

**Yellow Jacket Classic**  
**CONTEST**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Contest Fee: \$100**

**Performance Bond: \$500**

**Payable to: Jacket Nation Music Foundation**

**Mail to: 990 Cartersville Hwy, Rockmart GA 30153**

**New for 2025 - Gold and Silver Division**

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with five and ten-yard lines, hash marks (53'4"), and sidelines clearly marked. There is a regulation track surrounding the field and a fence enclosing the field and track. There are twenty-two rows of seats between the press box and the track.
2. Bands will be classified according to the number of wind instrument players. Bands may enter a higher classification but not a lower one.

**Silver Division**

Class A	up to 24 winds
Class AA	25-49 winds
Class AAA	50-74 winds

**Gold Division**

Class AAAA	75-100 winds
Class Open	101 or more winds

3. Bands are scheduled in twenty-minute intervals. Performance times should be within a six-minute minimum and a twelve-minute maximum. Timing starts with the first note of music or movement after the band has been given the field for competition. **A penalty of -0.5 points for each minute, or part of minute, will be assessed by the timing judge for times exceeding the maximum twenty minute interval.** Penalties will not be assessed without notification to the band director.
4. The YJC uses adjudication forms for Olympic style judging, with the high and low scores dropped and the remaining three averaged to determine overall band score. Auxiliary scores do not enter into the calculation of overall band awards.
5. Order of performance within each class is determined by application postmark. Earliest postmark performs last in class.

5. All bands must perform in uniform. All band representatives must be in uniform to accept awards.
7. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box.

## **Trophies**

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies awarded to bands in each classification
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place trophies given in each classification for all auxiliary units.
- Silver Division Champion and Gold Division Champion (Best in Class) trophies awarded to each highest scoring band, color guard, percussion line and drum major in each division
- Grand Champion Award given regardless of classification to highest scoring band.

## **Special Awards**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

CONCESSIONS – There will be full concessions available. Please refrain from cooking outside of the stadium as it raises concerns from the fire marshal and is discourteous to the host band.

ARRIVAL – Please proceed to the band registration area which is located on the visitor's side of the stadium. Please try to arrive in plenty of time to dress, warm-up, or whatever you need to insure a quality performance experience. You will have two guides to help show you around campus and assist you in any way.

DRESSING FACILITIES – Dressing facilities are available. For our planning purposes, please let us know if you wish to use these facilities.

PARKING – Your buses will be guided to their designated parking AFTER your students are off-loaded, as will equipment vehicles. All others should park in spectator parking areas.

WARM-UP – Each group is allotted a 40 minute warm-up – the last 7 minutes will be used for travel to the field. Please help us adhere to this schedule. Our desire is that NO band be kept waiting at the gate unless their director holds them there for equipment set-up time.

ADMISSION FEE – \$10, children 4 and under admitted free. **GOFAN ONLY**

FIREWORKS – Use of any pyrotechnics (fireworks, rockets, flares, smoke bombs, fire batons, etc.) is strictly forbidden.

AWARDS – There will be trophies for all superior and excellent rating in contest. There will be trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each contest classification. In addition, there will be championship trophies for the 3 highest scoring bands, regardless of classification.

CHAPERONES – Chaperones will be admitted at the rate of 1 for each group of 10 students.

**No motorized vehicles on rubberized track or artificial turf. Trailers will be available if needed to help get equipment to the gate on time. All equipment must be taken in by hand from the stadium gate. Bands are responsible for getting all equipment back to the middle school for reloading.**

HOSPITALITY - All band directors, director's spouses, and staff are invited to our hospitality room at any time during the day. This will be located in the RMS Cafeteria. (See map of campus for location.)

FIRST AID – First aid will be available inside the stadium.

INSTRUMENT REPAIR – Instrument repair is available outside the front of the middle school.

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