

VMBC Liberty University Site Logistics Info

BAND CHECK-IN

Buses and equipment trucks should enter at the Liberty University Band Check-in entrance. [Click here](#) for a Google Map link for navigation. **IMPORTANT:** *All buses and equipment trucks for the Liberty University show MUST enter from University Boulevard.* Band member hands will be stamped and individual passes will be provided per VMBC to accompanying staff and directors.

PERSONAL CARS & SPECTATORS

ALL spectator cars should park in the designated spectator parking lots (yellow on the map). No cars will be allowed beyond the band check-in point, so please plan accordingly.

New for 2024: there is a brand new, large free parking garage near the stadium. [Click here](#) for a Google Map link for navigation.

BATHROOMS

Upon the arrival of your busses, bathrooms will be available close to the bus parking areas in Green Hall (near the flag poles entrance). It is just a short walk from the bus parking.

WARM UP

See map for location of the warmup areas (A, B). Please adhere to the times noted in the VMBC logistics schedule. These are the only locations permitted for warm-up, which also includes drumline, visual, and guard.

Front Ensemble/Pit may warm up in the equipment truck parking area if you wish, under the following stipulations:

- The warm up can not be amplified. You may turn on your sound system to check connectivity, test patches/sound effects, or (very briefly) check levels, but please do not play any sustained amplified sounds.
- Your battery must warm up in the designated area with your winds.
- Your setup cannot restrict or block the flow of traffic in the lot.
- You cannot use an amplified metronome the truck lot. If you use a gock block, please control the volume---there is no need for your tempo to be heard a quarter mile away.
- All pits must arrive at the gate 15 minutes before your scheduled performance time---the rest of your ensemble (guard, winds, battery) will arrive 10 minutes prior to performance.

Of course, if you prefer to transport your pit to full warm with winds and battery, you are free to do so.

FIELD ENTRY / EXIT

Field entry will be on the bottom/front left corner (Side 1). Field exit will be the top/back left corner (Side 1). See the stadium maps for the band flow.

WATER STATIONS

For prelims and finals, we will have water stations available at the entrance gate to the field and after your performance as you exit the field. Please encourage your students to stay hydrated throughout the day.

FIELD DETAILS

The Jefferson Forest High School pit crew will transport front ensemble equipment between the truck parking area and the stadium, however they will not transport props---please plan to move any field props you are utilizing to and from the stadium, and on and off the field. **Only those vehicles provided and driven by Jefferson Forest High School pit crew personnel will be permitted on the field.**

- At no time may a motorized vehicle be inside the playing area of the field. Approved vehicles may only be driven on the area surrounding the playing field. "Playing area" is defined as the football in-bounds plus the area including the buffer inside the perimeter dotted white line (see attached photo), which is approximately 6 feet outside the out of bounds playing field area. There is more than enough room for standard trailers and 4-wheelers to do this.
- Off-road mechanized vehicles (defined as golfcarts, garden tractors, small All-Terrain Vehicles, etc.) will be allowed to pull equipment trailers **ONLY** for setup and take down.
- A Protective bib must be rigged under the vehicle so that no fluids drop to the turf or carpet.
- Pickup trucks, large tractors, or similar vehicles are **NOT** permitted. If in doubt, please ask in advance.
- The participating band and its school are liable and will be held responsible for any damage caused by violation of these policies, and/or actions of the operators.
- To prevent damage to the playing field, it is recommended that all large instruments and props utilize pneumatic or similar-style wide rubber wheels of sufficient size and rating for weight.

You will see both NCAA college hashes plus taped **WHITE HS** hash marks (53'4" from the sideline).

Power access will be provided at the 50-yard line sideline area. If you have equipment that requires more power than one standard 15-amp circuit, please provide your own power.

JUDGES

The judges will be adjudicating from the top center section of the home tower as well as on-field.

HILL CITY MUSIC REPAIR

Hill City Music will have a repair technician available to bands throughout the day near the band field entrance gate.

DIRECTOR/ STAFF/ DRIVER HOSPITALITY

The Jefferson Forest High School Band Boosters will offer hospitality for directors, band staff, and bus drivers. The Hospitality Suite is located on the third floor of the tower in Williams Stadium (accessible by elevator located in the center of the concourse area of the stadium). The Hospitality Suite offers a fantastic vantage point from which to view the performance field, and the JF band parents are working tirelessly to provide you all with the best hospitality experience you will have this season! No admittance without a pass (provided at check-in).

VIDEO PASSES

There is a link to a videographer pass above--please print one copy and provide it to your designated videographer for the event. A roped-off area will be provided at the top of the home spectator section on the 50-yard line for a videographer provided by each band. This area will be accessible through the Hospitality Suite (3rd floor) on the Club Level of the stadium. Only ONE representative for each band will be permitted in the videographer section (they must present the videographer pass), and for only your band's performance.

BAND SEATING DURING THE PERFORMANCES

There will be plenty of seating for all spectators and bands on the HOME side. However, we ask that bands do not sit in the middle sections so that ticket-purchasing patrons may have those "choice" seats. Again, there will be plenty of room for bands on the home side. The visiting side concourse and seating will be CLOSED during the event so please remain on the HOME side.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

It would be *extremely unlikely* that we would experience lightning in November, but in the event of lightning within 8 miles of the stadium, we will need to clear the stadium seating for 30 minutes. The show may resume once the 8-mile radius is lightning-free after 30 minutes. In the event we need to make the decision to enter Lightning protocol, you may take cover underneath the concourse or return to buses. If this occurs, the host will email updates and display updates on the video board in the stadium. In the event of inclement weather, check your email for any adjustments in the schedule. Unfortunately, the campus is unable to host an indoor event, so the show will need to go on, rain or shine, using the Williams Stadium facilities.

Field Entrance Gate (12' wide; 10'6" high)



Field Gate Entrance Front Side 1; Sideline View. Note dotted white line boundary to keep pit vehicles outside of.

