

Addendum Rules for the Show Contest 2026

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

Article 1.6.

The maximum of participants for each of the divisions are:

- ***Championship Division: 18 of which 12 will proceed to the Finals, numbers 13 till 16 will proceed into the World Division***
- World Division: 8 bands (will be joined by numbers 13-**16** of the Championship Division)
- First Division: 8 bands
- Second Division: 4 bands
- Junior Division: 4 bands

Article 2.1.

The Show Contests will take place on the following dates:

- A. Championship Division – Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday July 19, 2026***
- World Division – Saturday 18 and Sunday July 19, 2026
- 1st Division – Saturday 11 and Sunday July 12, 2026
- 2nd Division – Saturday 11 and Sunday July 12, 2026
- Junior Division – Saturday July 11, 2026

Article 2.7.

The order of appearance in the Finals of the Championship Division Show on Sunday July 19 2026, will be based on the scores attained at Prelims. The 12 highest scoring bands in Prelims will proceed to the Finals and numbers 13-**16** will continue in the World Division. During the prelims, ***no*** scores will be announced of bands that have performed.

Only the competition blocks in finals (article 2.8.) will be announced.

Article 2.8.

There will be ***four (4)*** competition blocks ***in the finals Championship Division***. A draw will be held for each competition block to determine the order of appearance in that specific competition block. The draw will be held immediately after the Prelims on Friday July 17, 2026.

Competition blocks are as follows:

- Block 4: Bands ranked 10- 12
- Block 3: Bands ranked 7-9
- Block 2: Bands ranked 4-6
- Block 1: Bands ranked 1-3

Article 2.9.

Bands ranked **13 till 16** will be scheduled as performances in ***the World Division*** on Saturday 18 or Sunday July 19 2026, at the discretion of WMC Kerkrade.

Article 2.10.

No longer applicable.

Article 2.11.

Competition blocks 1 to 4 will compete in Championship Division Finals on ***Saturday July 18 and*** Sunday July 19 2026 at a designated time slot determined by the draw.

Article 5.2.

The performance has to take place within the lines of ***a Football field: 91,40 x 48,00 meters. This is regarded as the 'Performance Area'.*** The front boundary line ***and the yard lines are*** clearly marked. There will be a front ensemble area at the front of the field in front of the boundary line from the 50-yard line to the 20-yard line, left and right ***with a depth of 9,14 meters (10 yards). This is regarded as the 'Pit Area', which is also part of the 'Performance Area' (see Annex A).***

Article 5.6.

Each ***5-yard*** line will be marked on the performance Area, ***excluding the March/Marching Parade course. The yard lines will be*** indicated with yard boards.

Article 5.7.

No longer applicable.

Article 6.12.

No longer applicable.

Article 7.3.

The performance time starts directly after the announcement: '***Band Name, please start your show***'. The performance time stops after the drum major/band leader gives a clear visible sign that the performance has come to an end.

Article 7.4.

Penalties: In the 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 7.10.

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

Article 7.11.

No longer applicable.

Article 8.10.

No longer applicable.

Article 8.10.(new article 8.10.)

