

# Official Marquette University Pep Band Policy 2009-2010

## *Eligibility*

In order to participate in Pep Band you must be a registered undergraduate Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band member who is concert eligible. Pep Band is not, however, required of members of the band.

Graduate students who are regular participants in the concert band may participate in pep band, providing they have the proper uniform. They must follow the Pep Band Policy on attire and etiquette. In the event we have a full band where tickets are limited, undergraduate students have priority. Graduate students are not eligible to participate in post-season trips.

MU Band alums who wish to play at a game may do so as they want. New ruggies are available to wear without purchase, and must be worn unless none are available. They must follow the Pep Band Policy on attire and etiquette. Discretion must be used in number of games alums are able to attend.

## *Uniform*

The official Pep Band uniform consists of:

- An official Marquette Band Rugby Shirt
- Blue Jeans
- Closed-toed shoes
- Marquette Band Jackets

Marquette wristbands are allowed, but not required.

Unless otherwise noted by the Director, all parts of the uniform must be worn for all Pep Band events.

Any alterations to any part of the uniform or jackets are not allowed. Pins relating to Marquette and/or trips are allowed on ruggies in a tasteful manner.

## *Ruggies*

A short sleeve rugby will be provided to all eligible Pep Band members and loaned to guests FREE OF CHARGE provided that the Pep Band member agrees to the Pep Band Policy and attends a minimum of 4 basketball games, either men's or women's. Pep Band members not meeting this requirement will be required to return their rugby to the Small Ensembles Director or face a fine of \$35 that will be withheld from their stipend if not paid.

### *Official Band Warm-Up Jackets*

Through the generosity and support of the Office of Student Development and the Vice President's Office, the Marquette University Band has Official Band Warm-Up Jackets to be worn as an official addition to the Pep Band uniform. The following additional conditions apply to the distribution and wearing of the Official Band Warm-Up Jackets.

#### *Distribution*

The jackets are to be given out once for the student's entire career with the Marquette University Band.

The Jackets will be given to each full time Pep Band member free of charge assuming he/she plays for at least 40 basketball games during his/her Pep Band career.

Students must pay a \$50 deposit in the form of a check made out to the Marquette Band. When 40 games have been attended, the student will be refunded their deposit. If the requirements are not met and the jacket is not returned then the money will not be refunded.

#### *Uniform Policy*

Everyone is welcome and strongly encouraged to wear their Pep Band clothing around campus. However, it is expected that when wearing such attire you remember that you represent Marquette University and the band and should act accordingly. This means no drinking while wearing any part of your Pep Band uniform.

Absolutely no non-Marquette logo wear is to be worn at any time while you represent the Marquette Band and the University at any Pep Band event. This includes basketball games, and anytime on post-season trips. This means that you are not to bring any non-Marquette logo wear (other college wear, or professional athletics wear) on any trip (bus ride, plane flights, free time included). This directive comes from the Office of the Vice President.

#### *Game Etiquette*

At the beginning of the game, members of the Pep Band are not to yell, "SUCKS" when the opposing team is announced.

Pep Band members are expected to refrain from any chants that use "Warriors" instead of Golden Eagles.

Proper sportsmanship and conduct to other players, fans, coaches and officials is expected at all times.

Prior to leaving the band area of the arena, check with your section leader or ranking member of your section before leaving.

If for any reason the Director (Dr. Janners, Dr. Ladd, the Small Ensembles Director, or President) feels that you are not acting appropriately, he or she will give you a warning. Upon the second offense, you will be ejected from the game. If inappropriate behavior continues, you will be permanently removed from the Pep Band.

## ***Attendance***

You are expected to meet at the Varsity Theatre at least 1.5 hours before tip-off (i.e. 5:30 for a 7:00 game). Anticipate leaving the Varsity shortly thereafter. When you arrive find the secretary (or whoever is taking attendance for that game) so that you will receive credit for attending the game.

For men's games, if you cannot make it to the Varsity by the Call-Time for class reasons, work, et cetera, you are allowed to come late to Pep Band games. If you do not want to drive to the Bradley Center, you may take a fan bus from the Annex or McCormick. If you know in advance that you will be late, please tell the Director, Small Ensembles Director, or President so that arrangements can be made for you to come in late. Then come join the band, making sure to check in with the secretary.

For women's games, just walk over to the Al McGuire Center, and walk in the doors wearing your rugby. You will not need a ticket to get in.

You will receive full attendance for being present from pre-game until the end of the game, provided you are wearing your full uniform the entire time.

## ***Core Bands/ Travel Policy***

Midway through the fall semester two core bands will be chosen to travel to the men's and women's post-season tournaments. Each band will consist of 29 players and the Director. Selection of the core bands will be based on instrumentation and leadership. In the event of players with similar ability, the senior player will be chosen due to the fact that they have fewer remaining chances to travel with the Pep Band. During the selection process a list of alternates for each instrument will be made in the event that a core band member cannot travel.

To be eligible to audition for core bands, students must have a strong record of attendance at band rehearsals, and must have participated in all scheduled symphonic band performances.

At the beginning of the Spring Semester, the Marquette Athletics Department and the Director will provide a memo concerning post-season travel, and a list of participants to each core band member. It is the responsibility of each core band member and alternate

to give a copy of the memo to each of his or her professors, and have each professor sign a form, which signifies he/she received the memo.

Each core band will be assigned to approximately 14 games (7 men and 7 women's) through the season; this number may vary from year to year. Core band members are allowed three excused absences where you find, in advance, a substitute band member to take your place for that game. Core band members are also allotted one unexcused absence, in the event you are unable to find a replacement for a game. In the event that a core band member incurs more than the allotted absences, they will be removed from their assigned core band and ineligible for assigned trips. It is a general expectation in core band that you arrive for every game.

For tournament travel, one band will be assigned to the Women's Big East Tournament and the other to the Men's Big East Tournament. After that, the bands will alternate between the men and women's tournaments. (I.e. the band assigned to the Women's Big East Tournament will go to the first round of the Men's NCAA tournament, and so forth).

There will be an alternate list available for those who do not make core band. Should someone not be eligible or able to attend a core band trip, one of the alternates, based on instrumentation, then seniority, will be able to go.

### ***Guest Policy***

Guests can be accommodated for games, provided they play a Pep Band instrument. However, Dr. Janners and the Small Ensembles Director must clear all guests prior to game day. Visitors will **not** be allowed for "high profile" and/or televised games. All guests must wear the official Pep Band uniform, which can be checked out from an officer.

### ***Contract 2009-2010 Season***

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the Official Marquette University Pep Band Policy and will comply to its regulations.

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I have received an official Marquette University Pep Band rugby for the 2009-2010 season.

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I have received an official Marquette University Pep Band Warm-Up Jacket. I have given to the Marquette Pep Band Treasurer the required \$50.00 deposit.

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