

2023 Contest Coordinator Report

This past season, my hope was to return to a fully live schedule, however, because no unit applied to host Field Day, there was no other option than to offer it as a virtual event. The virtual event provided feedback on early seasons shows for 54 units within the circuit. The biggest challenge in setting up the 2023 season calendar was the same as last season, which was, lack of show host applications. The calendar was set and approved by the board, then a show host backed out. I would like to thank Troy Athens for stepping up and filling that show date and hosting 2 contests this season to make sure we didn't lose that contest.

Our regular season, in person, competitions started in February and ran through the last weekend of March. We were able to run 9 regular season contests which had anywhere from 24 to 51 units. This season there was no viable option other than to hold two split weekends with one show on the West Side on Saturday followed by a show on the East Side on Sunday. This is never an ideal situation and I am again hopeful that more units will submit show host applications this Spring so we are able to avoid this for the upcoming season.

We tried out the Split-Critique again this season with the MCGC classes having critique after their classes completed competition and the WGI classes having critique after the conclusion of the contest. I received positive feedback from the judges and staff alike and would welcome any additional feedback if you have any for me.

With all Covid restrictions being lifted for the season, we were able to hold awards at all contests and were able to lift the restriction on the number of staff members attending critique.

I would like to thank all of the 2022 Show Hosts and encourage you all to consider hosting again this season. I will be working with the board to build a skeleton schedule and will have the 2023 Show Host Applications out soon.

I would like to thank the board for their support throughout the season and their constant focus on what is best for the marching members of the MCGC. I would also like to thank my Contest Staff for a great season. Without the Tabulators, Contest Directors and our Sound Engineer, none of our shows would be possible. Thank you for working together to always do what is best for the kids and members of MCGC.

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