

2024 - New for this fall!

Upon recommendation of the marching band rules advisory committee (and as is done at the state contest) each area contest will hold a top half/bottom half pre-draw for area finals (Top 4/Bottom 3 for a finals of seven bands).

For example:

Place all your anticipated participating bands on a list and do a random draw (either in person or via a computer program). Make this information available to the directors prior to the contest.

At the end of your preliminary round extract the finalist bands from that pre-draw order.

The bands ranked in places 6-10 from the preliminary round will be the first five to perform in finals based on the pre-draw order.

The bands ranked in places 1-5 from the preliminary round will be the final five to perform in finals based on the pre-draw order.

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