

**Georgia Indoor Percussion Association, Inc.**  
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### **2016 Membership Packet**

- Registration will open on Monday, October 12, 2015.
- All 2016 events will be a prelims/finals format.
- Membership is open to any scholastic or independent ensemble that is in good financial standing.
- The membership fee for each ensemble is \$600.
- Non-circuit members may enter any show at a fee of \$100 per contest.
- Every ensemble competing at championships must be a member of the circuit.
- Member applications and fees are due by December 15, 2015. Any application submitted after this date will be charged a \$75 late fee.
- Performance order at the first contest will be determined by the date the membership application is received.
- GIPA members must attend a minimum of 2 regular season shows to qualify for GIPA championships.
- Membership includes:
  - ✓ Entry into all regular season GIPA shows
  - ✓ Entry into GIPA Championships – provided the 2 show minimum has been met
  - ✓ 8 staff passes per show
  - ✓ 2 director badges
  - ✓ One band director from each competing unit will be allowed into any show with their school issue identification card
- All ensembles must have the following forms complete and submitted to GIPA by December 15, 2015
  - ✓ Membership Application (All Participating Ensembles)
  - ✓ Insurance Requirements (Independent Ensembles Only)
  - ✓ Scholastic Eligibility Letter (Scholastic Ensembles Only)
  - ✓ Non-Liability, Consent and Release Form (All Participating Ensembles)
  - ✓ Code of Conduct (All Participating Ensembles)
- Mail all forms and fees to:

Georgia Indoor Percussion Association  
Attn: Mark Kapral  
4303 Azalea Garden Drive  
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- Make checks payable to Georgia Indoor Percussion Association

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**Membership Application**  
**All Ensembles**  
**To be completed and sent with the \$600 membership fee**  
**Due by December, 15, 2015**  
**Applications received after this date will be charged a \$75 late fee**

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Director Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Percussion	Winds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-Movement</li><li>• Scholastic Marching Cadet A (middle school students only)</li><li>• Scholastic Novice Marching</li><li>• Scholastic Concert A</li><li>• Scholastic Marching A</li><li>• Independent Marching A</li><li>• Scholastic Concert Open</li><li>• Scholastic Marching Open</li><li>• Independent Marching Open</li><li>• Scholastic Concert World</li><li>• Scholastic Marching World</li><li>• Independent Marching World</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winds Scholastic A</li><li>• Winds Independent A</li><li>• Winds Scholastic Open</li><li>• Winds Independent Open</li><li>• Winds Scholastic World</li><li>• Winds Independent World</li></ul>

Show Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Show Selection**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 6, 2016 @ North Gwinnett High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 20, 2016 @ River Ridge High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 27, 2016 @ Lambert High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, March 12, 2016 @ Forsyth Central High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 2, 2016 – CHAMPIONSHIPS @ the University of West Georgia

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**Insurance Requirements  
Independent Ensembles Only  
Due by December 15, 2015**

Scholastic Ensembles are not required to provide proof of insurance

Independent Ensemble Insurance Requirements: \$1,000,000 general liability coverage and proof of accidental medical coverage (suggested limit of \$5,000 but can be less) policies are required per organization.

Proof of insurance certificates must include the GIPA recognized group name.

Note: WGI has arranged a favorable group rate through Francis L. Dean & Associates of Colorado, LLC for a \$450 minimum premium for the General Liability and Accident Medication package. You can purchase insurance online by going to [www.fdean.com/winter-guard.aspx](http://www.fdean.com/winter-guard.aspx). All policies are annual (12 month) policies and cannot be negotiated for less than the minimum premium amount. If you have any questions, please contact Kacie White, Francis L. Dean & Associates of Colorado, LLC at 800-986-5350 or [kwhite@fdean.com](mailto:kwhite@fdean.com)

The general liability policy protects your group, instructors, directors and officers against claims of bodily injury liability, property damage liability, and the litigation costs to defend against such claims. This coverage should also allow a group to rent rehearsal facilities, as most require proof of coverage.

The accidental medical coverage covers all participants, volunteer workers and staff members while participating in sponsored and supervised activities and while traveling, directly and without interruption, to and from sponsored and supervised activities and their homes or places of residence.

All independent ensembles must provide proof of insurance to GIPA no later than December 15, 2015. Failure to do so may void your entry into any GIPA event.

You may submit proof of coverage by emailing it to [gipacircuit@gmail.com](mailto:gipacircuit@gmail.com) or mail it to  
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**Scholastic Eligibility  
Scholastic Ensembles Only  
Due by December 15, 2015**

This form is to certify scholastic eligibility for students participating in GIPA events. Each percussion unit competing in any scholastic class shall submit this form listing all approved participants from their unit which must be signed by the principal of each school.

Name of unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

List of competing students: (separate by commas)

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As principal, I certify that all of the students listed above are currently enrolled at this school or a feeder school to this school.

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notification of Non-Liability, Consent and Release Form**  
**All Ensembles**  
**Due by December 15, 2015**

Name of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

The Georgia Indoor Percussion Association, Inc. (GIPA) its board members, all local show hosts, and their perspective employees, agents, staff, and representatives will not be held responsible for any injuries to person(s) or damage to personal property by any performing members, staff, or support personnel of the above mentioned unit during or in conjunction with any performances or attendance at any performances at GIPA events.

Furthermore, the above named unit and its sponsoring organization hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the GIPA, its board members, all local show hosts and their respective employees, agents, staff, and representatives from any and all claims which might be brought by any person(s) associated in any way with the above mentioned unit, including performing members, in any way arising out of our during any performance of the unit at anytime of GIPA events or in any way arising out of or connected with the attendance of said unit at any GIPA event.

This specifically includes, but is not limited to, any injuries by performing members, staff, or support personnel caused by equipment utilized by the unit including props/scenery, flats, sets, scaffolds, or similar equipment or devices.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Unit Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I do hereby certify that I have read the above provisions and am duly authorized to execute and approve this document on behalf of the above mentioned unit. Furthermore, I hereby acknowledge that all performing members and their parents, staff, and support personnel will be notified of the provisions of this Notification of Non-Liability Consent and Release form and will be provided with a copy of this form upon request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Code of Conduct  
All Ensembles  
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Directors are responsible for the behavior of their students at all GIPA events. Every students complete educational experience should include instruction on proper etiquette and expectations. The GIPA and their host schools should feel confident that they can trust members of all participating units and that no student will damage school property or have inappropriate behavior at GIPA sanctioned events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

GIPA Executive Board

Alan Sears  
Mark Kapral  
Tom Tucker  
Max Mullinix  
Josh Robichaux  
Chris Romanowski

As unit director, I hereby state that I have read and understand my responsibilities regarding the behavior of my students at all GIPA events, as stated in the above Code of Conduct.

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Unit Name

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Unit Director Signature

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Date