

# **AWARD CEREMONY FORMAT FOR MS, SRA2, SRA1 and IRA ONLY**

Hello Unit Directors,

Due to the large number of units in the classes above and the limited time available throughout the day, AIA is adjusting the award ceremony format just a bit from what is normally done. Not to worry...everyone will still receive the recognition they deserve...we are hoping this will help us proceed more efficiently on limited time.

Tonight, during site set up, AIA Staff members will place unit name signs in the backside bleachers. These unit name signs will be placed in performance order. So, the first unit in the front of the far-left side of the backside bleachers would be Robious MS. Behind Robious MS would be Great Bridge MS and so on.

We are asking that units that perform in MS and SRA2, begin finding their unit name sign during the 15-minute break before the SRA1 class begins (if you aren't already sitting in the bleachers). We would like to have all MS, SRA2, and the first half of SRA1 units seated in their spot by the 10-minute break in the SRA1 class (after Bruton HS). We would like the second half of the SRA1 class and the IRA unit, to report to the gym quickly after your performance so you are in your correct spot before awards. Be sure to have any award ceremony items on you (see next paragraph).

It is during the SRA1 10-minute break that the directors or parent volunteers should distribute any of your bead necklaces, feather boas, crowns, light up glasses, and so forth. If you are distributing anything that lights up, please instruct your performers to not turn them on until the award ceremony begins. This is important so as not to distract the units that are still competing.

When the ceremony begins; which should be too long after the IRA unit performs, an AIA board member will be at the bleachers to instruct the units when to walk straight on to and across the floor for the reading of the scores and awards.

There will be another AIA board member at the front of the gym directing the units where to specifically line up and stop. This will occur until all 36 units are lined up across the gym.

Scores will be read and the units receiving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> will come forward, one placement at a time, to receive their award and have their directors place the earned medals on the performer. A quick team picture will be taken, and the unit should return to their spot in the lineup. This process is just like a normal awards ceremony.

We have handheld confetti cannons; 16, that we will distribute to members of units along the back of the gym. When awards are done, those individuals with a confetti cannon should power flick it towards the front so the confetti fly out over the performers.

# **AWARD CEREMONY FORMAT FOR A CLASS AND OPEN CLASS**

This award ceremony will remain the same as in years past. You will line up in order of appearance in the On-Deck area when the announcer calls for you. You will be handed a unit name sign so we can ensure you are in the correct performance order. When your unit is called, walk in to the gym and line up in performance order. All scores will be read and units placing in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> will come forward to receive your award and have your director place your medals on you.