

Emergency Procedures for 09-10

The Jazz Section has been put on probation by the NCMEA Board. All the jazz events in all the regions and on the state level must remain in the “black” financially this school year or the Jazz Section will cease to be.

At the summer meeting plans were made to help the region clinic and auditions stay financially sound.

All-Region Band Audition:

- Rhythm Section: No one will receive payment as part of the “live” rhythm section at the auditions. Adults may volunteer to be the live rhythm section for the audition, but no one will be able to be paid. If no adults volunteer, the CD should be used.
- Fees: On-time registration fees are \$15.00 per student. Late registration will be accepted, but the fee for late registration is \$30.00 per student.
- In order to host one band on the high school level, there must be at least 35 students registered to audition or a minimum of \$525.00 in fees. This includes students who register but choose not to audition.
- In order to host two bands on the high school level, there must be a total of 70 students registered or a minimum of \$1,050.00 in fees. This includes students who register but choose not to audition.
- In order to host one band on the middle school level, there must be at least 35 students registered to audition or a minimum of \$525.00 in fees. This includes students who register but choose not to audition.
- There is flexibility. For example, if you have 60 high school students registered and 30 middle school students registered, the high school registrations can only support one band and the middle school registrations do not support a band. However, you can borrow money from the high school registrations (the equivalent to 5 student registrations) to allow the middle school registrations to qualify. This would allow one high school band and one middle school band to chosen for the clinic, if instrumentation permits of course.

All-Region Jazz Band Clinics

- Each band selected to participate in the clinic must have full instrumentation in order to meet our financial goals.
- Clinic registration for this year is increased to \$45.00 per student.
- Clinic chairs are encouraged to solicit donations, such as from a local music company.
- Clinic chairs are encouraged to find clinicians who are sponsored by a manufacturer (Jupiter, Selmer, etc.) and whose fees may be paid in part by his/her sponsor.
- If need be to remain in the “black,” Clinic chairs may negotiate with clinicians to accept reduced payment.
- If need be to remain in the “black,” Clinic chairs may choose local directors to be clinicians for bands, especially the middle school band.

- Music may need to be borrowed from local schools or universities' libraries or the clinician may be asked to bring music from his/her library.

All-State Jazz Band

- Registration fee for All-State is TBA.
- All students who participate in a region clinic (HS A, HS B and MS) are eligible to audition for All-State Jazz Band.
- Clinic fee will remain at \$50.00 per student.

Jazz Festival (MPA)

- Formula for 09-10: A one day jazz festival must have at least 12 bands/combos in order to be held. A two day jazz festival must have at least 18 bands/combos in order to be held.
- Registration fee is still \$150.00 for any size group (large or small).
- Festival (MPA) chairs are encouraged to solicit donations, such as from a local music company.
- A region jazz festival must not loose money. If it appears in advance that moneys collected will not pay the bills for the festival, then the festival will be canceled.
- To keep a festival from being canceled, the registered bands may elect to cover the balance (deficit) equally.
- If a festival is canceled, groups can transfer and play at festival in another region. The monies submitted must be transferred also.
- Registration fee is still \$150.00 for any size group (large or small).
- If need be to remain in the "black," festival chairs may negotiate with clinicians to accept reduced payment.

Please ask if you have questions and make sure all events this year are in the black. If we go red we are dead!