

NCBA Guidelines on Professional Ethics

★ A Judge may not adjudicate an event in the captions of Music, Showmanship, Marching, Auxiliary, Jazz or Concert if they have had a professional association as a guest clinician within 21 days prior to the event. If a judge works with a marching band, that judge may still judge the concert or jazz group.

★ A Judge may not adjudicate any event if he/she is associated with a participating unit as full time music, Showmanship, Marching or Auxiliary Instructor, Drill Designer, Music Arranger, Choreographer, Family Member or on the Faculty of that School, concurrent with that particular season.

★ A Judge may not adjudicate an event where there is a participating unit that he/she has previously taught at that school for a period of two (2) years.

★ An exception to the above rules: If the participating unit in question agrees to perform in exhibition/comments only and not be considered for awards. This must be cleared with the head judge and Host of the event. The panel of Judges and Tabulator must be notified prior to the event that this unit will not receive a score or award (s).

★ Any violation of the above guidelines may result in the removal of that adjudicator from the Judges pool for the remainder of the current season and possibly the following season. Specifically excluded from these rules are the Drum Major Judges, Head Judges and Tabulators.

★ Each Judge that has been a clinician or has a professional association with a group must be aware of that group's schedule of performances prior to his/her accepting assignments. That Judge **MUST** notify the contest coordinator prior to the beginning of the season