervently believe that all bands, regardless of size, budget, and resources, deserve the best possible performance and judging experiences. We are whole-heartedly committed to fiscal responsibility, as we keep requisite fees low, while simultaneously providing infrastructure where host bands can have a successful fundraising experience.

GOALS

- Provide a way for member bands to compete if they are unable to travel due to COVID-19.
- Provide a similar, high quality adjudication experience as is offered at our in-person events.
- Provide programs who are unable to travel a way to interact and compete with other bands around the state of New Jersey.
- Provide a platform for bands that are unable to travel that allows students and directors to view performances of other bands from around the state.

EVENT DATES

9/25/21: Virtual Contest #1

10/2/21: Virtual Contest #2

10/9/21: Virtual Contest #3

10/16/21: Virtual Contest #4

10/23/21: Virtual Contest #5

10/31/21: Virtual State Championship

NOTE: Video submission deadline is 10:00 pm on published date of contest. Registration for each event must be approved in advance with Chris Vitale, NJMBDA Virtual Contest Coordinator.

AVAILABLE CLASSES

- “A” (0-55 total members)
- “AA” (56-80 total members)
- “AAA” (81-110 total members)
- “AAAA” (111+ total members)
- Festival (Comments only: schools who choose not to compete)

COST

Bands will be charged a \$35 fee per individual virtual contest. The cost breakdown is as follows:

- \$15 adjudication fee
- \$10 Competition Suite Fee
- \$10 NJMBDA Administrative Fee

ADJUDICATION

Only approved NJMBDA board approved adjudicators will adjudicate virtual events. All virtual events will consist of a three person adjudication panel consisting of *Overall Effect, Overall Music, and Overall Visual*. All music judges for virtual contests will have experience with both percussion and wind instruments, and all visual judges will have a background in both marching, movement, and color guard. Virtual adjudication sheets can be found on the NJMBDA website. All adjudication will take place within Competition Suite. Once performance videos are submitted by the 10 pm Saturday deadline, judges will review videos and directors will receive recorded adjudication and scores no later than the following Wednesday at 10 pm.

RESULTS

Results will be sent to directors as well as posted on the NJMBDA website each week no later than 10:00 pm on the Wednesday following the date videos are submitted for adjudication.

STREAMING

NJMBDA is working to ensure that our virtual contest participants are eligible to have their performances posted on the [Flo-Marching network](#). Proof of Copyright must be supplied to NJMBDA at the start of the season via a copyright declaration form that will be sent to participating directors. Directors will also have the option to elect to not have their bands performances posted on Flo-Marching.