



2025
Director's Packet



2025 KEYSTONE INDOOR DRILL ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welcome to the 2025 KIDA Championships!

As our 44th season winds down and we look ahead to KIDA Championship weekend, it is a great opportunity to reflect back & celebrate all of the accomplishments throughout the 2025 season. The extraordinary growth of all the performers pushing themselves to be their best, instructors and designers exploring the innovative ways to make their programs grow and parents, fans, and supporters cheer and encourage those that they love to achieve their best performance.

As a community, each year we need to continue to help ensure that all are welcome with open arms into the KIDA family with new units, instructors, and performers. Reach out and help those around us. Only when we act as a collective and cohesive community do we encourage the growth of our activity.

Please do YOUR part to make sure your entire group (students, staff & parents) are aware of the information they need to know to help everything run as smoothly as it can and have your day be as less hectic as possible.

This includes making sure everyone knows the KIDA Videotaping policy, no food policy, as well as which classification your unit is in... it's amazing how many show up at the box office and don't know. With your help, we can all ensure that the 2025 KIDA Championships is an event that everyone will enjoy. There are walk through videos online, please make sure you take a look at them and if needed **pass along information to your equipment truck drivers.**

The 2025 KIDA Championships will be held once again at Chambersburg High School, and we thank them for welcoming us to their school. This is a HUGE undertaking, and we want to thank Chambersburg Band Director Nicole Albright, as well as Dawn Abraham, Kathryn Findley and music boosters and staff for all their hard work. Please make sure we clean up any unforeseen messes & leave the school cleaner than it is when we get there.

Please review this packet carefully even if you have been here before. Make sure you are following both KIDA and Chambersburg HS rules outlined in the packet to help your day run smoothly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the KIDA Board of Directors and Administration. We are happy to help you with your units needs as you prepare for your important day.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Keystone Indoor Drill Association. With your hard work and dedication, we are assured that KIDA will continue to prosper and provide an exciting educational outlet for our students for years to come. After all, that is why we all do this!

On behalf of the entire KIDA Board of Directors, we wish your unit all the best of luck with your Championship Performance & Experience!

Best Wishes & Have your BEST run of the season,

Carol Bieler, Championship Coordinator & KIDA Board of Directors

TICKETS

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. Cash or Card. The cost for admittance is as follows:

Adults	\$25.00 per session
Students	\$15.00 per session with a valid ID
Senior Citizens	\$15.00 per session/65+ with ID
Adults	\$40 All day Guard Admission
Children Under Three (3)	Free
Championships Programs	\$5.00

Saturday Box Office opens @ 10 AM

Sunday Box Office opens @ 10:30 AM

CHAMPIONSHIP PASSES

When you arrive at unit registration, you will be given ten (10) wristbands per unit, for entry into the show (two front side and 8 handler). The check-in registration table will have **the number of student performers per the unit roster that you submitted**, and each of these students will be given a wrist band. Everyone else (i.e. instructors, handlers, chaperones, bus drivers, etc.) will use the wristbands from your packet or must purchase one at the box office in the main lobby. No other passes will be accepted. Admittance to the show will only be granted to those people wearing wristbands. The handler & performer wristbands permit access to the performance gym on the participant side only, except during your unit's performance. The video pass is NOT an admission pass.

PLEASE NOTE: EVERYONE MUST have a WRISTBAND to enter the Performance Gym – INCLUDING PERFORMERS

You will be asked to show your wristband when entering the performance gym. Only spectators who have purchased a spectator wristband will be seated on the spectator/judging side of the arena. All other wristbands will only be allowed access on the sides of the gym (no backside seating). **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

PARKING/Check-In & Unloading

Please see the map and pictures and walk through video as to where units should be dropped off in the front of the school (main school entrance) for unit check-in. Trucks

drop off equipment in the back of the school (Tolbert Ave, Door 20). Both trucks and buses will be directed to the designated parking areas for buses & trucks once they are unloaded. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TRUCK & BUS DRIVERS KNOW WHERE THEY ARE TO GO!!** There are maps provided, please use them.

TIMING AND WARM-UP SCHEDULE

Please plan accordingly for your arrival time. Make sure you schedule enough time get to the school, unload, performers change & ready for their performance without being rushed to get to warm-ups. Color guards will be able to perform sound checks before the show begins, after the awards ceremonies or during any break.

