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## **Fountain City Classic Drumline Battle Official Rules & Regulations**

### **Event Information**

**Event Date:** November 8, 2025

**Event Location:** AJ McClung Memorial Stadium

**Event Check-In:** 10:30 AM at event location - Home Side of Stadium

**Event Show Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

### **BOTB Selection Process & Guidelines**

- Drumline must be within a 100-mile radius of Columbus, Georgia.
- Registration opens September 22, 2025, at 12:00 PM, and closes October 10, 2025, at 11:59 PM
- Band is responsible for all costs associated with travel and performance for the Battle of the Drumline.
- Online voting begins October 13, 2025, and ends October 24, 2025
- Online voting is unlimited via Ledger Enquirer and Fountain City Classic social media pages
- Top 6 selected Drumlines will be notified by FCC BOTB committee by October 27, 2025

### **BOTB Competition Rules**

1. Time Limit – Each drumline must perform a maximum of 5 minutes. Exceeding the maximum time by more than 2 minutes will result in point deductions.
2. Performance Order – The performance order will be determined by a random drawing conducted on the day of competition.
3. Field Readiness – Drumlines must be ready at the sideline 5 minutes before their scheduled slot. Any delay may result in disqualification or penalty.
4. Instrumentation – Only traditional drumline instruments are allowed (snare, tenor/quads, bass drums, cymbals). Electronic instruments, amplification, or non-drumline instruments are prohibited.

5. Props and Movement – Props are permitted but must be safely handled and set up/removed within the performance time limit. Unsafe or field-damaging props are not allowed. If you have any questions pertaining to use of props, please contact us at [BOTB@fountaincityclassic.com](mailto:BOTB@fountaincityclassic.com)
6. Respect and Sportsmanship – No disrespectful gestures, chants, or inappropriate behavior toward other teams, judges, or the audience. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and up to removal from the stadium.
7. Scoring Categories – Drumlines will be judged on: Musicality, Precision, Showmanship, Creativity, and Overall Impact. Each category carries equal weight in scoring.
8. Time Enforcement – A visible clock will be provided. Performances that run over 5 minutes + grace period will lose points automatically.
9. Warm-Up Areas – All warm-ups must be conducted in the designated warm-up zones only. No practicing on or near the performance field after 11:30 AM.
10. Judges' Decisions – All scoring decisions made by the judges are final and binding. No appeals will be accepted.

#### **Battle of the Drumlines – Award Guidelines**

The Drumline awarded First Place will receive both a cash prize and the official Battle of the Drumlines Trophy.

The winning Drumline will also be invited to return the following year to defend their title. At that time, the trophy must be returned for presentation.

The winning Drumline must notify the Fountain City Classic Battle of the Bands Committee of its decision to participate or decline participation in the next year's competition via email at [BOTB@fountaincityclassic.com](mailto:BOTB@fountaincityclassic.com) no later than August 15, 2026.

If the Drumline elects not to participate, the trophy must be returned by this same deadline to:

Fountain City Classic, Inc.

3575 Macon Road, Suite 26

Columbus, GA 31907

The trophy must be returned in good condition and must not be damaged or defaced.

**BOTB Scoring Guidelines**

Category	Description
Musicality	Tone quality, balance, dynamics, and musical expression.
Precision	Rhythmic accuracy, timing, and uniformity across the line.
Showmanship	Stage presence, confidence, and crowd engagement.
Creativity	Originality of performance, cadences, and visual elements.
Overall Impact	Entertainment value, energy, and total performance impression.