



Illinois Marching Band Championship

University of Illinois

Saturday, October 14, 2023



General: The IMBC divides competition into 6 classes (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A), with classifications based on band size. *Each band performs just once*, competing within their own class for placement (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and caption awards (Music, Visual, General Effect), as well as for the overall grand champion of 1A-3A and 4A-6A. The 2023 IMBC competition features 9 bands in Class 5A (including Prospect), and 43 bands in overall competition.

Websites: <https://www.bands.illinois.edu/spectator-information>
http://www.ilmarching.com/festivals_detail.php?FestivalID=1145&archive=0

Tickets:

- \$10.00 for all day admission. Seniors and students \$5. Children 5 & under free.
- No advance ticket sales.
- Tickets can be purchased outside of the stadium in the ticket booths located along Kirby Avenue near the South Tunnel of Memorial Stadium

Location & Parking:

- University of Illinois • Memorial Stadium • 1402 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820
- Spectators can park on the north side of Lot E-14. Parking is free on the day of the event.
[Parking Map.](#)

Schedule Highlights: [Complete schedule](#) and *spectator guide* is available on the [website](#).

- 6:00 pm - Break (this could be a good time to find a seat and watch the 5A class)
- 6:15 pm - Class 5A begins (9 Bands; 15 min per band)

6:45 pm - Yorkville High School.
7:00 pm - Prospect Marching Knights perform.
7:15 pm - Mundelein High School.

- 8:30 pm - **EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE BY THE MARCHING ILLINI**
- 8:45 pm - Class 4A-6A Awards
- 9:00 pm - BANDS DISMISSED

Site Notes:

- This competition is a great chance to watch many marching bands from larger schools in Illinois, and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this year's performances from high in the stands of a larger stadium.
- Souvenir Programs will be available in the Great West Hall in the stadium for \$5.00. Cash, Check, Debit and Credit Cards accepted.
- Concessions are cashless, open all day, and located in the Great West Hall.
- Official IMBC Merchandise with school names will be available for purchase along with Marching Illini items in the West Great Hall of Memorial Stadium. Cash, Check, Debit and Credit Cards accepted.

- Still cameras are allowed in the stadium but the use of tripods or other equipment that obstructs the view of others in the seating area is not allowed
- Memorial Stadium operates a [CLEAR BAG POLICY](#).



MEMORIAL STADIUM CLEAR BAG POLICY

ITEMS PERMITTED:

Clutches no larger than 4.5" x 7.0", clear tote (no larger than 12" x 6" x 12"), 1 gallon clear plastic storage bag, clear drawstring bag (no larger than 12" x 12"), binoculars (without case), cameras (lenses no longer than 4"), blankets, jackets, items related to a medical condition, seat cushions (not more than 16" wide), diaper bags (with child), food items in clear bags, and sealed plastic bottles of water 20 ounces and smaller.

ITEMS PROHIBITED

(INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

Bags larger than 4.5" x 7.0" (including purses, and binocular cases), containers, strollers, laser pointers, umbrellas, banners, flags, signs, noisemakers, weapons, laptops, video recorders, monopods, tripods or any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate.

ITEMS PERMITTED

CLUTCH
No larger than 4.5" x 7.0"

1 GALLON CLEAR PLASTIC STORAGE BAG

CLEAR TOTE
Plastic, vinyl or PVC
No larger than 12" x 6" x 12"

CLEAR DRAWSTRING BAG
Plastic, vinyl or PVC
No larger than 12" x 12"

SEAT CUSHION
not more than 16" wide

DIAPER BAGS WITH CHILD

FOOD & SEALED PLASTIC BOTTLES OF WATER
20 oz. or smaller

BINOCULARS
without case

CAMERAS
without bag

ITEMS RELATED TO A MEDICAL CONDITION

ITEMS PROHIBITED

NO NON-CLEAR BAGS LARGER THAN 4.5" x 7.0"
(including purses & backpacks)

NO CONTAINERS

NO STROLLERS, NO UMBRELLAS

NO LAPTOPS, NO VIDEO RECORDERS, NO SELFIE STICKS

NO FLAGS, BANNERS, SIGNS

NO NOISEMAKERS

NO WEAPONS