



TOURNAMENT INDOOR ASSOCIATION

JAZZ RULEBOOK 2024

PARTICIPATION

- A. All Tournament members are eligible to participate in Jazz Festivals. Membership in TOB/TIA is \$100 per year + the posting of a Competing Bond. (\$100 per unit).
- B. All school bands participating in TIA Jazz must have a Bond posted with TOB/TIA Region prior to any performances in TIA Jazz contests.
- C. Any school wishing to host a Jazz Festival must be a member of Tournament in good standing. All TIA competitions must be approved by TIA Region Coordinator and submitted to NJA Director by September 1. NJA/TIA/TOB Host Contracts will be sent to approved hosts. NJA will schedule contests on any given date dependent upon availability of adjudicators. The regular TIA/TOB season will conclude the last Sunday prior to Region Championship weekend, excluding shows rescheduled due to weather.
Only an Active TIA/TOB Member (see ByLaw 6) may host a TIA/TOB contest. A non-member may request to host a TIA/TOB event only if:
1. There is an open date within the established region schedule after September 1 deadline(see above)
AND
 2. Approval of NJA Director
(2015)
- D. The Tournament Rules & By-laws shall govern all activities in the TIA Jazz activity.

CLASSIFICATION

- A. Jazz Bands may participate in one of four (4) Classifications:

Middle School - open to any middle school jazz ensemble. Bands will participate for ratings only; their scores will be known only to them and the judging panel.

A Class - Open to any High School jazz ensemble that performs Grade 1-2-3 literature.

Open Class - Open to any High School jazz ensemble that performs Grade 4-5 literature.

World Class - Open to any High School jazz ensemble that performs Grade 6 or higher literature.

Grade level based on publisher level (JWPepper list)

JWPepper Grading and TIA Jazz Levels:

MS: no grading requirements, based on grade level of students

A Class: Grade 1= VE Grade 2=E Grade 3= ME

Open Class: Grade 4=M Grade 5=MA

World Class: Grade 6=A

Note: mixing grade levels is acceptable and an average of 3 will be used to determine final level

- B. The order of appearance at any TIA Jazz Contest will be determined by the date of enrollment. Earliest enrollees will receive the latest times in their Classification. If a band has a time demand, they should make the host and the Region Coordinator aware of those demands prior to the posting of the order of appearance.

JAZZ FESTIVAL PROCEDURES

- A. Jazz Band rating will be determined by two (2) or three (3) judges' equal ratings. During the season, schools will have the option to have scores or ratings announced. Ratings are Excellent, Outstanding, and Superior. At the TIA Atlantic Coast Championship, numeric scores (80–100), ratings, and placements are announced. Middle School Bands will only have ratings announced. At the TIA Atlantic Coast Championship, three (3) judges will evaluate bands.
- B. Each band is recommended to play three separate selections. If a band is performing a major, lengthy work, only two selections are recommended. The lengthy selection must be approved by the chief judge of the show in advance.
- C. Band Directors are responsible for providing two copies of scores for each selection they will perform. Musical scores should be given to the chief judge at the show site, and they will be returned to the director at the end of the evening along with their score sheets.
- D. Each band must use the 'stack' (three level) setup.
- E. After each contest, directors will receive their band's score sheets and commentary. There is no post contest meeting.
- F. Directors are responsible for the conduct of his/her students at shows. Jazz Band members should represent their schools and communities in a positive manner. If a band member behaves in a negative manner, the Jazz Chair may send a communication detailing the behavior to the director and/or principal.
- G. A school planning to participate in the TIA Atlantic Coast Championship in Wildwood should participate in at least one (1) TIA-sanctioned Jazz Band event prior to the TIA Atlantic Coast Championship at Wildwood, if possible.
- H. When a band is introduced before their performance, director and musical selections, with soloists, will be announced. Standard TIA Announcer Sheet must be provided to host(see page 4).
- I. Sound systems:
1. A school representative from the performing school may be positioned near the sound board operator to help with sound levels and make suggestions. In order to save setup time it is strongly suggested that bands use the house system. If a band wishes to use their own sound system, it must be set up prior to the start of their performance.
 2. At TIA Atlantic Coast Championship, no sound board is present. Bands will use the provided PA system for soloists.
- J. Awards
1. Ratings, Score, and Ranking for each classification will be announced following all performances depending on groups choice.
 2. If a group chooses to only have ratings announced, they will notify the Chief Judge prior to the show and the Chief Judge will communicate this to the Tabulator to adjust the announcer sheet.
 3. Middle School Bands will only have their ratings announced.
 4. At the discretion of the show host, the following awards may also be given for each class: Best Soloist for each Class, Best Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Rhythm Section for each Class.

K. Timing

1. Bands will have a 25 minute time block to set-up, perform, and exit the stage area.
Performance time is suggested not to exceed 15 minutes.
Assistance in set-up will be provided by the Show Host.
2. Tabulators will time all bands. Performance Time will start with the first note and end with the last note.
3. Warm-up - a band is permitted to perform a short 1-2 minute warm-up prior to their performance.
Directors must make the Chief Judge/Announcer aware of any planned warm-ups prior to the start of the performance.

TIA JAZZ BAND ADJUDICATORS

- A. Only approved NJA Jazz Band judges may adjudicate TIA Jazz shows.
- B. The TIA Jazz Chair, in cooperation with the NJA Judging Coordinator, will select judges for all shows. It is understood that a rotation of judges is the goal of the TIA Jazz Chair.
- C. The NJA Judging Coordinator will assign and notify judges of their show assignments. He/she will also notify the Chief Judge and Region Coordinator of all selected judges.



**TOURNAMENT INDOOR
ASSOCIATION
JAZZ BAND
ANNOUNCER FORM**

**PERFORMANCE MUSIC
FOR ANNOUNCER & ADJUDICATORS**
*PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR MUSIC SCORES
AT JAZZ BAND CHECK-IN*

ENSEMBLE: _____ HIGH SCHOOL MS A O W

DIRECTOR: _____

WE WILL PLAY A BRIEF WARM-UP(2:00 OR LESS) ON STAGE: YES NO

SELECTION 1: _____

COMPOSER: _____

SOLOIST/INSTRUMENT: _____

SELECTION 2: _____

COMPOSER: _____

SOLOIST/INSTRUMENT: _____

SELECTION 3: _____

COMPOSER: _____

SOLOIST/INSTRUMENT: _____

STAGE SET UP:

Row #1: Chairs _____ & Stands _____

Row #2: Chairs _____ & Stands _____

Row #3: Chairs _____ & Stands _____

Rhythm: Chairs _____ & Stands _____