

## AIA North Color Guard Seeding Procedure

As we anticipate a single run for Championships this year, units from large classes will be seeded into performance order based on their most recent score. The format will be as follows:

Performance order at championships for color guard units in AIA North for 2018 will be determined by the following methods:

1. Classes with fewer than nine units following the end of the promotion period will perform in random order.
2. Classes with nine or more units following the end of the promotion period will be seeded by the seeding formula.
3. Seeding formula: The unit's final AIA performance score will be normalized to the final competition weekend's score. Units competing in the final contest weekend will use that score. If using a score in March, 1.5 points will be added per weekend to reach the final contest date. If using a score in February, 2 points will be added per weekend to reach the final competition date.
4. After the units are given a seeding score, the class will be divided into thirds. Each third of the class will be randomized for performance order.
5. A draft schedule with unit time slots will be circulated following the end of the promotion period. For the 2019 season, that will follow the March 9 competition.
6. The final schedule with actual performance times will be circulated following the end of the regular season competitions. For 2019, that will follow the March 23 competition.
7. Units that are promoted and do not receive a score in their new class will be inserted into the middle third of randomization.