

Membership in SDCA

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can become a performing group?

Performers are Junior, Senior, all age drum and bugle corps and “concert” corps. Additionally, performers can be drum lines, colorguards and bands.

A group that participates in any SDCA event is considered a member.

SDCA supports and encourages your membership in DCA or DCI if this is your desire.

What size does the group need to be?

There is no minimum or maximum size requirement.

Performing groups have ranged from 5 to 90 individuals.

How many groups have participated in SDCA?

There have been over 40 groups that have participated.

They range from the less experienced groups to champions from other drum corps circuits. They are located from coast to coast and Canada.

What does it cost to become a member?

There is no membership fee. At the beginning of a season we ask you to provide a \$100 refundable bond to assure that you keep your performance commitment with SDCA.

When you perform in all of the events that you committed to your bond is refunded at the end of the season.

Failure to keep your commitment forfeits your bond.

Does my group make money?

Yes. SDCA pays for your performance through cooperation with community events as well as sharing the gate money from ticket sales. I.E. in 2013 performing groups received from \$800 to \$2500 for EACH performance.

What is my performance responsibility as a member?

We ask that you perform for 9 to 13 minutes.

We do suggest that you play “recognizable” music.

A drill is suggested and will extend from the 35 to 35 yard lines and is 50 feet deep.

If you do not choose to do a drill some motion is recommended

for audience appeal.

“Concert” corps will be using music stands and parade on a flatbed truck.

At the conclusion of the event you will perform in a massed “SDCA Super Finale”

Additionally, community parades are usually associated with these events.

Is this an indoor or outdoor circuit?

Your performance can be either an indoor or an outdoor event depending on the community requirements and facilities available.

Indoor events called SDCA ARENA can be on a basketball court, field house or a stage.

Outdoor events called SDCA FIELD can be on a football field or a staging area.

What other responsibilities do I have as a member?

You should perform in every possible SDCA event in your region.

This is what makes your region successful.

It is desired that you host your own show.

This is what makes your region grow.

How do I host a show and what are the costs?

There are no upfront fees to SDCA and usually no other costs to host an SDCA show.

Your show will be in conjunction with a local community festival where an SDCA parade and show will be part of the festival entertainment.

Your regional director will guide you through this process.

Are there any SDCA regions in my area?

We continue to grow and develop regions where and when requested.

Visit the “Staff” page to find a region near you and the regional director to contact.

How do I start a region in my area?

If you would like to start a region in your area an SDCA corporate staff member will meet with you and all would-be member groups in your prospective region.

The director or acting director is paid position by sharing the

income of that region..