



BAND COMPETITION

Rules & Regulations

1. This competition is open only for BB Companies in Malaysia. Each Company is only allowed ONE entry for each category. All members of the band must be participants of the Pesta.
2. The competition is divided into two categories
 - Fife & Bugle
 - Brass
3. Each Band must consist of not less than twenty (20) members and one (1) Drum Major.
4. There can only be ONE Drum Major and this person's role is to lead the band as well as conducting the band during stationary position. No other members from the band or from outside is allowed to conduct the band.
5. Only members aged 12-19 years as at 1 January 2008 are eligible to participate. The Pesta Competitions Committee reserves the right to carry out random inspection of the particulars of participants.
6. Staff-Sergeants are allowed to play instruments. The Drum Major must be a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO).
7. Presentation should not exceed 12 minutes (begins after reporting and ends after passing the grand stand) and must include:
 - Quick March
 - Slow March
 - Stationary display
 - Variety of formation
8. Music selections must include two of the three categories of songs
 - Christian
 - Boys' Brigade
 - Patriotic

9. For Fife & Bugle Category, trumpets are allowed to replace bugles provided the valves are not used; fife also includes flute but not concert flute. Any marching band percussion instruments may be used including the bell lyre, cymbal, etc.
10. For Brass Category, woodwinds and percussions are included.
11. In the event when there are two or less teams participating in any of the categories above, the Pesta Competitions Committee will automatically cancel that particular category.
12. Instrument-playing band members and Drum Major shall wear full ceremonial uniform according to the BB Uniform Manual as at June 2005 which can be found in the BBM website. (Add-ons are optional but no additional marks will be awarded). However, non-instrument playing members (e.g. flag bearers, dummy rifle holders, etc.) are allowed to wear non-BB uniform attire, provided that it must be decent and modest.
13. Each band will be judged on the following categories:

Inspection	7.5%	uniform, instruments
Music	50%	harmony, clarity, compulsory songs
Formation & Drill	35%	marching and formation, creativity (overall performance and non-playing instrumentalist performing)
Drum Major	7.5%	mace work, conducting, smartness, drill

14. Although the Drum Major marks are factored into the overall score, a 'Best Drum Major' award will be given.
15. A panel of judges will be appointed by the Pesta Competitions Committee. The decision of the judges will be final. No objections or complaints shall be entertained.
16. Practices will only be allowed at a designated time and place during the Pesta.
17. Please direct all enquiries to the BBM Headquarters.
18. The closing date for submission of the Pesta 2008 Band Competitions entry is 31 March 2008. Late entries will not be entertained. Please email your entry form to george@bbmalaysia.org.
19. A name list of the team members, and the title and lyrics of the song must be submitted before 25 May 2008. Please fill up the Pesta 2008 Competition Team Information e-form.