Missouri Music Adjudicators

- Currently host a 2 tier format for solo/small ensemble festivals (i.e. District and State)
- 20 district festival sites that host solo/small ensemble
- State Large Group Festivals are held at the district site and do not advance to Columbia
Adjudicator Training

- Individual must have 7 years experience in music education to become a certified MSHSAA Adjudicator.
- Once certified must complete an online rules review each year to remain on the list.
- Failure to complete a rules review will place the individual on probation.
- If they fail to complete rules review 2 years in a row the individual is removed from the list.
- Will have to complete 4 hour certification training to be placed back on the list.
District Festival Adjudicators

- Each site manager secures adjudicators from our certified list.
- Moving towards securing 100% certified adjudicators to judge at festivals.
- Most certified judges reside within the borders of Missouri; however we do have several individuals on the list that reside just across the border.
State Festival Adjudicators

- Historically Missouri has hired only out-of-state individuals to adjudicate our state solo/small ensemble festival.
- Recent years we have gone to a more blended approach with a 60/40 mix of in-state and out-of-state judges.
- There are advantages and disadvantages when securing out-of-state individuals.
Advantages vs. Disadvantages

- Has not heard the participant(s) previous performance at the district level.
- Not familiar with our rules, judging expectations, etc.
- Time constraint in training and providing this information to group in 2 hours or less.
- Added financial expense when hiring out-of-state individuals.
Moving Forward...

- Have revised our adjudicator training program and working on updating our listening examples.
- Revised the adjudicator evaluation process to reflect terminology used on our adjudication form.
- Requiring all adjudicators to have completed Missouri’s Adjudicator Training Session.
Starting the online rules review for adjudicators this summer/fall.

Must have completed this yearly review in order to remain on the Missouri certified list.

Separated our instrumental training session to offer a separate session for strings.

Review current festival format (2 tiers)
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