

Wind Player Marching Audition Video Guidelines

Wind Player Marching Audition (March and Play):

- **Video Intent** – The intent of this video is to show the ability of the applicant to march and play music at the same time.
- **Video Content**
 - **Introduction** – At the start of the video, applicant shall announce their full name, high school, city, and state.
 - **Performance** – Following the applicant’s self-introduction, the applicant shall immediately start their marching audition, playing the music outlined below while marching the routine outlined below, both at the same time. *(Though the video is required to be recorded in one take, it is recommended that the applicant record many takes and select the best take to submit as their audition entry.)*
- **Audition Instrument** – Applicants may audition on Piccolo, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Mellophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, or Sousaphone/Tuba.
- **Music** – Applicants shall only use the All-American Marching Audition music from the menc.org Web site of the instrument for which they are auditioning. No other music shall be used. Applicant shall submit their best take of a “start-to-end” recording of them playing and marching this music at the same time. This segment shall be a live performance and shall not be overdubbed or edited in any way. Music can be found on the MENC Web site at www.menc.org/allamerican or by calling MENC at 800-336-3768. *(Though the video is required to be recorded in one take, it is recommended that the applicant record many takes and select the best take to submit as their audition entry.)*
- **Marching Style** – Marching style while playing shall be drum corps style (roll step, no high leg lift). It is understood that there are many effective marching styles, but for consistency of appearance, it has been decided to apply only the drum corps style. [See All-American Marching Style Video](#) [link to style videos]
- **Video Location** – This marching segment can be recorded inside a building or outside.
- **Routine** – Applicant must start at parade rest. Applicant will snap to attention, and then snap to instrument up. Applicant will low mark time 8 for nothing and step off playing audition marching excerpt at the tempo indicated on audition music. While playing, the applicant will keep their instrument front the entire time and only pivot their lower body. On step-off, march forward 8, slide left for 8 (inst front/pivot lower body 45-degree angle), backstep for 8, slide right for 8, forward 8, etc. (marching a box) until the end of music, finishing with instrument down and parade rest. Step size can be smaller than 22-½ inch standard step if space is limited, but style and step size should remain consistent.
- **Adjudication** – Judges will consider ability to march and play at the same time, marching control, style, consistency, and carriage as well as musicality in this segment.
- **Video Upload** – after your application has been received and processed, MENC will send a reply to the e-mail address you provided with a link to allow you to upload your videos for consideration. Online application form can be found at www.menc.org/allamerican.

Video Production Tips

Camera Distance – Back your camera up enough to show entire body throughout marching audition. Applicant shall face the camera during self-introduction and while playing.

Video Format - wmv, avi, mov, mpg, mpeg, mp4, and 3gp formats are acceptable.

File size restriction for uploading video - Video compression rates should be roughly 9 seconds per 1 MB. If your file is larger than 100 MB, then you should open it in your video editing software and export it to a new, compressed file with one of the accepted formats and a higher compression setting.