

GREETINGS FROM THE MILITARY BOWL TEAM!

I hope you are as excited as we are to be involved with the mass band performance the Military Bowl. Box 5 Events always does an outstanding job putting together a great event for you and your students. As the Flag Coordinator, I am proud to be part of the team and excited to be working with you to help make an amazing performance.

I want to provide a few suggestions to help you and your students get ready for your trip. As a recommendation, any rifle or saber lines would best be utilized on a flag as space is limited. The link to the count sheets, score, MP3 recording, and videos is now available on the Box 5 Events Website and will be shared with you immediately

Our goal is to make the choreography simple, yet effective musically, while also grouping the phrases to make it easier for ALL students to remember. I've kept things simple with just a bit of lower body contribution, although I do understand that some of these moves may be new for your students. It's more important that the performance be as "clean" as possible. I am here to help with any and all questions giving you the information possible to help your students grasp these skills for a great performance.

The most important things while learning the routine are as follows:

1. Memorization – Memorize the choreography by the sections listed. I use those sections in the video while teaching parts and will use to run rehearsal. I find it easier to say or sing the choreography with the correct tempo. You must arrive for the rehearsal with everything memorized. We would like to see a video of your group in early December performing the medley in its entirety. A link will be sent to you to upload your video.
2. Precision – It's really important that all flags go up and down together! Please try to make sure that everyone's hand placement or lower body placement/technique is taught to the best of your ability. It does not have to be *perfect*, as long as the same foot moves to the left or right, or that we ALL turn in the same direction...so work it and refine it.... it's going to be fantastic! Again, ask plenty of questions.
3. Performance - SMILE :) SMILE:) SMILE:) SMILE:) The music is fun, the routine is fun, the whole experience is about HAVING FUN! So, remember, Practice smiling throughout the entire routine.

GUARD INSTRUCTORS: Please plan to organize your group and assist with staging and rehearsals where needed. If a band cannot send a guard instructor, then your designated guard captain should introduce themselves at rehearsal. The combined guard group will be rehearsed by me on site, but I will be relying on instructors or captains to assist with cleaning and crowd control. When learning the parts, A & B please know all counts. We will do my best to make sure they stay within the same counts however; it will depend on the staging.

Please email with any question!

A Box 5 Events staff member will introduce you to your colorguard coordinator when you arrive in Washington DC.

Sincerely,

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