

Washington State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Rule Change Procedure



Who may propose rule changes?

WIAA Music-Member High Schools

Principal

Activities Coordinator

Music Educators

WMEA Members Teaching High School Music

State Solo and Ensemble Contest Event Staff



What is the procedure?

Individuals or institutions wishing to propose a rule change are to submit it in writing to the WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest Manager by July 15th of any year. Send via email to rulechange@wmea.org. The manager will then ensure that the intent is retained while the wording is adjusted to meet consistency of format and language with existing rules.

What is the timeline?

July 15 Proposals due to WMEA.

Summer Proposals presented to State Assembly to share with region teachers. Feedback is encouraged. Rule change feedback is due by October 15th, sent to rulechange@wmea.org.

Fall WMEA Board reviews each proposal and all feedback. The Board either accepts, rejects or amends each proposal.

Winter WIAA Executive Board reviews each accepted proposal and either accepts, rejects or amends it. Amended proposals return to the WMEA Board for concurrence or rejection.

When is the change implemented?

Rule changes are implemented for the school year following the acceptance of any rule change by both WMEA and WIAA Boards.

Can a rule change take place any faster?

If both WMEA and WIAA were to believe that for whatever reason an urgent change was needed, a temporary policy can be implemented by the management staff in conjunction with the two organizations' executive directors for the immediate school year. However, to become permanent, that change will need to go through the normal procedure.