



Ohio Indoor Performance Association

Why Choose O.I.P.A.?

OIPA Philosophy

The Ohio Indoor Performance Association is a non-profit Youth Organization that cultivates personal growth through competitive opportunities in an organized forum that promotes self-esteem, education, freedom of creativity and positive life experiences for all participants.

Non-Judged Preview Show

Each season the OIPA will host a circuit preview show for all units to perform whatever they have on the floor in early-mid January. This is an opportunity to allow the performers to get in front of an audience and allow the staff a chance to get some feedback on the show direction by their peers. **The event will not be judged.** This is a relaxed event and there is no minimum amount to perform. Wear practice clothes or costumes, your choice. Present as much or as little as you want. There will be a cake social for performers & staff following the Preview show!

Lower & Uniform Ticket Prices

OIPA Preview Show

\$5 per person

OIPA Regular Season Shows

\$8 Adults
\$7 Students (7-18)
\$6 Sr. Citizens
Children 6 yrs and under Free

OIPA Circuit Championships

Flat Rate Fee: Includes the entire day's events.

\$13 Adults
\$12 Students (7-18)
\$11 Sr. Citizens
Children 6 yrs and under Free

Event Uniformity

OIPA features a trained event crew that will be present at OIPA events. Week to week some of the same individuals will run check-in, warm-up, the prop area, announcer, retreat and all other important show duties. The goal is to create uniformity at every show and unit confidence in the ability of the event staff to operate each show the same way for the best possible overall experience.

There is never a prop unload time for units. Every unit may drop off props/floors to the prop area at their convenience. There will also be 2-4 assistants in the prop area to help your unit unload and move your props/floor to the staging area set aside for your unit. We understand that your schedule may not align with a specific drop off time and by allowing prop drop off at anytime, you may plan your day without interruption.

Dues based on Classification

- \$450 - WGI Recognized Classes
- \$400 - Other Color Guards (RA) / Drum lines (RA)
- \$350 - Lines / Exhibition

Quality Performance Venues

OIPA Events will only take place in venues that meet minimum standards for the units. Staffs and performers expect to perform in quality venues and the OIPA Executive Board works very hard to ensure venue quality from check-in to dressing facilities to the performance venue itself.

Classifications Offered

- **Color Guard:**
 - Independent World
 - Scholastic World
 - Independent Open
 - Scholastic Open
 - Independent A
 - Scholastic A
 - Independent Regional A
 - Scholastic Regional A
 - Junior Regional A
 - Elementary
 - Exhibition Class
- **Drum line:**
 - Percussion Independent World
 - Percussion Scholastic World
 - Percussion Scholastic Concert World
 - Percussion Independent Open
 - Percussion Scholastic Open
 - Percussion Scholastic Concert Open
 - Percussion Independent A
 - Percussion Scholastic A
 - Percussion Independent Regional A
 - Percussion Scholastic Regional A
 - Exhibition Class
- **Line Units:**
 - Senior Flag Line
 - Junior Flag Line
 - Senior Rifle Line
 - Junior Rifle Line
 - Senior Dance Line
 - Junior Dance Line
- **Individuals:**
 - Senior Division (16 & Older) Flag, Rifle, Sabre, Dance, or Percussion
 - Junior Division (15 & Younger) Flag, Rifle, Sabre, Dance or Percussion

Unit DVD's

Each Unit will be provided with a high and low camera DVD of their performance at every OIPA Show. DVD's are provided to the units free of charge. We feel offering the additional floor camera DVD will help provide instructional staffs the tools to continue to educate their performers and focus on what is occurring at an IA level.

Solo & Ensemble Competitions

In 2008 the OIPA will offer individual competitions for the individual performers of every unit to show off their skills. Individual events will be offered for flag, rifle, sabre, dance and percussion performers at selected events. The Solo & Ensemble championship for each classification will be held the same day as the circuit championships. This is an opportunity for solo performers to shine.

Video Critiques

OIPA will offer video critiques in 2008. At selected shows, the performers will have the opportunity to sit with the Equipment and movement judges and review their floor performance DVD from that day's show while the staff meets in another room with the ensemble and GE Judges to review the upstairs DVD.

Awards

OIPA has established the following awards for the 2008 Season.

OIPA Regular Season Shows

7 x 9 (minimum) Plaque to top 3 in each classification.
Skittles (or similar) Candy for every unit in the competition

OIPA Circuit Championships

Medals to top 3 in each classification
7 x 9 plaque to all finalist units
Skittles Candy for every unit in the competition

Additional Awards Provided by Circuit Sponsor **Creative Costuming & Desig**

-Championship Banner for State Division Champions

-Unit Scholarships for Costumes for top 3 in Every Class (Guard & Percussion)
1st Place \$750 costume scholarship
2nd Place \$500 Costume Scholarship
3rd Place \$ 250 Costume Scholarship

Individuals Competitions

-Certificate to top 3 in each division at regular season shows
-Medals to top 3 in each division at circuit championships

Unit Support

OIPA believes in support of all units, regardless of classification. The OIPA recognizes that the Regional A and A class level units need more educational focus and information. The OIPA goal is to provide the necessary tools to assist our A class units in reaching their competitive goals. Through website features, video critiques, educational days, hands on clinics for performers, individuals competitions, caption focus weekends, High and Low camera DVD's and a mentor program, the OIPA will follow through in its dedication to service for all units.

Judges

Believing quality adjudication equals unit growth the OIPA board has set minimum standards for those that choose to judge OIPA events. Minimum standards for hotels (3 star or better), transportation and hospitality in addition to the best pay scale for WGI level judges in the state, the OIPA believes respected, rested and well treated judges will do a better job for our units. The OIPA believes the judges are a part of the circuit and a part of our units and membership. We do not consider judges to just be employees but rather members of the OIPA family and we will work very hard to ensure quality treatment for all of our adjudicators.

Performer Scholarships

OIPA will offer educational scholarships to deserving students each season at The Ohio Indoor Performance Association Championships. A committee of non-affiliated community leaders will make the selections while scholarship sponsors will have the opportunity to award the scholarships. Scholarship applications will be available from January 15th - March 1st each year.

Online spiel sheets

All spiel sheets for units will be completed online avoiding completing them at check-in. Unit directors can update their unit spiel sheet online anytime before up to 12 Noon the Friday before the event. Spiel sheets will be printed at that time and used for that event only.

Executive Board

-It was decided upon the Advisory Board to organize the Executive Board by Job Title, length of office, and terms of officials. The following was decided:
-The Structure of the Executive board is as follows:
-President (odd)
-This position has a maximum of 2 consecutive terms in office
-After 2 terms in office, this position MUST hold a "Past President" term for one year.
-After the "Past President term", this person must hold an office of the Executive Board BEFORE being allowed to hold the Presidential Term again.
-Vice President #1 (even)
-Vice President #2 (odd)
-Secretary (even)

- Treasurer (odd)
- The years ending in an odd number are voted upon that incoming year.
- The years ending in an even number are voted upon that incoming year.
- Each office is a two-year term, except for this first inaugural year in which the Vice President #1 and the Secretary are only for one year.
- The Executive Board cannot be made up of more than one representative from any primary affiliation.

The First Executive Board of the OIPA represents the NE (Dave & Kristi), NW (Chad), Central (Barry) and SW (Michael) regions of Ohio. Fair and broad representation for the entire circuit and every unit.

Shorter Season

Understanding that spring break can cause late season scheduling issues and that some units need to focus on readying themselves for the WGI World Championships, OIPA offers a shorter season by holding Circuit championships a few weeks earlier than typical.

The OIPA works hard for you!