



March 26, 2026

Dear Director:

Welcome to the 2026 NESBA Color Guard Finals sponsored by NESBA in conjunction with Salem High School. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the following information:

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday, April 4, 2026

SHOW SITE: Salem High School
77 Willson Street
Salem, MA

START TIME: 10:00 AM

Salem High School will open to everyone at 8:30 AM. Please respect this time.

Please be advised there is a new wood floor at this venue. To ensure its protection, a black tarp will be covering the performance floor during the show. Additionally, volunteers will be available on-site to assist units to make sure all goes smoothly for performances.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

GUARD CHECK-IN: Guard *Check-in will be located at the back part of Salem High School*

Please note: All guard members are required to enter the building at this entrance. Please notify all members, since some units may not travel together to contests. Staff members may enter the front entrance if they have a NESBA Staff pass.

BUS & EQUIPMENT TRUCK PARKING: After Guard drop-off at check-in, buses and equipment vehicles should be brought around to the Unit Parking Area (See attached map). You can park there until it is such a time for your group to load and depart. ***Due to fire department code, the entire back area of the school is a fire lane and no buses, trucks or any type vehicle(s) can be parked there.*** Also, equipment trucks/vans cannot stay in the area leading to Guard Check-in. Equipment trucks should be unloaded and then taken to the unit parking area.

STAFF PASSES: NESBA has provided staff passes for the season.

****FLOOR, PROPS, AND EQUIPMENT:** Will be brought to the Guard Check-in entrance at the back of the school. You may unload and then move vehicle out of that area We will have a team of volunteers to direct where your floor and props should go. We will utilize the area between the ramp and stands to place floors and props. The hall area leading to the ramp will be an area where floors and props will be held. Please plan on leaving a staff person with your floor and props. ***Please Take Your Props/Equipment Out of The Building Immediately Following Your Unit (S) Performance (S).***

LOCKER ROOMS: Dressing rooms are available. Please advise your performing members not to bring valuable personal items with them. NESBA and Salem High School cannot be held responsible for personal property.

CAFETERIA: Please support the Salem High School Band Boosters. They will have the café set up for the purchase of food and beverages.

USE OF BUILDING: ***There is absolutely No Smoking in the building or on school grounds.*** We ask that you advise and enforce this policy with your members, staff(s) and parents.

ADMISSION: CASH ONLY - Cost for spectators will be \$20.00 for adults, Seniors and Students \$15.00. Children aged five and under are free.

WARM-UP GYM: The Equipment warm-up gym is located by guard check in. Warm-up times are listed on the attached schedule. Please be considerate of others and stay within your allotted warm-up time. Body Warm – will be in the Auditorium. Signs will direct you to the Auditorium.

AWARDS & FULL RETREAT: There will be three full retreat award presentations. First Awards at 12:41 PM, Second Awards 4:39 PM, Third Awards 8:01 PM. Following the performance of the last unit in each half of the show, unit leaders will be asked to report to the warm up area. Leaders will be brought on to the gymnasium floor. After they are in place, we will ask all remaining members to file in a straight line behind their leaders so all members can be on the floor and receive recognition at the awards. Each class winner will come forward and members will receive their champion medallions.

FIRST AID: A medical person will be located at the bottom of the stands by the ramp.

HORIZONTAL CENTER LINE: We will be utilizing the Horizontal Center Line process to bring units onto the floor. Enclosed is a diagram. Should you have any questions regarding this, please see Tony DiCarlo prior to your unit's performance. Units will setup on the backside of the floor and exit front to performers left and up ramp.

