

Addendum Rules for the Marching Contest 2026

For the sake of clarity please note the following amendments to the Rules for the Marching Contest 2026. The amendments are in ***bold italic***.

Article 2.5.

Bands, competing in the Championship Division Show (Prelims/Finals), will have their marching performance within the same weekend but not ***necessarily*** on the same day.

Article 5.2.

The performance will take place on a street circuit which will be marked on the field. The circuit has a street width of 9.14 meters (10 yards). This is regarded as the 'Performance Area' (***see Annex A***). All lines are classed as boundaries of the Performance Area.

Article 6.7.

No longer applicable.

Article 6.8.3.

At the end of the performance (with adjudication), the band must come to a halt (without marking time) in front of the Grandstand whilst continuing to play. After 8 seconds and before 20 seconds, the full band has to step off and march forward to the 'end line' (which is the same as the START-marker (40-yard line)). Once the first rank passes the 'end line', adjudication and timekeeping will end.

Article 6.9.

Penalties: There will be no penalties given whenever the band is not moving in a continuously forward direction, not performing a left or right turn, not performing a counter march or in the event of a violation of the end procedure (6.8.3), however, the adjudicators, responsible for the visual caption, will take any violation in to account in their rewarding of the performance.

Article 6.10.

No longer applicable.

Article 7.1.

Time limits for the performance (with adjudication) are:

- Junior Division – minimum 4 minutes, maximum 8 minutes.
- Championship Division, World Division, 1st Division and 2nd Division – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes.

Article 7.2.

The performance time starts after the announcement: '*Band Name, **start your march***'.

Article 7.9.

The most recent timetable will be posted **at the latest 12** hours before the reporting time of the previous timetable.

Article 7.10.

Penalties: In case of a violation of time limits (7.1) which are under or over the indicated limits, the Independent Chairman of Adjudication will add a penalty of 0,05 points per second to the overall score **with a maximum of 2,00 points**.

Article 7.11.

No longer applicable.

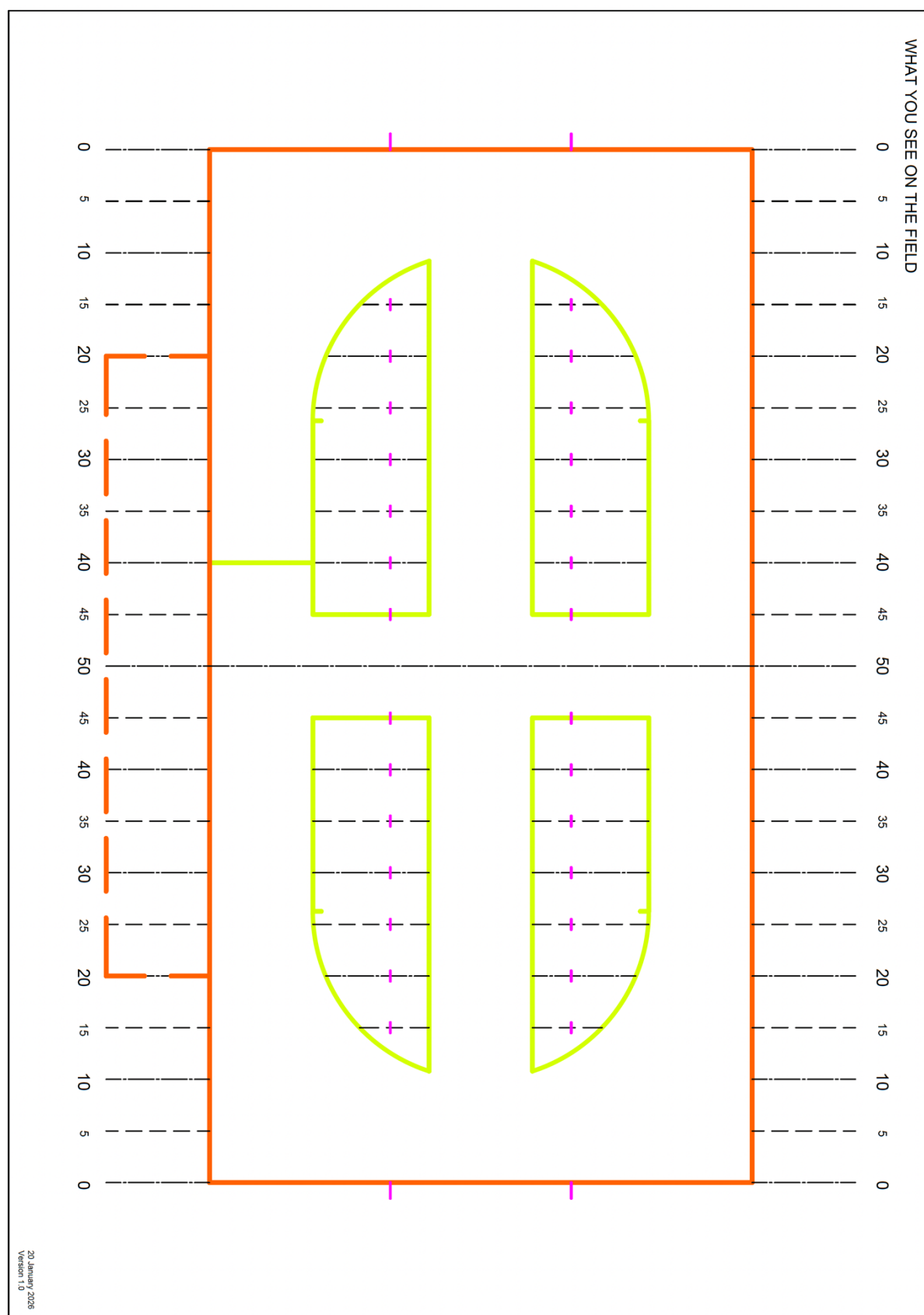
Article 8.9.