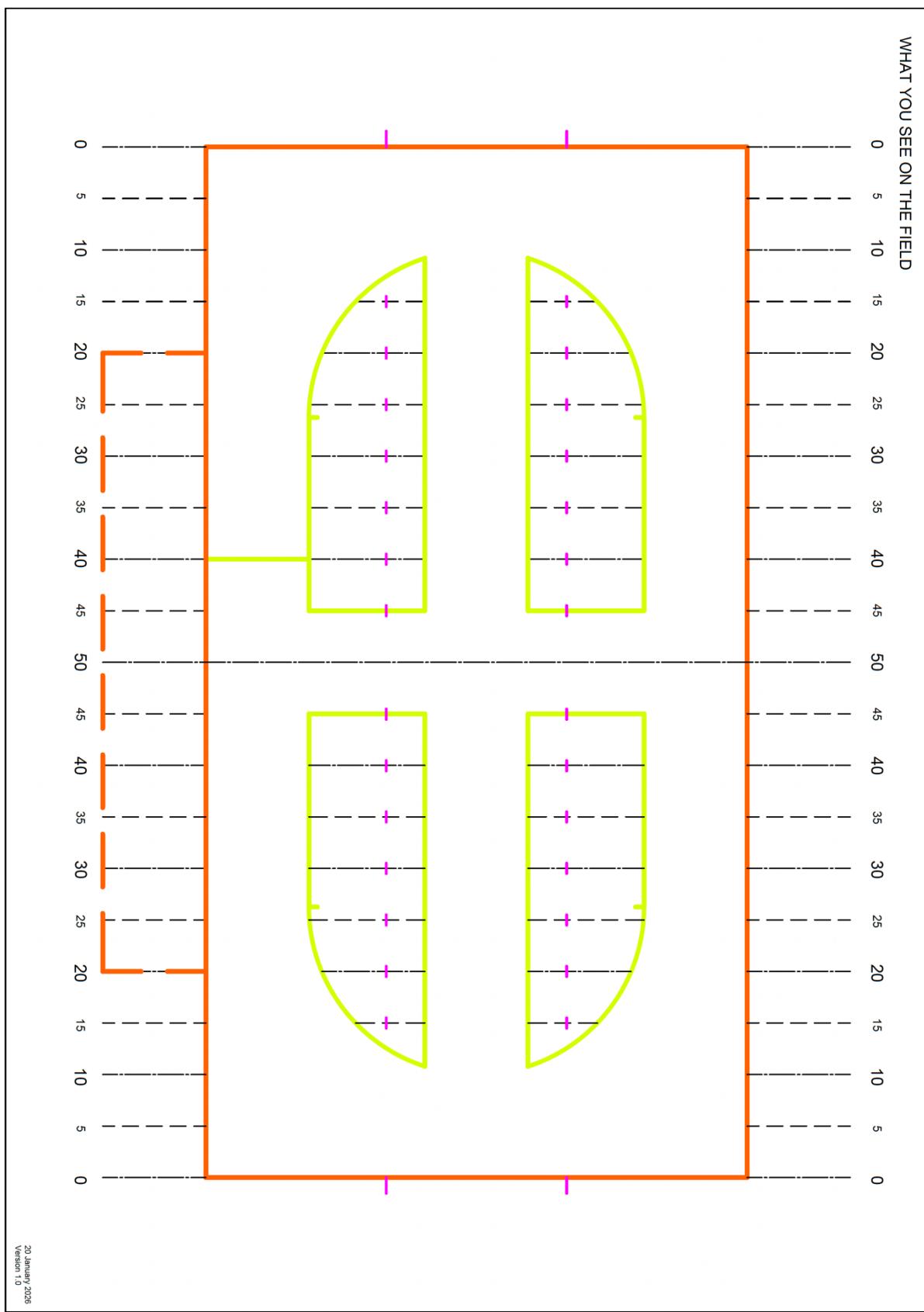
The Drum Major Award: at the conclusion of every competition day a Drum Major Award will be presented to the best drum major of the day regardless of division. The highest scoring drum major overall will receive the “WMC Drum Major 2026” Award. This title will be presented at the final day (Sunday July 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.

Article 9.1.