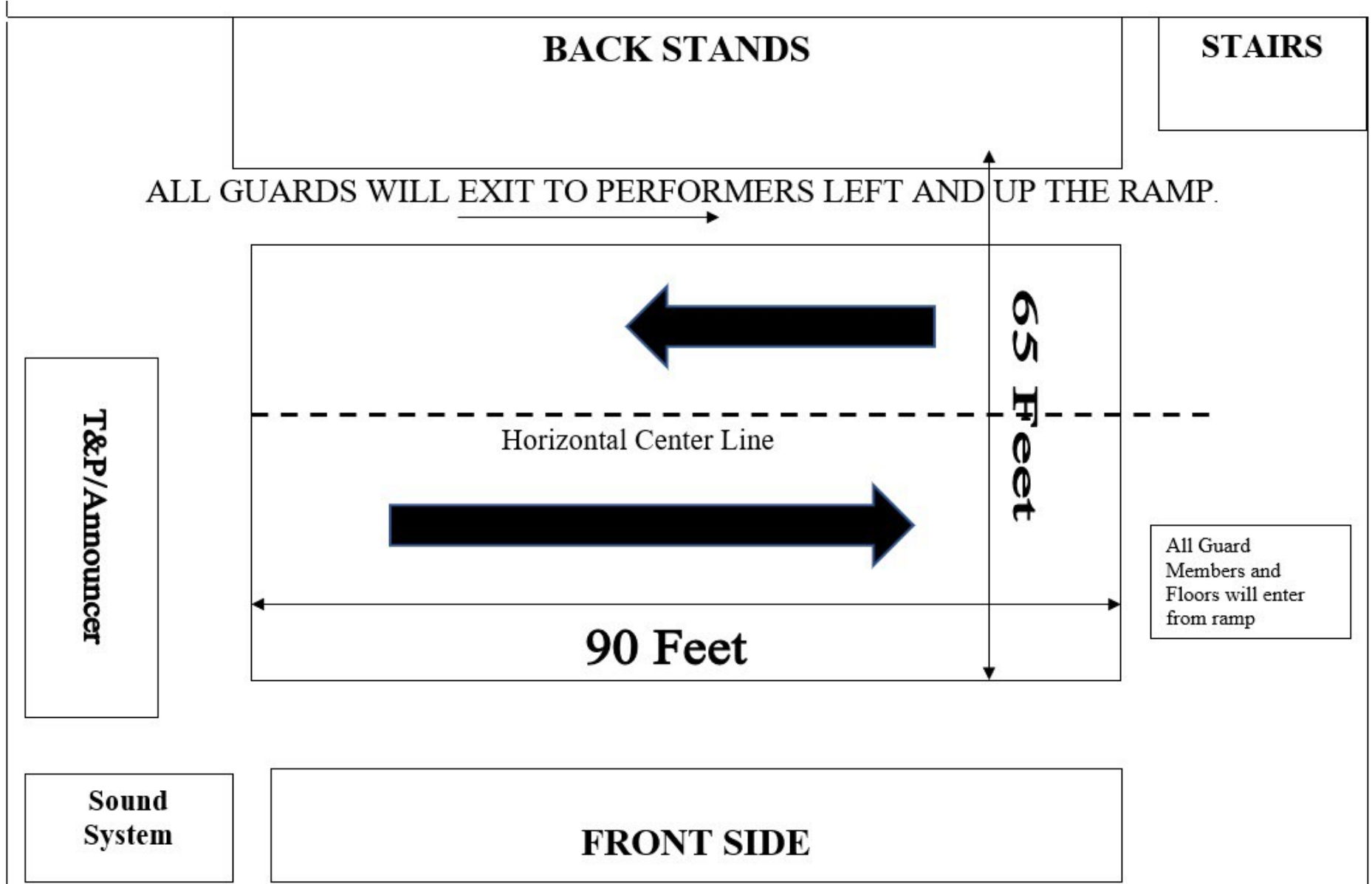
NESBA APPAREL: Fine Design will be at the NESBA Finals with apparel that celebrates the NESBA Season! Please let your group know!

If you have any questions, please call me at my cell phone (617) 851-3310. See you in Salem and Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Lennie Machado

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School Driveway Entrance

RED line indicates roadway to Unit/Guard Entrance

Spectator Parking

Unit Parking

Spectator Entrance

HORACE MANN SCHOOL

GYM

Guard Entrance

NO SPECTATOR PARKING IN THIS AREA!

UNIT PARKING ONLY!

