



How Crown Jewel Bands are Judged

Purpose of the Festival

The main purpose of the Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival is to provide a constructive evaluation of all participating bands regardless of band size, classification, or style of show which is intended to be beneficial to both the student participants and the band directors. Additionally, the festival was developed to provide an opportunity for the participants to showcase their accomplishments and to be rewarded for the excellence of their presentations.

Adjudicators Scoring System

- **Prelims:** Individual band **RATINGS** within their assigned **classifications** are the primary focus of evaluation (Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair) and are based upon a predetermined set of criteria. Bands are primarily competing against the adjudication criteria which are based on those of the Florida Bandmasters Association. Numerical scores and the resulting rankings of bands are applied after the rating of a band is determined. Bands are scored and ranked within their designated classification. These ratings and scores are **NOT** intended to be used to rank or rate bands against each other outside of their specific class and any use of scores for comparison between classes is invalid. Numerical Scores and Rankings are used **ONLY** to determine caption awards and qualification for advancement to the finals.
- **Finals:** Three (3) Divisions (Ruby, Emerald, Diamond) are formed by combining the four (4) classes of bands from the prelims. Bands are evaluated using numerical scores and are ranked by numerical score. There are **NO** ratings. *Numerical scores and ratings from the preliminary competition are **NOT** directly related to those that may be assigned by the adjudicators in the Finals.* Numerical scores and rankings are **NOT** intended for the comparison of bands outside their specific divisions and any use of scores for comparison between divisions is invalid. There is **NO** single Overall Grand Champion for the Crown Jewel Festival. **EACH DIVISION** has a designated Champion.