

Contest Rules Proposal – QMM Renamed to QMS

Submitted by the Music Board

Part VII. BAND CONTEST RULES

3. All Association Contests shall observe the following rules:

|) Quick March Set (QMS): This will be a graded contest limited to Grade IV and V bands only. Tunes played must consist of quick marches in any time signature(s). Bands will play from two minutes, forty-five seconds (2:45) to four minute, thirty seconds (4:30). The set played for the quick march medley shall not be the same set used in the time limit medley event.

The Music Board proposes to change the name of this event. The reasons are 2-fold. First, there has always been some confusion regarding the QMM vs the Timed Medley and this relates to the use of the term “Medley” in both events. Musically, the term “Medley” usually refers to a collection of tunes of different idioms and time signatures that are played together as a musical arrangement. This is distinctly different from the Quick March event, which is not a mixture of idioms. Second, the use of the term “Set” clearly implies that this event is meant to be an arrangement of march tunes that when played together, present a musical narrative that has a pleasing flow and connectivity from one tune to the next. In other words when played together these tunes complement each other and are not simply an amalgamation of tunes that fills a requirement.