**Information about the Midwest Color Guard Circuit**

**MCGC has been around for 58 years!** Check out the MCGC website ( [www.midwestcolorguard.com](http://www.midwestcolorguard.com) ) and share it with your family so that they can see schedules, get information about contests, etc. <http://www.midwestcolorguard.com/index.php/events/contest-schedule>

**How are we judged? 6 Judges**

1 – 20 – Individual Analysis Equipment (10 – Vocabulary, 10 – Excellence) – Lower Stands

2 – 20 – Individual Analysis Movement (10 – Vocabulary, 10 – Excellence) – Lower Stands

3 – 20 – Design (10 – Composition, 10- Excellence) – Upper Stands – highest level

4 & 5 – General Effect (10 – Composition, 10 – Excellence) – Upper Stands

6 – Timing and Penalties - On the floor

Total score: 100 points

**What do the various high school classes mean, and how/why are guards grouped within classes?**

“SC” class – “Scholastic Cadet” class, for elementary school groups.

“SRA” class = “Scholastic Regional A” class, the entry-level high school class. **Our JV competes in SRA**.

“SAA” = “Scholastic AA” class, the intermediate-level high school class. Teams may be bumped up to a higher class of competition based on their performance.

“SA” = “Scholastic A” class, for more competitive high school guards, most of whom compete outside of the Midwest and at WGI (Winter Guard International) Championship in Dayton, Ohio. **This is the class our Varsity competes in.**

“SO” = “Scholastic Open” class, for highly skilled guards who have more experienced members, larger staffs, larger budgets; they travel outside of the Midwest to compete in several WGI Regionals and the WGI Championship.

“SW” = “Scholastic World” class, the highest level of high school guards. All of the above for SO and then some!

A time that more than 9 guards are entered into a particular class at a contest, MCGC separates them into 2 or more rounds. So for instance, if there are 19 SRA groups in a contest, they will be randomly sort into 2 rounds of 9 and 10 guards.

At MWCGC Championships, teams will be seeded by class into the championship competition. Most guards will compete in preliminary competition on Saturday, March 30. All guards except SRA will compete in the Championship Finals on Sunday, March 31 in reverse order of preliminary competition.

**Why do some guard have “I” before their classes?**

“I” signifies an independent group, meaning a group not associated with one particular school or school district. “Independent Open” (IO) guards such as Independence and Allegiance typically draw college-age performers from across the region. These guards have a “home base” community in which they rehearse, but their performers could represent several colleges and high schools.