



2010 General Membership Information

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING 11/01/09

1. Official entry materials for the 2010 IPA Inc. season are enclosed. Please have separate entry forms for each unit. The following are required for membership into IPA, Inc. and participation in IPA, Inc. events. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted and unit will forfeit original postmark date.**

- Membership & Contest Entry Form
- Notification of Non-Liability & Release
- Homeroom Form

Membership in the IPA, Inc. is reserved for only those groups that permanently reside in the state of Indiana. Units must maintain a "Member in Good Standing" status by staying current on all fees; including all late fees, withdrawal penalties, or any other expenses. The IPA, Inc. reserves the right to limit or deny a group's participation in any IPA, Inc. event at any time and for any reason that the IPA, Inc. Executive Board of Directors deems appropriate.

2. All deadlines for membership and contest entries will be strictly enforced. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Membership and late fees are as follows:**

- \$250 Membership if postmarked by 12/12/09
- \$400 Membership if postmarked between 12/13/09-1/10/10
- \$425 Membership if postmarked between 1/11/10-1/17/10
- \$450 Membership if postmarked between 1/18/10-1/24/10

Memberships received with postmarks after 1/24/10 will not be accepted.

3. **ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRIES.** Contest entry fee is \$75 per contest for invitationals, \$125 for State Finals. Any unit not advancing to State Finals will be reimbursed the State Finals entry fee. All other fees are nonrefundable. **Applications not accompanied by payment or complete school purchase order will not be accepted and unit will forfeit original postmark date.**

4. Units must compete in two (2) IPA competitions to be eligible for State Prelims.

On dates with two or more shows, IPA reserves the right to balance the sites by reassigning groups.

5. Any unit who withdraws from a contest after the final membership entry deadline of **January 24, 2010** will be assessed a penalty of **\$200.00** that must be paid prior to their next contest. *See Inclement Weather/Terror Alert Policy for exceptions.

6. All contests will utilize IPA & WGI-adopted Rules and Score Sheets.

7. Member units will receive 1 director pass, 2 staff passes and 2 logistics/driver badges for use at all 2010 IPA contests. Units will also receive eight additional passes for staff and/or equipment crew at each contest.

8. Unit spiel sheets must be filled out online at the IPA website, www.indianapercussion.org. Spiel sheets must be filled out by January 24. Failure to do so may eliminate a group's information from IPA contests, including Contest Programs and Announcer's Information.

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

A. Copyright permission will be required of all IPA, Inc. member groups.

B. If you plan to use music you have not personally composed, a **Permission to Arrange** form must be completed and returned.

C. If you plan to use "original music" an **Original Composition form** must be completed and returned.

D. Groups should consult the following website for more information and resources concerning copyright: <http://wgi.org/resources/copyright/perc.php>

E. The deadline that these forms must be submitted by is 2nd Monday in January of the current season.

F. All copyright permission must be received by the IPA, Inc. President-Elect no later than one (1) day before the IPA, Inc. State Finals.

G. Units not complying with copyright requirements will not be recorded on the IPA Inc. State Finals DVD.

Please visit www.indianapercussion.org for more information.