

Washington State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Rule Change Procedure



Who may propose rule changes?

WIAA Music-Member High Schools
Principal
Activities Coordinator
Music Educators

WMEA Members Teaching High School Music
State Solo and Ensemble Contest Event Staff



What is the procedure?

Individuals or institutions wishing to propose a rule change are to submit it in writing to the WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest Manager (c/o WMEA, 19707 64th Avenue West, Suite 101, Lynnwood, WA 98036) by August 1 of any year. The manager will then ensure that the intent is retained while the wording is adjusted to meet consistency of format and language with existing rules.

What is the timeline?

- August 1** Proposals due to WMEA.
- Summer** WMEA Board reviews each proposal, may amend. Proposals presented to State Assembly to take to regions and report back membership suggestions prior to Fall Board meeting.
- Fall** WMEA Board reviews each proposal and either accepts, rejects or amends it.
- Winter** WIAA Executive Board reviews each accepted proposal and either accepts, rejects or amends it. Amended proposals return to the WMEA Board for concurrence or rejection.

When is the change implemented?

Rule changes are implemented for the school year following the acceptance of any rule change by both WMEA and WIAA Boards.

Can a rule change take place any faster?

If both WMEA and WIAA were to believe that for whatever reason an urgency was needed, a temporary policy can be implemented by the management staff in conjunction with the two organizations' executive directors for the immediate school year. However, to become permanent, that change will need to go through the normal procedure.