WGI Salem Regional Salem High School

Schedule as of 3/39/26	Body	Transit	Equip	Ready	Perf
Festival Class					
Salem Junior Guard	9:32 AM	9:40 AM	9:44 AM	9:52 AM	10:00 AM
Novice Class					
North Attleboro Winter Guard	9:40 AM	9:48 AM	9:52 AM	10:00 AM	10:08 AM
North Andover High School	9:48 AM	9:56 AM	10:00 AM	10:08 AM	10:16 AM
Biddeford High School	9:56 AM	10:04 AM	10:08 AM	10:16 AM	10:24 AM
Cadet Class					
Pembroke High School	10:04 AM	10:12 AM	10:16 AM	10:24 AM	10:32 AM
Middle School Class					
Dudley MS B Group	10:12 AM	10:20 AM	10:24 AM	10:32 AM	10:40 AM
Dartmouth JV	10:20 AM	10:28 AM	10:32 AM	10:40 AM	10:48 AM
Good Shepherd Middle School	10:28 AM	10:36 AM	10:40 AM	10:48 AM	10:56 AM
Break					
					11:04 AM
Local Scholastic Regional A Red					
Lowell High School	10:51 AM	10:59 AM	11:03 AM	11:11 AM	11:19 AM
Randolph High School	10:59 AM	11:07 AM	11:11 AM	11:19 AM	11:27 AM
Triton HS	11:07 AM	11:15 AM	11:19 AM	11:27 AM	11:35 AM
Narragansett School District	11:15 AM	11:23 AM	11:27 AM	11:35 AM	11:43 AM
Local Scholastic Regional A White					
Sanford High School	11:23 AM	11:31 AM	11:35 AM	11:43 AM	11:51 AM
South Hadley HS	11:31 AM	11:39 AM	11:43 AM	11:51 AM	11:59 AM
B.M.C. Durfee High School	11:39 AM	11:47 AM	11:51 AM	11:59 AM	12:07 PM
Millbury High School	11:47 AM	11:55 AM	11:59 AM	12:07 PM	12:15 PM
Dudley MS A Group	11:55 AM	12:03 PM	12:07 PM	12:15 PM	12:23 PM
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	12:03 PM	12:11 PM	12:15 PM	12:23 PM	12:31 PM
First Awards Ceremony					
					12:41 PM
Local Scholastic Regional A Blue					
Andover High School	12:58 PM	1:06 PM	1:10 PM	1:18 PM	1:26 PM
Quincy/North Quincy JV	1:06 PM	1:14 PM	1:18 PM	1:26 PM	1:34 PM
Stoughton HS Amber	1:14 PM	1:22 PM	1:26 PM	1:34 PM	1:42 PM
St. Raphaels Academy	1:22 PM	1:30 PM	1:34 PM	1:42 PM	1:50 PM
Local Independent Regional A					
St. Ann's	1:30 PM	1:38 PM	1:42 PM	1:50 PM	1:58 PM
BREAK					
					2:06 PM
Scholastic Regional A Red					
Wells HS A Team	1:48 PM	1:56 PM	2:00 PM	2:08 PM	2:16 PM
Melrose HS	1:56 AM	2:04 AM	2:08 AM	2:16 AM	2:24 AM
Plainfield HS	2:04 PM	2:12 PM	2:16 PM	2:24 PM	2:32 PM
Dover HS	2:12 PM	2:20 PM	2:24 PM	2:32 PM	2:40 PM
Shepherd Hill HS	2:20 PM	2:28 PM	2:32 PM	2:40 PM	2:48 PM
Agawam High School	2:28 PM	2:36 PM	2:40 PM	2:48 PM	2:56 PM
Westbrook High School	2:36 PM	2:44 PM	2:48 PM	2:56 PM	3:04 PM
Acton Boxborough HS	2:44 PM	2:52 PM	2:56 PM	3:04 PM	3:12 PM

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Oakmont-Overlook HS	3:31 PM	3:39 PM	3:43 PM	3:51 PM	3:59 PM
Joseph Case HS	3:39 PM	3:47 PM	3:51 PM	3:59 PM	4:07 PM
Salem HS	3:47 PM	3:55 PM	3:59 PM	4:07 PM	4:15 PM
Blackstone Millville HS	3:55 PM	4:03 PM	4:07 PM	4:15 PM	4:23 PM
Reading High School	4:03 PM	4:11 PM	4:15 PM	4:23 PM	4:31 PM
Second Awards Ceremony					4:39 PM
Scholastic Regional A Blue					
Quincy/North Quincy Varsity	4:56 PM	5:04 PM	5:08 PM	5:16 PM	5:24 PM
D-Y Odyssey	5:04 PM	5:12 PM	5:16 PM	5:24 PM	5:32 PM
Methuen HS	5:12 PM	5:20 PM	5:24 PM	5:32 PM	5:40 PM
Wakefield HS	5:20 PM	5:28 PM	5:32 PM	5:40 PM	5:48 PM
New Bedford HS	5:28 PM	5:36 PM	5:40 PM	5:48 PM	5:56 PM
Stoughton HS Onyx	5:36 PM	5:44 PM	5:48 PM	5:56 PM	6:04 PM
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Amherst Independent	6:47 PM	6:55 PM	6:59 PM	7:07 PM	7:15 PM
St. Ann's	6:55 PM	7:03 PM	7:07 PM	7:15 PM	7:23 PM
Independent Open					
Blessed Sacrament	7:03 PM	7:13 PM	7:17 PM	7:27 PM	7:31 PM
Independent World					
Downstage Centre Winter Guard	7:13 PM	7:23 PM	7:27 PM	7:37 PM	7:41 PM
Blessed Sacrament	7:23 PM	7:33 PM	7:37 PM	7:47 PM	7:51 PM
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