No playing of instruments or spinning of equipment is allowed anywhere in the school outside of your scheduled warm-up time. Units cannot wander about the facility to locate any additional warm up areas (there are cameras being monitored). ALL units will be given plenty of time in warm up areas for stretching & equipment warm up.

Percussion groups will be permitted to go outside if they choose. *NEW THIS YEAR any outside warm-ups will be in the football stadium; this will be the only place to warm up outside (Please see the additional information being sent on this). As always, PLEASE do not block any entrances or exits, or doors to the school or any of the parking areas. You will **ONLY** be able to use the designated entrance/exit on **TOLBERT AVE** Door 20 (see map) when entering & exiting the school – you will not be able to come in/out the closest door assessable. PLEASE make sure trucks are being unloaded & reloaded in the correct areas.

There are 3 percussion warm up areas indoor (see map), if you are in area #3 you will enter it off the cafeteria. All percussion equipment and props will be stored in the auxiliary gym until your scheduled warm up, please make sure you give yourself enough time to get equipment, travel to warm up, etc. To avoid pedestrian traffic in the main hallway from café to performance gym, after warm up Percussion units will be directed back through the aux gym to pick up any equipment & props not needed in warm up and travel to the holding area & then performance in main gym. If you choose to warm up outside, it is YOUR responsibility to be at the performance holding area 9 min before your performance time, no one will come & find you if you choose not to use your in-school warm up.

****Percussion units with guard members** there will be an area in the aux gym sectioned off to use during your warmup time on the schedule.

getting the floors back on chart. If you absolutely need to get it on the cart before leaving the gym please move with a purpose.

UNIT HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

We will be using the auditorium again this year for housing. Each group will be assigned to their own area/rows in the auditorium. Please make sure you are sticking to your area. Please be respectful of the area & make sure it is **CLEAN** when you leave.

DRESSING ROOMS/CHANGING FACILITIES are located down the hall (behind the stage area) for students to change & apply makeup. **NO changing should be done in the auditorium. NO makeup or glitter (and anything that will make a mess) is allowed in the auditorium.**

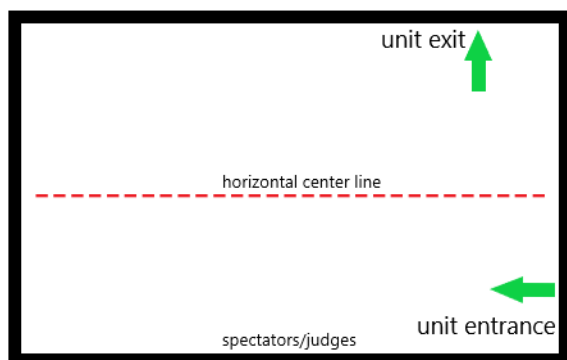
NO ONE is permitted on the stage. There is also rest rooms in several areas outside of the auditorium area that can be used.

Adult Monitor

An **adult** (instructor or parent) **MUST** be with the students at all times when in the housing area.

PERFORMANCE ENTRANCE AND EXIT

For KIDA Championships, the horizontal entrance rules will be used. Units will enter from the right/front spectator's side of the gym. Units will exit on the back-right side and then move props & floors outside to load. (See chart below).



****Please plan to snake your floor out the door if at all possible (& weather permitting) to keep the show on time. Too many groups slow down once they cross center line &**

FOOD & CONCESSIONS

Food is being served in the cafeteria throughout the day (morning to evening). It is **CASH ONLY***. The menu (with gluten free items) will be posted on the website. **NO OTHER OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT IN THE BUILDING.** Please make sure students, parents and staff all understand this. Every year we watch instructors, parents & students walk in the building with food. **THIS IS NOT PERMITTED.** There will be monitors to ensure adherence to these requirements.

*There is an ATM in the cafeteria area

NEW THIS YEAR – You will be able to preorder food from the folks @ Chambersburg & have it ready for whenever you need it. Below is a link to the google form that you can use to pre-order.

Cheese Pizza Pre-order [Form](#)

Tailgating in the parking lot areas or any type of cooking on school property is also not permitted.

There will also be a concession stand open in the gym area behind the back stands in the KIDA Market Area and Farm Show Milk Shakes are back again this year by the cafeteria!!

