

FRONT ENSEMBLE/PROP INSTRUCTIONS

LOCATION: Godwin Field (see map)

Vehicles unloading sideline and pit equipment must enter the G-Lot entrance adjacent to the JMU Book Store and proceed to the end of the parking lot to park and unload on Godwin Field.
(**note:** the entrance at the intersection of Bluestone Drive and Campus Drive is an EXIT only)

UNLOADING:

- 1.) Drop any instruments, equipment, supplies, flags, etc. at the registration area that your band will need for warm up.
- 2.) After registering, bring your Equipment Truck(s)/Van(s) to Godwin Field where you will drop off your auxiliary/sideline percussion and/or large props.
- 3.) Your auxiliary percussionists will NOT warm up with the band
- 4.) Student musicians in the front ensemble will be allowed to warm up on their instruments, provided that no loud cymbals, gongs, etc. are used. Mallet instruments must use the backs of their sticks to warm up. This is necessary due to the proximity of Godwin Field to the stadium.
- 5.) Once the equipment is unloaded, the equipment vehicle(s) will remain on the field in your assigned area until the performance is over.
- 6.) Your front sideline/equipment/props will meet your band at the "B Gate" as they are guided into the stadium. A JMU POC monitor will help direct each pit to the appropriate location.
- 7.) Designated Band Staff and parent/student assistants will be permitted to enter the stadium with your band's equipment, but will remain on the track during the performance. Following the performance, all non-ticketed individuals will exit with the equipment.
- 8.) IMMEDIATELY following your band's performance, ALL equipment vehicles must be moved from Godwin Field and returned to the Convocation Center where they may park with your school's buses. We do not have enough space to accommodate all equipment vehicles that will be with us during the event. Please make sure your drivers understand this policy.

ON-FIELD SET UP:

- 1.) Front ensemble equipment, props, and designated staff will enter the stadium through a specified gate (see map).
- 2.) Motorized vehicles are allowed into the stadium, but ARE NOT ALLOWED ONTO THE FIELD TURF. If it is necessary to bring your auxiliary equipment/props in using a tractor and carts, the tractor MUST remain on the track surface as they may do significant damage to the new field turf. IF A BAND'S MOTORIZED VEHICLE(S) ENTER THE TURF AT ANY TIME, THE BAND WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.
- 3.) Once into the stadium, the equipment will be moved onto the field. A JMU POC monitor will be stationed to instruct you.
- 4.) After the performance, all equipment must be removed immediately.

If you have further questions regarding the loading/unloading and staging of your auxiliary equipment, props and/or front line percussion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (540) 568-6033 or rikkersd@jmu.edu. THANK YOU for your cooperation and understanding of these regulations.