

# **Northwest Capital Classic**

**OCTOBER 3rd, 2026  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Contest Fee: \$100**

**Performance Bond: \$500**

**Payable to: Northwest Band Boosters**

**Mail to: NHS Band, 1651 Tunnel Hill-Varnell Rd Tunnel  
Hill, GA 30755**

1. The competition field will be the size and shape of a regulation football field with yard lines, high school hash marks, and sidelines clearly marked. There is a regulation track surrounding the field and a fence enclosing the field and track. There are 23 rows of seats between the press box and the track. The press box is on the west side of the stadium. The entrance gate leading to the field is 9ft wide.
2. It is a short distance (less than 100 yds) from the equipment parking lot to the stadium. Each band will be responsible for transporting props and equipment to the stadium. NCC will not have equipment trailers and will not transport equipment to, from, on, or off the field.
3. Bands will be classified according to the number of wind instrument players. Bands may enter a higher classification but not a lower one.

Class A: up to 24 winds

Class AA: 25- 49 winds

Class AAA :50-74 winds

Class AAAA:75- 100 winds

Class Open: 101 or more winds

Silver Division: A-AAA

Gold AAAA & Open

4. Bands will have 20 minutes to enter, perform, and exit the stadium. 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 -1 point for each minute, or part of a minute, will be assessed by the timing judge for times exceeding the maximum twenty five minute interval.**

5. Order of performance within each class is determined by application postmark. Earliest postmark performs last in class.
6. All bands must perform in uniform. All band representatives must be in uniform to accept awards.
7. The NCC 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.

Scoring

85 – 100 Superior  
70 – 84.9 Excellent  
55 – 69.9 Good

9. No director, parent, or student from any participating band will be allowed in the press box.

**Weather plan**

The NCC is a rain or shine event. Weather permitting, we will hold the competition outside. If the weather does not cooperate the contest will be held inside. All captions, guard, percussion, drum majors, and band will be judged. Warmups will be in the NHS Aux Gym and the main gym will hold performances. Indoor performances will be limited to a regulation size basketball court. In order to manage time and space, bands will not use props.

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** – Refer to the map and use the North entrance. Please proceed to the band registration area marked on the map. Arrive with plenty of time to dress, warm-up, or whatever you need to ensure a quality performance experience. You will have two guides to help show you around campus and assist you in any way.

PARKING – Guides will meet each band at registration and direct you to your designated parking area. All others should park in spectator parking areas.

WARM-UP – Each group is allotted a 40 minute warm-up – the last 10 minutes will be used for travel to the field. Please help us adhere to this schedule.

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

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

AWARDS – There will be trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each caption for each contest classification. In addition, there will be a Silver and Gold division trophy for band, guard, percussion, and drum major. Division trophies will be awarded for the highest score in each caption.

CHAPERONES – Chaperones' armbands will be given at the rate of 1 for each group of 10 students plus 2 per equipment truck.

HOSPITALITY – All band directors, director's spouses, and staff are invited to our hospitality room at any time during the day. (See map of campus for location.) Bus drivers will also be given an armband for access.

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