

South Carolina Band Directors Association

State Marching Committee Etiquette Guidelines for SCBDA Marching Events

Our organization is vast, touching many students and adults throughout the state of South Carolina. It is our responsibility, as professionals, to act accordingly and to require the same professional standards from our students and adults whom we work with. It is this reason that these Guidelines have been devised. It is understood, however, that the majority of our membership carefully follow these standards already. This outline is designed primarily as a guide for new members and to encourage consistency among the entire membership of SCBDA.

BAND DIRECTORS, ASSISTANT BAND DIRECTORS, AUXILLARY INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF MEMBERS:

- 1) Each year the Band Division By-laws and Handbook of the SCMEA Musician must be read and understood by all staff members.
- 2) The Marching Chairman will be available to answer any questions in the Handbook and the policies contained therein.
- 3) Directors must instruct staff, students and parents as to their responsibilities and their expected behavior at each SCBDA event. The director must relay all policies to students and parents.
- 4) Disrespect and unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated at SCBDA events.
- 5) The director is responsible for knowing all policies and rules governing SCBDA events.
- 6) Parents need to understand they are positive role models.
- 7) Courtesy is expected during all band performances.
- 8) Rudeness (i.e. booing, heckling) will not be tolerated.
- 9) Bands should be chaperoned in the visitor stands after performing.
- 10) Distracting noise (noisemakers, yelling, cat-calls, airhorns) are not acceptable during any part of a bands performance.
- 11) Applause, cheering, standing ovations are expected and appreciated forms of recognition for all bands.
- 12) Comments about other bands should always be positive.

As band directors we have the ultimate responsibility for our groups and everyone connected with them. It is our job to inform all parents, instructors, and students of all SCBDA policies for all SCBDA events.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WE MUST DO SO!