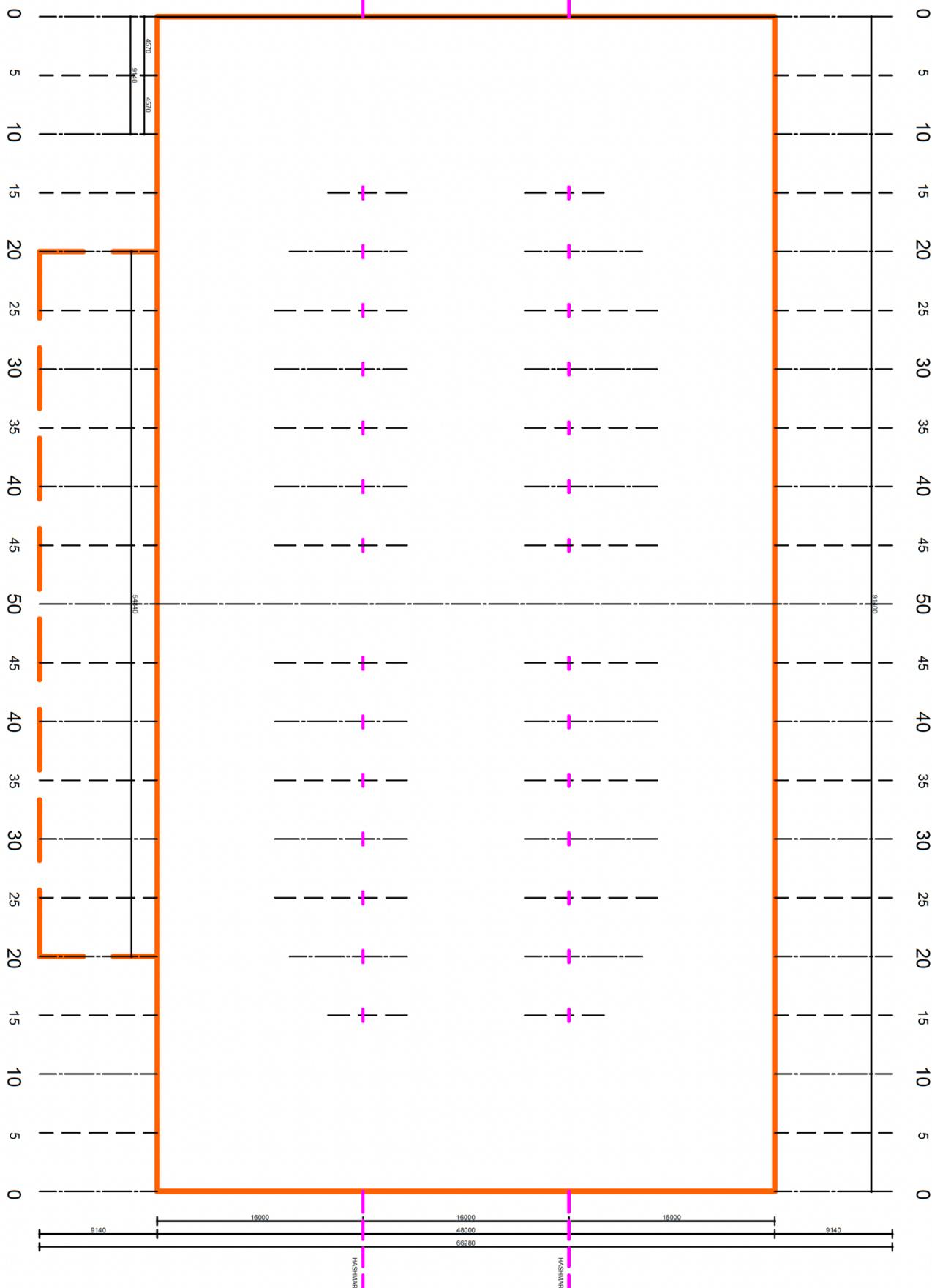
The following championship titles will be awarded:

- Winner WMC Junior Division Show - Highest ranking band in the **Junior** Division.
- Winner WMC 2nd Division Show – Highest ranking band in the 2nd Division.
- Winner WMC 1st Division Show – Highest ranking band in the 1st Division.
- Winner WMC World Division Show- Highest ranking band in the World Division.
- WMC World Champion Show – Highest ranking band in the Championship Division Finals.

