

Welcome to the 2019 PPAACC Season! We are proud to be celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> season as Central California's premier pageantry circuit. Please read and share the following information with your staff, parents, and students.

**PARKING**- All directors, coaches, and staff members of competing units are responsible for parking in the correct locations. Just because you see other cars there, does not mean you are allowed to park there. Equipment trailers/trucks should park in designated areas. These areas should be designated on the show map, which can be found on the PPAACC website.

**CHECK-IN**- The check in table will open 30 minutes before the first unit performs. If the first unit performs at 10:00, the check-in table, and the gym, will open at 9:30.

**CHEER/PERCUSSION/COLORGUARD**- A coach should check in your unit at least 30 minutes prior to your performance. Performers receive a hand stamp at the check-in table. Only performers who are in uniform will be stamped. Adult helpers, floor crews, and other volunteers will **not** be stamped. The PPAACC performer stamp is only good for admission to sit on the backside of the gym. This means all performers must sit on the backside of the gym, at all times, at all PPAACC shows.

**SOUND CHECKS**- It is an excellent idea to do a sound check of your music. The PPAACC announcer will do a sound check for your group in between divisions, or at a break in the competition. Please refer to the schedule for break times. Your music **must** be on a dedicated CD, or an ipod/mp3 playing device. Sound checks are the only way to ensure that your music is compatible with PPAACC's equipment. **You should have a representative at the sound table at all times when your unit is performing.**

**JUDGE COMMENTARY**- For all Percussion and Colorguard divisions, judge commentary will be give to each unit. This year PPAACC has decided to use the CompetitionSuite program to manage the judge commentary. Each director will receive an email with directions on how to set up their CompetitionSuite account. Failure to set up this account will results in the unit not receiving their commentary. Cheer will not receive commentary.

**RESTROOM/LOCKER ROOMS**- These facilities should be open and available for you to use. Please be sure to supervise your students while they use these facilities.

**STAFF PASSES**- Staff passes will be issued at the check-in table. Each staff member is responsible for picking up his or her own staff pass. Only staff members listed on the spiel sheet will get one. You may not pick up for another person. It is important that directors give instructions to their staff members regarding passes. Anyone misusing a staff pass will have their staff pass privilege revoked. Lost passes will not be replaced.

**WARM UP ROOM-** PPAACC does offer a warm up facility for CHEER and COLORGUARD. Each unit will be assigned a warm up time. It will be listed on the contest schedule. Please be courteous when entering and exiting the warm up facility. Please be mindful of your times. A contest worker should be in the warm up room at all times. They usually give a “1 minute” warning. This is your cue to start parking things up.

**GYM ENTRANCE/EXIT-** A map will be posted on the PPAACC website for each contest. This map will inform you of the entrances and exits of each contest. Please note that the layout of each school is different; therefore the entrances and exits at each school are different as well. There may also be different entrances and exits for each category of competition. Percussion may enter and exit through different doors than Colorguard. Percussion and Colorguard units should also be familiar with the 50/50 line at each competition. That is also posted on the PPAACC website for each contest. Unit directors and coaches are responsible for this information. Not knowing the 50/50 line may cause your unit to be penalized. If you have any questions, please ask the timing judge prior to the contest.

**HOSPITALITY-** Each host school determines what type of hospitality they offer. You should check with the host school and ask if they offer a hospitality room for coaches/directors. Most schools have a “Judges’ only” hospitality. Please do not enter the Judges’ hospitality room. If a school has a coach/director hospitality, it will be in a different location than the judges’ hospitality.

**FLOOR FOLDING-** At the conclusion of your performance, your unit must remove their floor from the competition area. Floor folding is to be done outside near the gym. There is no designated area. In the case of rain, the timing judge will allow each unit a bit more time to get a decent fold on their floor so it can be transported. You will not be able to fan fold it like you do for competition. In some cases, host schools will have the cafeteria open to fold floors. If this is the case, it will be announced at the show.

**RECAPS-** Recaps will be published at [www.ppaacc.com](http://www.ppaacc.com) following the competition.

**AWARDS-** Most awards ceremonies take place in the “quad” of the school. If this is different, it will be stated on the schedule. Some ceremonies take place inside the gym. Please refer to the schedule to see where your awards ceremony will be held. PPAACC is a competition circuit. This means we give awards at the end of the season. Awards are not given throughout the season. Units do receive scores and commentary throughout the season to promote their growth.

**PHOTOGRAPHY-** All-Star Sports Photography will be onsite at select PPAACC competitions with images for sale from previous competitions. Images are available for purchase for \$5 per image and they accept cash or credit. To see more of their work visit their website at [www.bakersfieldallstars.com](http://www.bakersfieldallstars.com).

**SNACK BAR-** A snack bar will be available at each contest. Please support our local programs.

**PROBLEMS-** If you encounter any problems throughout the competition day, please see a PPAACC executive board member. They will be happy to assist you with any issue.