

Playing and Technique Checklist

Group Name: _____

1. What type of playing style does this group have?

2. What type of technique do they strive for?

3. What is the height structure for this group (ex. 12", 9", etc.)?

4. Are my beads **together** at all times and my stick angles in place?

5. Is my playing surface **flat and sturdy**, whether marching or on a stand?

6. Is the height of my drum on harness **the same** as when it is on a stand?

7. How am I keeping TEMPO a **priority**? How do I maintain TEMPO?

8. How are the rhythms in my music written or instructed to be played?

9. How do I balance at **all** times when I play?

10. How do I make sure I am *performing* at **all** times?

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- ✓ Am I following the playing style for this group?
- ✓ Am I using the correct technique at **all** times?
- ✓ Am I **always** using system with the correct heights?
- ✓ Are my beads together at all times and my stick angles in place?
- ✓ Flat and sturdy playing surface, whether marching or on a stand?
- ✓ Height of drum, whether marching or on a stand?
- ✓ Am I keeping TEMPO a priority? Am I maintaining TEMPO?
- ✓ Am I playing the rhythms in my music correctly? Written/Instructed
- ✓ Am I balancing when I play at all times? Overbalance? Under?
- ✓ Am I fully PERFORMING as I play at all times?

Tendencies to Improve:

Additional Notes or Part Changes to Remember:

PLAYLIST: MARCHING PERCUSSION CHECKLISTS

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Here is your Playing and Technique Checklist

- Cut this form out and hold it with you whenever you play.
- Fill in the group name to help you identify the different requirements that group asks of you.
- At the bottom, use it to jot down your tendencies – Ex. Overbalance when playing, keep your head down, etc.
- And for Additional Notes or Part Changes to Remember.
- When you overcome your tendencies, or have new part changes, fill them in to stay on track.
- This is your playing companion, keep it with you whenever you're in a playing setting. At practice, rehearsal, wherever.
- Fold it in half and stick it in a stickbag, cover pouch, pocket, etc.
- Check it often to make sure you stay on track towards your performance goals.
- Also, reprint this for any other groups you may be a part of whether it may be Indoor or Outdoor.

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