



Music Director and Conductor, Patrick Jensen

Member Responsibilities

1. **MEMBERSHIP FEE:** An annual membership fee of \$30.00 is required to participate in the Birmingham Concert Band and is payable during the month of August. An additional \$5.00 late fee will be assessed if not paid prior to the first rehearsal in September. Prospective new members are allowed to participate in 3 rehearsal prior to formally requesting membership and paying the \$30.00 annual membership fee.

2. **MUSIC:** Band members are expected to take music home to practice between rehearsals. It is the responsibility of each band member to ensure that his/her folder is at the next rehearsal or next performance. If it is not possible to attend the next rehearsal or performance, please arrange for the return of the music folder with your section leader, president or band director. Section Leaders and Music Director need to know the location of the music folders at all times to ensure that all parts are always present. Each member is responsible for keeping music in their folder, keeping 1 copy of each selection currently being played and turning in requested music at proper time.

3. **REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals are held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the year, except during the month of July, in the Birmingham Covington Band Room, unless otherwise indicated on rehearsal schedule. Please plan on arriving early, the band room is open at 7:00 p.m., to set-up so that you are ready to begin the rehearsal promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please let section leaders and director know if you will not be attending rehearsal or a performance to ensure all parts will be covered. If there is any reason for consistent late arrival, notify the director.

4. **DECORUM:** One 2 hour rehearsal per week is barely adequate, therefore each band member is expected to give the Music Director his/her complete attention during the rehearsal. Sections must be prepared with assignment of parts to be played by each member for each selection prior to rehearsal.

5. **ATTENDANCE:** It is very important that band members make every effort to attend each rehearsal. This will obviously enhance our performances by allowing the Music Director to better prepare the Band in rehearsal. If in the opinion of the Band Director, band members that are not prepared for a performance due to lack of attendance at rehearsals, the Music Director has the right of asking any band member in question to NOT PLAY at that performance. The final 2 rehearsals prior to a performance are considered "dress rehearsals" and are absolutely essential for a quality performance to take place.

6. **DRESS:** Dress for Concert Band Performances:

Winter: Women- All in black: Elbow length or long sleeve black blouse, black slacks or long skirt, black shoes (no Boots); black hose or socks.

Men- Black suit jackets & pants/ tux; white shirt; black bow tie; black shoes & socks.

Summer: White Dress Shirt - can be short sleeve, but NO Sleeveless; black slacks,

Black socks & shoes - No Sandals. White hat or visor if needed.

7. **MUSIC & FOLDERS:** All band members are expected to treat their music with respect and care. the music used by the BCB comes from a number of different sources: our own BCB Library and other bands and institutions. Music must be cared for and returned on time when requested by the Music Director.