

LONGMONT COMBINED BANDS DRUMLINE MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

The Longmont Drumline has a proud tradition of providing a positive learning experience combined with the thrill of competition for high school students. The goals of the Longmont Combined Schools Drumline are to further the education and maturity of young people by providing them the opportunity to participate in a performing music organization. This creates an environment that encourages self-discipline, leadership skills and enhances self-esteem.

The Longmont Drumline will perform in several Rocky Mountain Percussion Ensemble contests as well as the WGI Rocky Mountain Regional Competition and at WGI Worlds in Dayton, Ohio.

This will require many hours of preparation and dedication and will create a common goal for all involved. It teaches the lessons of teamwork and group dynamics which can be used in all aspects of life now and in the future.

The Longmont Drumline is a successful program for high school students to participate in; therefore, all those accepted into the drumline are willing to take on the challenges that the drumline sets forth.

Attendance:

The successful season depends on full attendance at ALL ensemble rehearsals and performances. You are expected to participate in all activities as absences hurt both the Longmont Drumline and your performance as well.

Auditions:

During the audition process, instructors will teach technique and material as they evaluate your performance, retention, teamwork skills, attitude and approach. Specific procedures will vary by section. If you are unsure about what you are responsible for and where you stand in the audition process, please don't hesitate to ask an instructor.

Rehearsals:

At winter rehearsals, the ensembles work on show material, learn technique and will grow as a team. The attendance and quality of rehearsals is highly important and will determine the success of the season! The rehearsals are tentatively set for Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

Please make a note of these dates now in order to avoid any conflicts. Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory. If you face a non-negotiable conflict, please tell your Instructor so they can plan accordingly.

In the event of inclement weather, your Instructor or Captain will notify you.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that you are a representative of Longmont High School (and other high schools as applicable).

Drinking, Drugs and Smoking:

- The Rocky Mountain Percussion Association, Winter Guard International and the Longmont Drumline have stringent policies on the use of drugs and alcohol; the use of drugs and/or alcohol is strictly prohibited. Impaired individuals are not only a danger to themselves, but to all ensemble members.
- If an individual is caught using drugs or alcohol during a performance, rehearsal or at any other time, it may be means for permanent dismissal from the Longmont Combined Schools Drumline.
- Absolutely no smoking or vaping is permitted during rehearsals or shows. Many schools and facilities we use prohibit smoking and vaping.

Language:

Whether in rehearsal or at a competition, the Longmont Drumline is performing for family, friends and prospective members. What you do and what you say helps people form an image of the organization. People respect the Longmont Drumline; therefore, please be aware of how you act and speak in public. Be responsible for your image and your language.

Rehearsal Etiquette:

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- Focus on rehearsals only. Talking will cause disruption to the rest of your drumline members; therefore cutting down on productive rehearsal time not to mention this is being disrespectful to the instructors.
- Come to rehearsal prepared; bring all materials, i.e. appropriate clothing, music, drill books and pencils.
- Treat your instructors with respect. If you disagree with the methods or presentation, address the problem after rehearsal.
- Your section leaders are all working for you, respect them and work just as hard for them as they do for you.

The Equipment Truck:

Each member of the ensemble needs to help load and unload the equipment truck. All members should be available to assist in any way possible. The smoother the process, the better for the group and morale.

A parent volunteer will supervise the loading, securing, and unloading of equipment.

The Equipment truck holds instruments, props and any other rehearsal and performance equipment. Please take extra care when loading and unloading the truck as to not damage any of the equipment. Most of this equipment belongs to Longmont High School and we need to be respectful when it is in our care.

Please keep the equipment truck and the area surrounding it clean at all times. Haul out your own trash. Take care of your personal belongings.

Show Etiquette:

Throughout the season, the ensembles perform at many competitions. When you are in uniform, you are representing the Longmont Drumline as well as Longmont High School. Always make sure that you are behaving in a mature and professional manner on and off the floor. We move as one and we Act as one!

Medical Information:

If you are taking medication prescribed by a doctor, or have a medical condition, please include the information on the medical release form, and make sure your instructors are aware of it. Emergencies happen, and we need to know everything that could be critical to your welfare.

Volunteers and Staff:

During rehearsals, competitions and events, volunteers will be driving, preparing props and repairing equipment, etc. Please treat these people with the respect they deserve. They are here to help you out.

The Longmont Drumline consists of some of the **finest instructors in the business**. They are talented, dedicated and committed to you and the drumline. Please give them the respect they deserve. Without them, we wouldn't go as far as we do.

If you have conflicts with any of your peers or staff members, please discuss the matter directly with that individual outside of rehearsals and/or competitions. Talking about people behind their back is disrespectful and will solve nothing. This is a team effort and all players need to be respectful of one another.

Eligibility Requirement:

In order to participate in Longmont Combined Bands Drumline you need to participate in a musical ensemble/class at your high school.

Eligibility pertains to competitions. It is designed to support students in their efforts to attend classes, stay up with work, develop good habits and ultimately graduate. In order to be considered eligible for competitions, a student cannot be failing **more than one** class. In other words, a student could be receiving all D's and one F and still be counted as eligible. If the student gets **more than one F** however, the student is considered **ineligible for the following week**. If the student gets back to passing his/her class during that time, he or she becomes eligible again after the week of ineligibility has been completed. Eligibility does not pertain to practices, fundraisers, bingo or any other drumline activity other than a competition. Eligibility will **not** be considered for the evaluation show (this is not a competition).

Grades will be pulled every **Thursday** and those grades will determine a student's eligibility for the following week. They are the same grades you're able to see on Infinite Campus. If a student feels a teacher has made a mistake (perhaps he/she turned in something that is not showing up on infinite campus), the student can contact the teacher and teacher can change the grade if applicable. However, if a student is failing on Thursday when grades are pulled and gets back to passing on Friday, they still have to wait a week to be eligible because the grades had already been pulled the previous day.

LONGMONT DRUMLINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and CONTRACT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Guardian/Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Guardian/Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

I hereby apply for membership into the Longmont Combined Bands Drumline. I have received a copy of the financial requirements and understand them. I will assume the responsibility for the loss or damage to any ensemble property due to willful or negligent acts on my part. I have read, agree with and will follow all the rules and regulations set forth in the Longmont Combined Bands Drumline Membership Manual.

Student Signature

Date

As a parent or guardian of a Longmont Drumline Member I approve of this application for my child's admission into the Longmont Drumline, and hereby grant my permission for my child to participate in all functions required by the Longmont Drumline. I agree to ensure that my student abides by the rules and regulations set forth in the Longmont Drumline Membership Manual. In addition, I agree to fulfill the volunteer role listed below, as well as volunteer to help at the 2023 Longmont High school hosting of the RMPA competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE, cont.**

In any emergency/event that engenders the health of the below named member, permission is hereby granted for the proper medical attention to be administered. I authorize the management of the Longmont Drumline to act on my behalf and release from liability those adults and medical personnel who may treat and/or authorize treatment for my child while traveling with the Longmont Drumline.

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Member Printed Name

Date

Member Signature

Date