

# 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, PO Box 1117, Edmonds WA 98020) 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.

**Fall** WMEA Board reviews each proposal and either accepts, rejects or amends it.

**Winter** WIAA Executive Board review 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.

