

Constitution and By-Laws
Of the
Tiger Band Colorguard

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tiger Band Colorguard of Smithville High School.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to; promote a good name and reputation for our school and community, through the modeling of appropriate behavior at all times, whether in uniform or not; to instill a feeling of pride for our organization, school, community; and to develop in each of its members qualities of leadership, cooperation, and good conduct; and to promote friendly relationships among its members and members of other organizations of our community as well as those of other cities.

Article III. Officers

- A. The sponsor shall be responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Tiger Band Colorguard. The officers may make recommendations to the sponsor. The officers will be expected to come early and stay late at all colorguard functions.**
- B. It shall be the duty of the officers and sponsor to supervise all affairs of the organization.**
- C. Duties of the officers shall include:**
 - Captain –**
 - Direct communication with sponsor**
 - Posting announcements**
 - Coordinating social functions**
 - Organize practice and rehearse if sponsor is not present.**
 - Uniform check**
 - Equipment Check**
 - Co-Captain –**
 - Record of absentee/tardiness**
 - Organize guard closet and storage area**
 - Clean up/ pick up after all activities**

List members/phone list/birthdays
Uniform Check
Equipment Check

Article IV. Membership

- A. You must be a member or become a member of the Tiger Band to participate in the Tiger Band Colorguard.**
- B. Quitting band is the same as quitting colorguard. Members are not allowed to quit one group for the other.**
- C. Members are not allowed to rejoin the group during the year or in the future years after quitting.**
- D. Tryouts will be in the spring for fall guard each year. The tryouts will be judged by a panel of judges chosen by the sponsor.**
- E. Prospective members who are ineligible at the time of tryouts may be placed as an alternate in the fall.**
- F. Members may be asked to fundraise or provide dues each year to cover cost of uniform, shoes, and gloves. If other purchases are decided to be made by guard such as t-shirts, bags, etc... members will need to provide that money.**

Article V. Uniforms

- A. Uniforms and guard shoes are not to be worn by members unless colorguard functions are being attended.**
- B. Uniforms shall not be changed without consent of sponsor/or directors.**
- C. Uniforms are expected to be kept in perfect condition, this includes being kept clean. If repairs are needed, they must be reported to the sponsor so that repairs can be made.**
- D. No jewelry or nail polish may be worn during performance,**
- E. Make-up and hair will be done in a specific way as chosen by the sponsor or director for every judged performance.**
- F. While attending a performance members MUST stay in full uniform at all times unless instructed by a sponsor/or directors.**
- G. If for any reason membership is terminated any clothing or equipment belonging to the school must be returned or paid for in full by the individual.**

Article VI. Eligibility/Attendance

- A. The Tiger Band Colorguard will follow all UIL rules, meaning a failing grade will exclude a member for a three week period from all performances,**
- B. If a member is ineligible he/she still must attend and participate in all practices.**
- C. Every member is expected to be at rehearsal. All absences will be entered into the grade book as a zero until proper written documentation is provided.**
- D. If the student has an unexcused absence from the practice prior to performance he/she may not be allowed to perform.**
- E. If the student is present at any rehearsal but refuses to participate regardless of excuse he/she WILL not perform and may be removed from the program.**
- F. Extra practices are mandatory however the sponsor will give plenty of prior notice of any extra rehearsal.**
- G. 3 unexcused absences or 5 tardies may result in removal from the program.**

Article VII. Absences

A. Excused absences will be as follows:

- 1. If a member is sick and did NOT attend school that day and is excused by the school.**
- 2. If a member is sick but was at school a Dr.'s note is required.**
- 3. Death in the family or family emergency. A phone call from the parent/guardian is required. The phone call must be followed up with written documentation.**
- 4. Any school related function. A signed note or phone call from the school sponsor is required.**
- 5. All other absences will be decided by the sponsor and/or directors on an individual basis.**
- 6. All absences will be unexcused until the above criteria is met.**
- 7. Work is NOT an excused absence.**

Article VIII. Conduct

- A. Colorguard members shall conduct themselves properly at all times while modeling proper behavior for all who see them. This includes but is not limited too:
 - 1. Any infraction to the student code of conduct.**
 - 2. Any infraction of the districts dress code.**
 - 3. Anything the sponsor and/or directors feel is inappropriate.****
- B. If a colorguard member is a discipline problem at any school function while on campus or off, he/she may be dismissed from the guard by the sponsor, directors, and/or the principal.**
- C. Each individual in the guard will be disciplined based on their specific offense.**
- D. Possible Consequences:
 - Warning**
 - Drop Spins**
 - Push Ups**
 - 1-3 week probation**
 - Dismissal****
- E. Any officer placed on probation will lose officer status.**
- F. 2 unexcused absences or 4 unexcused tardies will result in probation.**
- G. A guard member who does not maintain a grade of 70 after 2 grading periods will be dismissed from the guard.**
- H. Grades will be based on, Conduct, Attendance, and Participation.**

In order to audition, this must be signed by a parent and/or legal guardian as well as the student.

parent/legal guardian signature **date**

student signature **date**