

Texas Educational Colorguard Association Winterguard Manual & Promotions Document

ARTICLE VIII. CIRCUIT PROMOTION PROCESS

1. The promotion process will promote units who have **surpassed** the criteria reference expected for their class at that point in the season. The purpose of the reclassification process is to ensure units with the same defined characteristics, as described in the Class Descriptors, are identified as competitors within the same classification. The process for determining classification is as follows:

A unit is considered submitted for reclassification/ promotion if:

- i. The total gross score is 15% higher than the next highest score in the class, or
- ii. At least **3 judges** at the contest indicate that a unit should be reviewed as competing out of class.

2. The Color Guard Review Committee

i. The Color Guard 5 member review committee must consist of the following: TECA Chief Judge, Education Director, 1 additional Judge, 1 Board Member, and 1 Unit Representative. The unit representative will be elected by the Circuit membership at the fall meeting, serve a one-year term, and must be a color guard unit director in good standing with the circuit.

ii. The colorguard review committee will view videos of units under review, conduct discussions on a live document, or reply-all email so that all discussions can be seen, and then notify units under review of status. The decision is voted upon independently by each member and the Chief Judge then informs the guard of the decision. This process must be completed within one week.

iii. When the season begins, a unit can be requested for review if they are perceived to be in the wrong class. This review request can be made by the Chief Judge of the contest, a Working Board member, or the Education Director.

iv. The committee views the unit and considers the training and development level of the performers, challenges they are achieving, and to a slightly lesser degree the quality and depth of the program. ***The students are the primary emphasis in considering any move. One of the things not considered is "who is on staff".*** The committee is charged with carrying in a good understanding of what the next class "norm" represents in order to have a barometer to measure whether or not the potential promotion will permit those students to achieve and be competitive.

v. A unit which feels a promotion was inappropriate must appeal the decision in writing within three calendar days of notification. Appeals must include supporting rationale based on class definitions as outlined in the by-laws to justify reversing the promotion. The review committee will hear the appeal, vote, and return a decision within three days of the receipt of the appeal.

3. Promotions are viable through the weekend of the second (2nd) score requirement.

4. Each year the top two (2) units in each class will be ***recommended*** to move up to the next higher class of competition. If the unit does not enter the next higher class on their own, they will automatically be reviewed at their first competition the following season.