Illinois State Marching Band Championships Spectator Guide – 2022

Thank you for making plans to attend the Illinois State Marching Band Championships on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Hancock Stadium located at Illinois State University!

**Hancock Stadium Address:**
N. Main St.
Normal, IL 61761

**Parking:**
- Please reference the ISMBC Spectator Parking Map at the back of this packet.
  - Regular Parking: Lots G64, F64, and G53
  - Handicap Parking: G73 (proper tags required)
- Please cross at the 2-street crossings where police officers are present.
  - Intersection of Main St. and Locust St.
  - Intersection of College St. and Main St.
- Please check all signage relating to parking as some spaces and lots are always reserved.
- Metered parking spots have a maximum time limit – please note that limit when parking.

**Tickets:**
- Tickets are available at the ticket gates beginning at 6:30 a.m.
- Ticket Price: $15.00 for all day admission including prelims and finals. Children aged 5 and under are admitted free. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted.
- One ticket entitles the holder to a wristband for all day access.
- All seating is general admission.
- In the event of show cancellations due to inclement weather or other catastrophic event, admission is non-refundable.

**Security Checks:**
- Please reference the Clear Bag Policy Approved Bags at the back of this packet and available online.
- ISMBC will adhere to the Hancock Stadium Clear Bag Policy from Illinois State University Athletics.
- All bags will be checked upon entry to the stadium.
- Video cameras and tripods are not permitted.
- Please do not enter the top section of the stadium where the judges are located.

**Event Video:**
Box 5 Media is the official video provider for the Illinois State Marching Band Championships. Videos of band performances may be purchased in the concourse of Hancock Stadium at their vendor booth or may be ordered online after the event at [www.box5tv.com](http://www.box5tv.com).
Concourse: Vendors, Merchandise, and Concessions:
- Illinois State Bands will sell official t-shirts, hoodies, and patches for the event in the concourse. Prices for merchandise on the day of the event are:
  - Hoodies: $35; T-Shirts: $15; Patches: $10
- Concessions are available in the main concourse.

Merchandise Pre-Order:
- Participants can individually pre-order official t-shirts, hoodies, and patches. Customers will indicate their affiliate school/band program.
  - All individually pre-ordered items will be individually packaged with name of customer, grouped by school, and delivered together in boxes when the band arrives on campus. We will ask every band program for a point of contact to receive the delivery and distribute to their members.
  - Ordering instructions are located on the ISMBC website in early October.
- Interested parties can contact Lydia Sheehan at (309) 438-2166.
- Prices for pre-ordered merchandise are:
  - Hoodies: $30; T-Shirts: $15; Patches: $8
- Day of and Post-event order prices are:
  - Hoodies: $35; T-Shirts: $15; Patches: $10

Restrooms:
Restroom facilities are in the main concourse of Hancock Stadium.

First Aid | Lost and Found:
A first aid station is located on the concourse level of Hancock Stadium. A registered nurse or EMT will be on duty all day. Clinic or hospital costs and transportation to these sites will be the responsibility of the individual or their family. All lost and found articles are taken to the first aid station.

Inclement Weather:
In the event of light rain, the contest will continue as normal. Directors should be prepared to perform without electronics in the event of light rain. If the rain becomes too severe for performances to continue safely, a call to delay the performance will be made by the Contest Director and Executive Director. If lightning is detected, the contest will be delayed until lightning has left the area. Illinois State University Environmental Health and Safety does have the ability to override any decision made by the Contest and/or Executive Directors. We are obligated to follow their guidance in terms of inclement weather.

Standard Etiquette:
- All participants should be respectful of all the bands’ performances
- Please do not enter or exit the stands during a band’s performance
- No air horns are permitted in the stadium
ISMBC Spectator Parking Map:

- PLEASE use the displayed crosswalks that are staffed by ISUPD
- DO NOT park in bus and trailer parking for bands
Clear Bag Policy Information:

**CLEAR BAG POLICY**

**APPROVED BAGS**

- **CLEAR BAG**
  - No larger than 12” x 6” x 12”

- **CLEAR PLASTIC STORAGE BAG**
  - One gallon resealable

- **SMALL CLUTCH PURSE**
  - No larger than 4.5” x 6.5”

- **SEAT CUSHION**
  - No arms or pockets

**PROHIBITED BAGS**

- **BACKPACK**
  - Solid or tinted (clear is permitted)

- **PRINTED PATTERN PLASTIC BAG**

- **MESH BAG**

- **PURSE**

- **REUSABLE GROCERY TOTE**
  - Solid or tinted (clear is permitted)

- **DUFFEL BAG**

- **LARGE TOTE BAG**

- **CAMERA CASE**

- **DIAPER BAG**

- **CINCH BAG**
  - Solid or tinted (clear is permitted)

- **COLORED PLASTIC STORAGE BAG**
  - Solid or tinted (clear is permitted)

The Hancock Stadium Clear Bag Policy is also available online.