

Texas Color Guard Circuit  
Spring 2018 Proposals



**Proposal #1 - Fails (Yays - 21, Nays - 41, Abstentions - 12)**

**Submitted by:** Geoffrey Sperling, Origins

**Co-Sponsor:** Kyle Albright, Pflugerville HS

**Original Policy as written:** JV Class

**Proposed change:** Eliminate the JV Class.

**Justification:** The JV classification serves as a loophole for units over achieving on the regional A sheets to forego promotion. Succinctly, it allows some guards that would have otherwise competed on a Scholastic A sheet to compete against Regional A color guards on the WGI level and circuit level. It is the smallest class, and this year (as well as years past) more units have opted not to place their JV in this classification (In 2018, 22 units in JV class, 25 JV units in Novice/Regional A).

**Financial impact:** To be assessed.

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**Proposal #2 - Passed**

**Submitted by:** Michelle Jordan, Katy HS

**Co-Sponsor:** Brandi Ball, Cy-Falls HS

**Original Policy as written:** New

**Proposed change:** Any school which is hosting a TCGC regular contest will automatically be given the opportunity for their unit(s) to compete at said show given that they are in good standing within the circuit. The unit(s) must still register for the show during regular show registration. If the show reaches its maximum registration capacity for performing units, a spot in the schedule will be made for the host unit(s); they will not perform in exhibition.

**Justification:** Hosting a show takes a considerable amount and time and effort for the students who will be working the contest. Considering they are restricted from be able to compete elsewhere on that day due to the nature of hosting a show, they should automatically be given the opportunity to compete at their own show, no questions. This is the most cost-effective and yet still rewarding opportunity to give to the students who are also helping to put on a good contest for the sake of the Texas Color Guard Circuit.

**Financial impact:** None

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**Proposal #3 - Withdrawn**

**Submitted by:** Whitney Stone, Lake Travis HS

**Co-Sponsor:** Heather Stone, Cedar Ridge HS

**Original Policy as written:** New

**Proposed change:** We propose that the compete by date happen later in the season.

**Justification:** The first weekend in February is too early for most scholastic units to have to compete by, specifically for Cadet-JV classes. A ten week competitive season is entirely too long for performers ranging from 6th-12th grade at that range in skill and mental development. For 2019, the compete by date could fall on February 9th. This week would make a huge difference for many younger groups success.

**Financial impact:** More color guards would possibly opt to compete a few weeks later, resulting in smaller competitions for the first few weeks and larger competitions in late February.

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**Proposal #4 - Tabled (CGTF to present options this summer)**

**Submitted by:** Heather Stone, Cedar Ridge HS

**Co-Sponsor:** Whitney Stone, Lake Travis HS

**Original Policy as written:** New

**Proposed change:** Return to the process of Area and State from 2017. No Area-State qualifying for A guards, no Regional and JV guards performing at State. All A guards compete at State.

**Justification:** This makes the competitive season too long for the Regional A and JV guards and many deserving A and National A guards had a significantly shorter competitive season. The Area splits were not equal from East (North and South) and West, giving the East side guards an unfair advantage over the West side guards. This also caused the top 3 Regional A guard's in each round not to receive medals at Area. This was hard for the performers and staff to make sense of and justify.

**Financial impact:** Would need to purchase more medals for performers. May affect profit for State sales.

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**Proposal #5 - Amended and Passed**

**Submitted by:** Jaime Martinez, Circuit Administrator

**Co-Sponsor:** TCGC Executive Board

**Original Policy as written:** Section 4: C. To qualify for Circuit Championships, every unit must compete by a date designated by the appropriate division.

**Proposed change:** To qualify for Circuit Championships, every unit must compete by the 2nd Saturday in February.

**Justification:** Every season there are questions to when the compete by date falls. There is always confusion and setting a certain weekend will clear up this confusion.

**Financial impact:** None

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**Proposal #6 - Passed**

**Submitted by:** Jaime Martinez, Circuit Administrator

**Co-Sponsor:** TCGC Executive Board

**Original Policy as written:** Section 4: C. To qualify for Circuit Championships, every unit must compete by a date designated by the appropriate division.

**Proposed change:** ADD: Only participation in a TCGC event will satisfy the compete by requirement.

**Justification:** This will allow for units to be seen with local competition and evaluated as such.

**Financial impact:** None

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**Proposal #7 - Passed**

**Submitted by:** Stephen Howard, TCGC President

**Co-Sponsor:** TCGC Executive Board

**Original Policy as written:** By-Laws Article III, Section 4

**Proposed change:** By-Laws Section 4

- (a) Dues for any primary Color Guard, Percussion, or Winds unit will be \$600.00.
- (b) Dues for a second Color Guard, Percussion, or Winds unit from the same parent organization will be \$525.00.
- (c) Dues for a third Color Guard, Percussion, or Winds unit (or fourth, fifth, etc.) from the same parent organization will be \$450.
- (d) TCGC classifies units as a second, third, etc. unit from the same parent organization that is in the same category only. For example, an organization with two Color Guards would pay for one primary unit and one second unit. If that organization also has a Percussion group, they would also owe dues for a primary Percussion unit.
- (e) Unit dues may be paid by cash, check, money order, or any online payment system that the circuit has available.

**Justification:** The circuit must raise dues for our second units and greater. We feel that the experience they receive is not less than those of a primary unit. Additionally, the circuit believes that this change will prevent an additional hike in dues for the foreseeable future and increase the amount of shows offered during the season we are able to offer and ensuring a world class experience for all.

**Financial impact:** This increase is necessary to keep pace with the continued growth and demand of the circuit. We believe that this will significantly enhance the amount of shows we are able to offer, decreasing the units on waiting lists, give us the ability to maintain our equipment better, and lower the cost of circuit championships for all units.

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**Proposal #8 - Passed**

**Submitted by:** Stephen Howard, TCGC President

**Co-Sponsor:** Texas Color Guard Judge's Association

**Original Policy as written:** Classification addition

**Proposed change:** Create Scholastic AA class, which would be a “bridging” class between Regional A and Scholastic A.

**Justification:** The jump from the Regional A sheet to the Scholastic A sheet is very challenging for some units that have not really had the opportunity to explore the incorporation of A class technical skills and repertoire/effect design. The intention of the Scholastic AA class would be to serve as a ramp up, by introducing units in the class to Scholastic A criteria, yet utilizing the interval and minimum equipment time of Regional A. This hybrid results in these units exploring Scholastic A criteria for a reduced time commitment, thus allowing instructors to spend more time refining the shortened program and focusing on skills associated with the A class without the time penalties associated with the longer shows expected in Scholastic A. The Scholastic AA class also has the benefit of potentially balancing the large size of both Regional A and Scholastic A classes.

**Financial impact:** Addition of a new classification does not require a new sheet, however may require additional awards/medals.

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**Proposal #9 - Tabled until the Fall Meeting (EBoard will work)**

**Submitted by:** Stephen Howard, TCGC President

**Co-Sponsor:** TCGC Executive Board

**Original Policy as written:** None

**Proposed change:** Allow the Executive Board time to comb through the P&P documents over the summer to eliminate/re-word confusing, contradicting, or outdated policies and present our changes/edits to the membership at the Fall meeting. Tabling this proposal will allow us this time.

**Justification:** We have found that these documents have become "bloated" over the years and we would like the opportunity to clean them up so they are simpler to read and more user friendly to new directors. This would give us adequate time to do a good job for the membership. The policies that we update would be presented individually and approved/rejected by the membership at the Fall meeting.

**Financial impact:** None