No longer applicable.

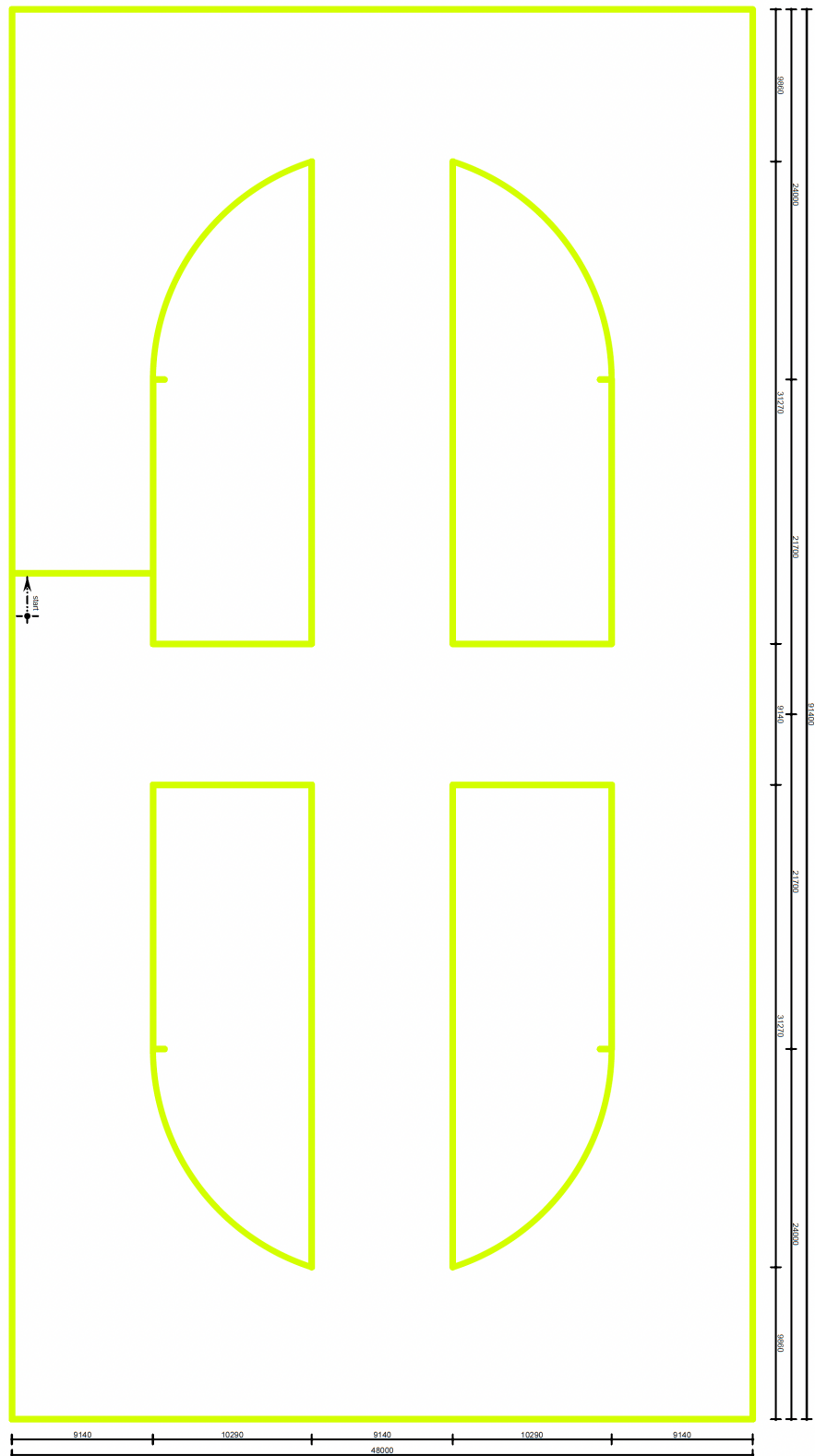
Article 8.10.