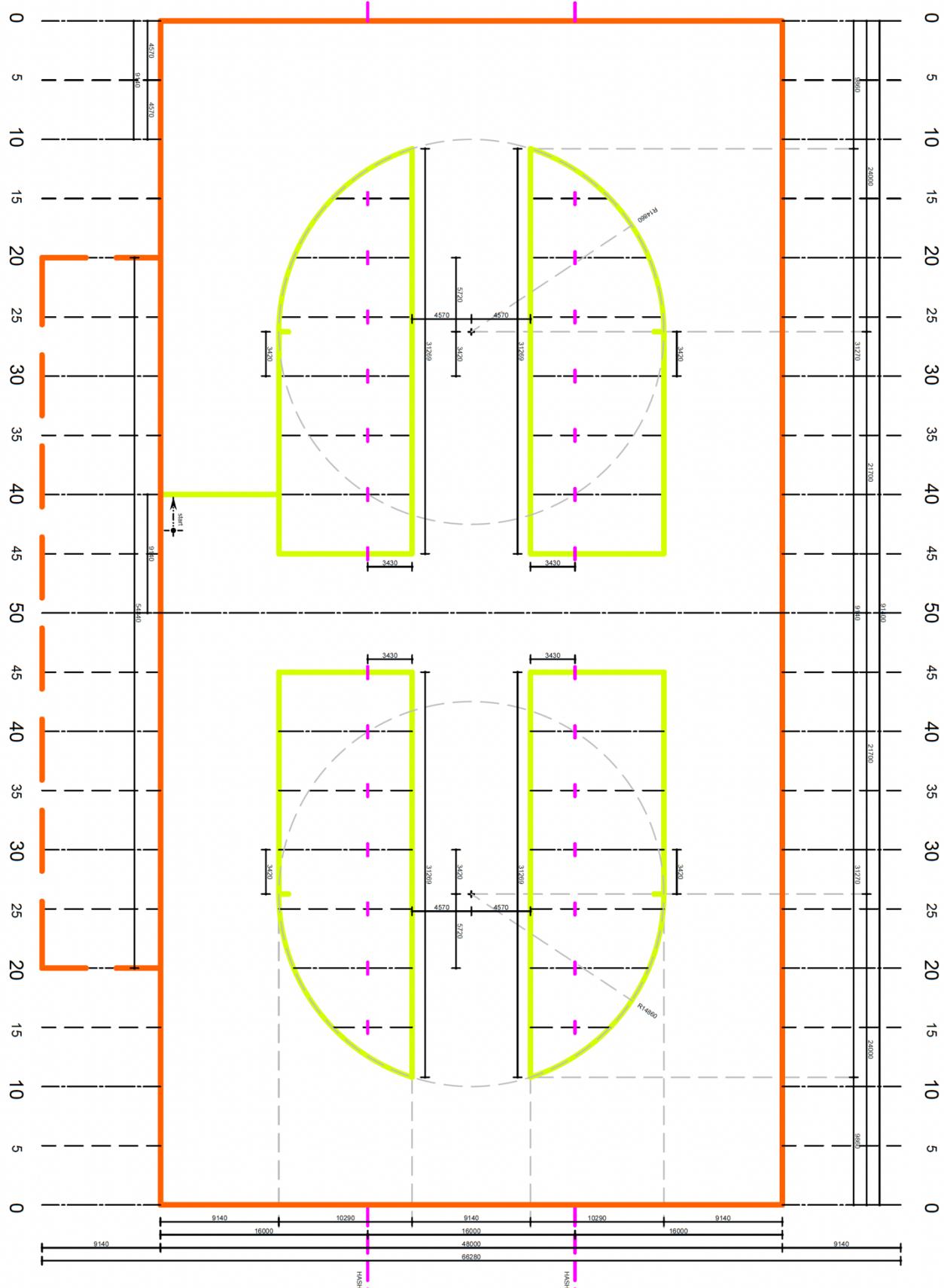
Annex A



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TECHNICAL FIELD LAYOUT DRAWING



All dimensions are measured from the centerline of the tape / chalk line
All dimensions are in millimeters, in accordance with the metric system