

Rule Changes and Safety Measures for Upcoming ISSMA Festivals

The considerable number of Covid-19 infections in Indiana has resulted in numerous students missing in-person instruction and not being able to attend rehearsals or participate in performances. Therefore, the ISSMA Executive Committee has voted to make the following adjustments to rules and procedures for the upcoming 2022 ISSMA events.

1. At District Solo & Ensemble, the rule stating that ensembles with missing parts will be adjudicated “for comment only” will be suspended. This will allow an ensemble to earn a rating while missing a student(s) due to Covid-19. Students unable to perform in a Group I ensemble that earns a Gold Rating at District will be permitted to perform at State Solo & Ensemble.
2. Group I Instrumental Ensembles performing a selection with multiple movements will only be required to perform one movement.
3. Percussion events with a requirement of performing three elements (rudiments, scales, arpeggios, etc.) will only be required to perform two elements. Memorization of these elements will not be required regardless of the Group Level entered.
4. At District Jazz, except for Group I ensembles wishing to qualify for State Finals, the requirement to perform three selections will be changed to a requirement to perform a minimum of two selections. Group I Vocal Jazz and Instrumental Jazz must perform one number from the Required List. For Vocal Jazz Ensembles, regardless of Group Level entered, one of the selections must be a ballad. Group I Vocal Jazz and Instrumental Jazz Ensembles wishing to qualify for the State Jazz Finals will be required to perform three selections and one selection must be from the Group I Required List.
5. At J.M.E. Organization, and H.S. Organization, the requirement for groups to perform three selections will be changed to a requirement to perform a minimum of two selections with one being from the appropriate Required List. A Full Orchestra may perform one selection with strings only. For Group I HS Choral Organizations, one of the two selections must be performed a cappella. All groups will have the option to perform a third selection.
6. At Group I Qualifications, groups will be required to perform three selections with one selection being from the Required List. For Choral Organizations one of the three selections must be performed a cappella.
7. At H.S. Organization and Group I Qualifications, the sight-reading component will be eliminated.
8. As per the International Aerosol Study supported by ISSMA, the wearing of masks and the use of bell covers will be highly recommended and will be required if mandated by local school or public health officials.
9. In the event a Jazz, J.M.E Organization, or H.S. Organization site is cancelled due to a lack of entries, the ISSMA office will reassign those groups to participate at the next closest site that has available performance slots. If the site change results in a travel distance of more than 125 miles, the director will have the option to perform at the new site or request a refund. This request must be made within two days of receiving notice of the site cancellation.