The Drum Major Award: at the conclusion of every competition day a Drum Major Award will be presented to the best drum major of the day regardless of division. The highest scoring drum major overall will receive the "WMC Drum Major 2026" **Award**. This title will be presented at the final day (**Sunday July 19 2026**) of the contest during the Award and Closing Ceremony. **All mace carrying drum majors, participating in WMC 2026, are eligible for this award.**

Annex A



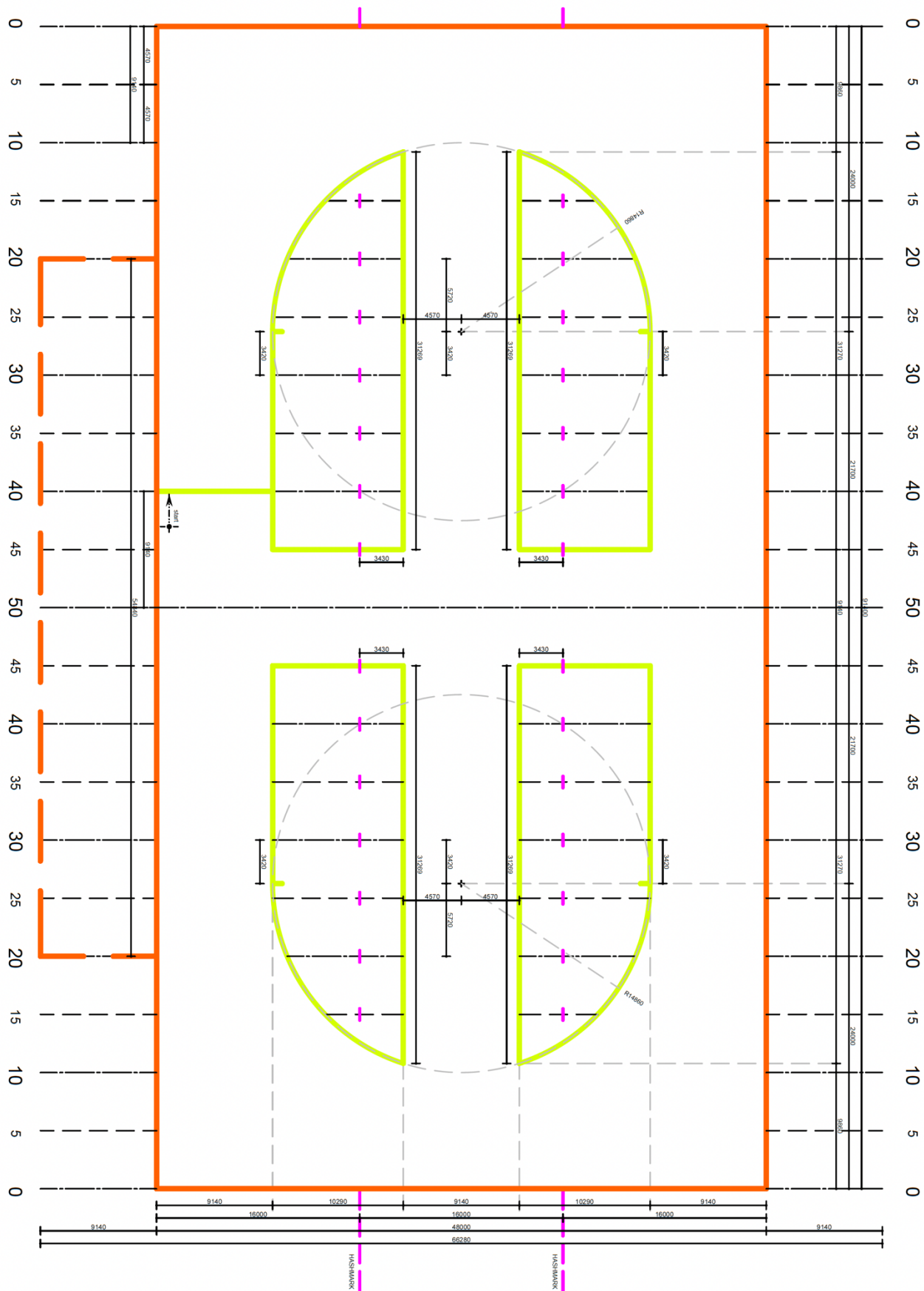
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