

## RULES GOVERNING REGION ORCHESTRAS

1. Students must be eligible to attend per the criteria outlined in the SCMEA Orchestra Division Bylaws, Article VII.
2. The Region Orchestras may be organized as:
  - a. One 6-8 Honors Orchestra- grades 6-8
  - b. One 9-10 Honors Orchestra- grades 9-10
  - c. One 11-12 Honors Orchestra- grades 11-12
3. Each orchestra will be limited to 18 first violins, 18 second violins, 14 violas, 12 cellos, 10 basses. Auxiliary parts may be added at the discretion of the Event Chair as/if needed for a particular piece.
4. Registration fees for participation in Region Orchestra are determined by the Executive Board and the amount(s) and instructions for payment will be included in the registration instructions and forms made available on the SCMEA website for the event. The Executive Board makes exclusive decisions on all or partial refund of prepaid fees.
5. Any student who has been accepted into the orchestra must attend and participate in the concert and ALL rehearsals. Failure to participate in the event's entirety can mean ejection from the orchestra event and forfeiture of that student's right to participate in subsequent Orchestra Division activities for one full year. Illness and family emergencies are exceptions and are taken on a case-by-case basis.
6. The directors will house their students in accommodations of their choosing. The local Event Chair will provide a list of local accommodations. Directors must inform the Event Chair of their students' housing plans at registration.
7. All participants must be chaperoned.
8. All chaperones should register upon arriving at an event and should list the students for whom they are responsible.
9. All sponsoring teachers registering students will be required to work in some capacity at the Region event for their assigned region unless released IN ADVANCE by the Event Chair who is overseeing the Region event. Students sponsored by those teachers refusing to work in some capacity will be ineligible to participate and will forfeit audition fees. **Any teacher who leaves the event site without permission from the Event Chair can lead to the ejection of all students sponsored by that teacher from the orchestra event.** That teacher may then be subject to sanctions per the SCMEA Orchestra Division Bylaws, Article VIII
10. NO smoking, vaping, alcoholic beverages, or drugs will be tolerated.
11. Seating auditions will be blind and students should be allowed to use their own music. The decision of the judges will remain final.
12. Any exceptions to rules must be presented in writing to the Event Chair and the Region Committee Chair two weeks prior to the event.