

# NDHSAA OFFICIAL MUSIC ADJUDICATION FORM

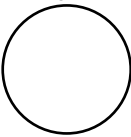
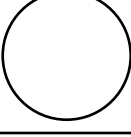
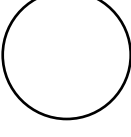
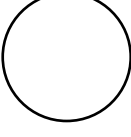
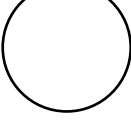
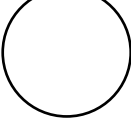
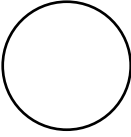
## INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - Class B

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Event** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Selection** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Composer** \_\_\_\_\_

**RATING:** Adjudicator, check one rating **only!**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **STAR** = Superior Performance  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **I** = Excellent Performance  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **II** = Good Performance  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **III** = Fair Performance

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**Signature of Adjudicator**  
**NOTE:** Star recipients in Solo and Ensemble categories are eligible for the State Music Festival.

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<b>TONE</b> 	Excellent sonority Open, rich, focused, full resonant tone on all parts Consistent color and quality in all ranges and registers	Characteristic tone most of the time on all parts Tone color and/or quality is affected by range and volume changes	Tone color and quality is inconsistent between sections Inconsistent color and quality in various ranges and volume levels	Basic ensemble sound not developed/pleasant Changing volume and registers create tone quality problems
<b>INTONATION</b> 	Excellent listening skills evident Adjustments made instantly within melodic and harmonic contexts	Listening skills well-developed Problems in certain ranges and/or volumes, or in difficult passages Problems usually corrected quickly	Listening skills developing, but numerous intonation problems evident Few problems corrected	Listening skills undeveloped Individual / ensemble problems go uncorrected
<b>RHYTHM</b> 	Nearly all rhythms / note values performed correctly Tempos are accurate to printed score	Occasional rhythmic errors Most errors are quickly corrected Tempos vary from printed score, especially in difficult passages	Rhythmic accuracy is inconsistent Errors are often repeated and few are corrected Tempos inconsistent	Inaccurate rhythms detract from performance Tempos inconsistent or misinterpreted
<b>BALANCE/BLEND</b> 	Excellent melodic and harmonic balance All sections / players demonstrate excellent blend to ensemble sonority	Good balance and blend most of the time Balance and blend problems occur in difficult passages Problems are quickly corrected	Frequent balance and blend problems occur Musical lines often unclear Few problems are corrected	Little evidence of concept of balance and blend
<b>TECHNIQUE</b> 	Polished performance Articulation is accurately performed Flexibility and excellent musicianship exhibited by all	Strong performance with lapses of uniformity in difficult sections Very good articulations Flexibility and musicianship are generally good	Technique is inconsistent; performance lacks polish Articulation not consistent with printed score	Technique is underdeveloped for level of difficulty Minimal uniformity in articulation
<b>INTERPRETATION</b> 	Very musical, sensitive, artistic performance Excellent style in all sections Excellent phrasing and use of dynamics and nuance	Meaningful interpretation most of the time Style appropriate Good phrasing and dynamics, but lacks nuance	Lacks meaningful interpretation much of the time, with problems in difficult sections Use of some dynamics and phrasing, but not always musical	Notes are performed with very little meaningful interpretation Style inconsistent or not obvious Little attention to phrasing and dynamics
<b>OTHER FACTORS</b> 	Outstanding literature for age and training Professional approach Ensemble is appropriately attired Scores provided with numbered measures for each adjudicator	Above average literature for age and training Inconsistencies in attire and/or formal approach Scores provided with numbered measures for each adjudicator	Average literature for age and training Approach lacks polish and professionalism Common etiquette often overlooked Scores not properly prepared for adjudicator	Below average or unacceptable literature Ensemble does not demonstrate appropriate approach to formal performance setting Individuals detract from performance