

Charleston Community Band Membership Information

Mission Statement:

- To prepare and perform pieces of music from the full spectrum of concert band literature.
- To provide members an opportunity to expand their musical skills within the context of a large ensemble.
- The CCB is a registered nonprofit organization and all conductors, officers and members are volunteers. The operating budget comes from the grants, gifts, donations and performance fees.

Membership and Rehearsals:

Membership is open to instrumentalists beyond high school age. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights in the Citadel band room from 7:15-9:15 PM. Other rehearsals, such as dress rehearsals and sectionals, may be scheduled as needed by the conductor or section leader. Active members are required to attend rehearsals on a regular basis and are required to attend dress rehearsals for major performances. Members who do not meet these requirements may be barred from the performance. Exceptions may be made by the Section Leader with the concurrence of the Conductor. All members are expected to practice as necessary to learn assigned parts.

Planning for rehearsals and scheduling for concerts is much more effective when the level of participation and instrumentation can be projected. Because of this, regular participation in weekly rehearsals is zealously encouraged. The courtesy of advanced notification to your section leader is greatly appreciated when circumstances prevent your participation in rehearsal or concert.

Individual Practice:

Members are expected to be able to perform their assigned parts. Please copy music for practice at home. No band member may remove a music folder from the rehearsal hall without the expressed permission of the band librarian. Any band member who loses or damages a folder and/or music originals will be fined for the total cost of music lost and replacement of the folder.

Equipment and Loading Crews:

The equipment manager will announce when loading crews are needed and what time to meet at the band room. Volunteers for the loading crew will load equipment to the concert and return it to the band room after the concert. All members who are physically able to participate are expected to volunteer to load equipment throughout the year. Participation by all able members will ensure a fair and equitable distribution of this necessary and vital task.

Concert Attire:

Khaki pants, skirts or shorts with white CCB polo shirt will be worn for routine outdoor performances. CCB shirts can be purchased from Jack Hayes (treasurer) for \$25.

For formal/indoor concerts, the following attire required:

For ladies: black dress or black blouse with black skirt or pants; black hose, black shoes

For men: White dress shirt; black jacket or tuxedo; black bow tie; black slacks; black socks; black dress shoes

Concerts:

Call time is 60 minutes prior to the performance unless otherwise stated by the conductor. At call time, you should be in your seat with your instrument and ready to play. Please be prompt! Call your section leader if you cannot make call time. When the concert begins, have fun and play your best-remember, you represent the Charleston Community!

Rehearsal Etiquette

Members are expected to maintain good rehearsal discipline and treat fellow members with courtesy and respect. Rules of good rehearsal etiquette include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Attend rehearsal on time
- Be musically prepared for rehearsal
- Give the conductor your full attention when he/she is on the podium
- Please turn off cell phones off or set to vibrate. If you must use your phone, please take the conversation outdoors or into the hallway so as not to disrupt rehearsal. Please refrain from texting during rehearsal.
- Respect musical decisions made by the conductor.
- Any concerns you have regarding band issues should be directed to the section leader, conductor or a board member. This must be done before or after rehearsal, or during break. In the instance that a problem between band members cannot be resolved amicably a Grievance Form can be filled out by all parties involved and the matter will be presented the band board a the next CCB board meeting for discussion and resolution. Unprofessional outbursts during rehearsal will not be tolerated!