

## **Guidelines for State School Band Competition 2023**

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education in collaboration with Ministry of Defence has proposed to conduct a National School Band Competition at an All-India level for Republic Day Celebrations 2024.

A School band evokes a feeling of oneness, belonging and a deep sense of pride in school children toward their school and country. The rhythm of a band rouses passion, courage and action in children and adults alike. An All-India National School Band Competition will be followed by a National Level School Band Competition. The finalist teams will perform live at the National Stadium, New Delhi from 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 as part of the National Level School Band Competition on the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebration.

### **Eligibility:**

- I. The competition will be open for all categories of schools.
- II. No professional groups/artists shall be allowed to participate/ accompany the band groups.

**Band members:** Each band should have 25-33 participants including the Drum Major. The Band can be accompanied by a maximum of 02 Escorts including the Band Master/Trainer.

### **Band Group:**

- I. The Band Group should consist of Pipe Band and Brass band.
- II. The indicative strength is as follows:
  - Pipe - 12,
  - Side drums - 8,
  - Tenor drums - 2
  - Bass Drums - 1,
  - Conductor (leader-stick) - 1
- I. Similarly, for Brass Band the same indicative strength may be followed.

**Theme:** Theme of the band should be patriotic.

**Tune:** Any tune based on patriotic songs, classical “dhun”, folk tunes etc.

National Anthem tune is **NOT ALLOWED** for Band performance.

**Banners and any other documents:** Band groups should not use/display any banners, knife, khukhri or flags during the competition.

**Band Costume:** Wearing **band costume is mandatory** for the performance.

**Time limit:** Maximum time limit for the performance shall be **10-15 Minutes** for each Team.

**Various items to be seen during the performance (by the jury members):**

- Band Master / Major and Contingent (band group members) (Body Language, Costume, Uniform, Hair style, Decoration of Band Instruments)
- Playing Rhythm, Music & Movements
- March pasts by Stamping Heel & Hand Swing
- Entry past by Stamping Heel & Hand Swing
- Accuracy of stamping in the Display area
- Formations
- Presentation
- Time limit
- **The performance area should be 60 x 40 feet**