

## **Brunswick Bands, Inc.**

### **Concert Band Member Guidelines**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the BBI Concert Band, an ensemble of the Brunswick Bands, Inc. In order to ensure that the continued high quality of musicianship and professionalism for which the organization has come to be known is maintained, the Board of Directors would like to make you aware of the following guidelines and expectations for all members of the BBI organization moving forward:

- Each section of the band will have a section leader that will be assigned by the principal conductor and approved by the BOD.
- The leader of each respective section will seat players within that section. The decision of the section leader regarding seat placement will be reviewed by the principal conductor. Seating assignments will be balanced and made with the best interest of the entire group, keeping in mind that we will need stronger players on all parts.
- Members are expected to attend rehearsals on a regular basis. If you going to be absent from a rehearsal, please contact your section leader and let them know.
- Members are expected to care for their music folder, and to have the folder at each rehearsal.
- Members will be responsible for the cost of replacing any lost folder and/or music.
- Unless a special invitation is extended from the principal conductor or the BOD, new members in the band will be cut off after the 3<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal of any given season. Please do not invite new players in after the 3<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal. This is intended to help solidify the instrumentation as soon as possible.
- Band members are expected to be present for all performances.
- Proper dress for concerts will fall into two categories; formal and casual.

#### **Formal**

- Ladies – Black dresses or pants suits. Dresses should be at least knee length. No bare backs or spaghetti straps. Black or nude stockings with black shoes.
- Men – Black pants and suit jackets. White, collared dress shirt with a black tie. Black socks and shoes.

#### **Casual**

- Whatever the principal conductor says is appropriate. (BBI members may be asked to purchase, at cost, a polo/golf shirt for use when the band is in casual wear.)
- If any member needs assistance securing the proper concert attire, whether formal or casual, please contact the principal conductor or the BBI board president so we can help.
- Please do not use perfume or any other strong fragrance during rehearsals or performances. Doing so may be problematic for others in the group with sensitivities.
- During rehearsals, band members should always give their full attention to the principal conductor. This is vital so as not to be a distraction to other band members and for the group at large to be able to produce the most pleasing musical performance possible.
- Cell phones should be silenced during all rehearsals and performances.

**The following are stipulated by the Brunswick Bands, Inc. Board of Directors and By-Laws:**

- Members will not engage in any type of abuse which will include, but is not limited to, physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse. If such abuse is determined to have taken place, the offending member will immediately be removed from the band roster and, if deemed necessary, the appropriate authorities will be contacted.
- All participating members of the BBI organization are expected to be of good character and have no criminal record.
- All participating members of the BBI organization will consistently endeavor to represent the organization in a positive light when dealing with the public and others with which we may engage. Rude and abusive behavior by a BBI member that is directed toward anyone who is inside or outside of our organization, will not be tolerated.

**Information for Future BBI Membership Starting in 2024:**

- Beginning in January 2024, and for every calendar year thereafter, there will be a \$40 membership fee for BBI membership. This fee will cover the entire calendar year.
- Students who have not yet graduated high school as of January 1st of any given calendar year, will be exempt from paying the membership fee.
- The purpose of this fee is to cover the rising administrative costs of maintaining the organization. Those costs include such things as ever rising insurance premiums, venue fees, transportation for moving equipment for performances, purchase of new music, fees for performance rights of the music, upgrading our music library storage ability and facility, and other costs.
- On average, it takes between \$14-\$18K a year for the BBI organization to maintain our current level of performance. Your BOD thought that asking the adult members of the organization to have some small amount of buy-in to that end was appropriate.

Please print this document. After reading and signing, please bring this document to the first rehearsal. Thank you.

***I have read and understand the guidelines and expectations for members of Brunswick Bands, Inc. I agree to abide by these guidelines and expectations during the duration of my involvement with the group. I have also read and understand the information regarding membership starting in 2024.***

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name