Please support the CAHS Band by eating at the school

FIRST AID

A first aid station will be made available at KIDA Championships. This will be located on the **Ground Floor** of the **Performance gym** near the unit exit door. Please see them for any first aid needs, including **ice** (do not go to the cafeteria for it).

VIDEO TAPING POLICY

Personal video taping **IS NOT PERMITTED** at KIDA Championships due to copyright laws. Each unit will be permitted to use their season video pass for one person to

record at Championships for educational purposes. Anyone caught videotaping at Championships will be asked to stop & if they fail to cease, they will be asked to leave the premises by security and not refunded their ticket price. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INFORM YOUR PARENTS and STAFF MEMBERS.** There will be an area on the top level of the gym for taping.

REMINDER: THE VIDEO PASS IS NOT AN ADMISSION PASS, it only allows your designated person to videotape, that person also needs to have a wristband on.

PHOTOGRAPHY

There will be performance “action shots” beginning taken in the performance gym by Devon Linville

www.devonlinvillemedia.com/band

Links will be provided for download and purchase after Championships for these photos. There will also be a QR code in the program.

As of right now we don't have anyone to take group photos after the performances this year. We are still working on other options behind the scenes & will reach out if anything changes.

FULL RETREAT

KIDA Championships will have a full retreat for all three sessions. After the final performing unit in each session, **all performers are to remain in the gym in the side stands, ONLY CAPTAINS** are to report to the holding area outside the entrance to the gym to set up for a full retreat. Once all the captains are paraded in for the award ceremony, we will ask the rest of the performers to exit the stands & enter the floor behind their unit representative. **Please be sure to instruct your performers on where they need to be at the designated times.**

Staff members should also be on hand to help with the medal ceremony if your unit finishes in first, second or third place.

ROSTER UPDATES

On check-in, you will be asked to verify the number of performers in your unit. Please make sure you update your

roster if it has changed since you submitted it at the beginning of the season.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The awards for the 2025 KIDA Championships will be similar to past years. The medals & banners, featuring the KIDA Championship logo, will provide performers and ensembles with a timeless keepsake of their KIDA Championship experience.

Medals

KIDA will be presented to First, Second, and Third places in all competitive classes.

Champion Banner

For the champion in each competitive classification (First Place), the KIDA Championship banners donated by **Field & Floor FX** will be awarded.

Plaques

For units finishing in Second and Third places, the KIDA Championship plaque will be awarded. **NEW THIS YEAR** we will also be passing out non-medalist awards.

KIDA MARKETPLACE

Please make sure you take the time to visit the KIDA Marketplace located in the hallway that runs along the backside of the gymnasium, right past the performance exit doors. You will find Waldens Music & Gifts, KIDA Spirit wear, Flowers & Grams for your favorite performer and a whole lot more!

CRITIQUE

Again this year, units traveling to WGI Championships will have the option of having critique post championship performance. If you qualify for this, please make sure you are reaching out with your respective percussion or guard leads if they have not already contacted you to arrange this.

CHAMBERSBURG HS POLICIES

Please do not wander into areas of the school that you are not permitted to be in. Anyone found in any off-limit areas will be subject to possible disqualification from championships, your bond being pulled or being asked to leave. There are cameras located around the school that are being monitored. If there are additional fees charged to the Association due to you or your unit causing damage to the school, it is possible that your unit/school will be assessed that fee. We have included several maps in this packet to help you all know where you are navigating. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. NO USE OF GRILLS OR OTHER COOKING DEVICES ON THE PROPERTY.

The area you are assigned to in the auditorium must be kept clean.

There are other events going on Saturday at the school, please make sure you stay in your designated areas.

ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE BROUGHT IN!

Please check out the regulations on what “bags” can & cannot be brought into the gym on the Championship website.

SPRING MEETING

The Annual KIDA Spring Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00pm (location TBD). This is a By-Laws and Rules meeting. Any suggested changes or proposals must be submitted to the KIDA Secretary Miranda Moyer by May 15th. An online form is provided here for submissions. <https://forms.gle/Q8u5D3sdgJAJqemz7>

The association encourages all members to attend the meeting. It is vital that the input of all units is heard. The Rules & Bylaws of our association are developed by you members, not the KIDA Board. Please plan to attend.

**On behalf of the entire KIDA Board of Directors,
we wish your unit all the best of luck with your
Championship Experience!**

**Mark your calendars!
The 2026 KIDA Championship Dates
will be March 28 & 29th**