

# OVERVIEW OF CIPA MEMBERSHIP & CONTEST FEES

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

CIPA's annual membership dues are dependent on the number of units each school or organization fields each competition season and are as follows:

*\*Note: A percussion unit cannot be second to a guard or winds unit, a guard unit cannot be second to a percussion or winds unit, etc.*

Primary Guard	\$350	Primary Percussion	\$350	Primary Winds	\$350
Secondary Guard	\$250	Secondary Percussion	\$250	Secondary Winds	\$250
Tertiary Guard	\$200	Tertiary Percussion	\$200	Tertiary Winds	\$200

- Membership dues are non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to *Connecting Individuals through Performance Arts*.
- There will be a late fee of **\$25 per unit** for any membership dues postmarked after Jan 10<sup>th</sup> of the contest season.
- The last date to join the Circuit with the late fee is the day of the last qualifying show of that unit's type (i.e., guard, percussion, or winds) of the contest season. (For 2018, this day is January 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Mail checks to:

**CIPA Treasurer**  
**c/o Angela Flemmer**  
**223 Ridgeview Meadows Drive**  
**Gray, TN 37616**

## A. Performance Bond

Each performing unit will pay **a one-time \$50 performance (or surety) bond** payable with CIPA dues. This performance bond will remain with the Circuit until it is used to pay a non-performance penalty, or the member unit requests the bond refunded. Any unit that withdraws from a contest without proper notice to the Contest Director will forfeit their performance bond and may not appear in another CIPA-sponsored event until a new performance bond has been paid. In the case of forfeiture, the bond will be split evenly between the Circuit and the show host to help offset costs (e.g., \$25 to the Circuit and \$25 to the Show Host).

- CIPA Board of Directors may waive forfeiture in the case of an extenuating circumstance.
- All requests for repayment must be made in writing to the Circuit Treasurer after the competition of the season. A unit that goes inactive must request their bond repaid before the first contest of the second dormant season. Any funds left after that time will roll over to the circuit's general fund.
- In the event of a shortage of funds, the Circuit may access the performance bond account to maintain the organization's solvency. Any funds used by the Circuit will be repaid at the conclusion of the season with profits from Championships.

2017 Members in good standing do not owe this bond.

# CIPA CONTEST FEES

Every performing ensemble must pay a fee for each contest in which they plan to participate. This fee is as follows:

Members	\$25 per show
<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>\$160 per show</b>
Championships	\$75

CIPA participants may begin to register online when the service becomes available. A once-per-season **\$10 fee** will be assessed to each school/independent unit for banking and processing expenses. Each school/independent group will receive an invoice via Wave Accounting after their registration is submitted. Fees may be paid via the Wave invoice system, PayPal, turned in at any General Membership meeting, or mailed to:

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Non-members may register for as many regular season shows as they wish, but may not participate in Championships without joining the circuit and meeting performance requirements.

A unit's contest application is not complete until the Circuit receives the total amount of fees owed.

Primary Units will receive seven (7) badges, Secondary Units will receive five (5), and Tertiary Units will receive three (3) badges. Units may also elect to purchase a Plus Pass for \$200 which will provide them with (seven) 7 additional staff badges. This Plus Pass must be purchased at the time of registration and will not be offered at any other time once registration is closed.

