Cyclone Basketball Bands
2011 – 2012 Syllabus Music 114B
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Schedule
Updated schedules for the season are provided. The bands perform at home games for the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams, post-season tournaments and the annual VEISHEA parade. Additional required performances may be announced. Rehearsals will take place during selected marching band rehearsal times in the fall and on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 (sharp) until 7:00 p.m. during the spring semester.

Uniform
The uniform for this season will be the hockey-style ISU Pep Band jersey & black pants. Each member will be issued a jersey that will be returned at the end of the season. Please make sure that the jersey is cleaned on a regular basis, as this jersey is expected to last for a few years. Failure to return the jersey, or if your jersey is in damaged condition upon return, a replacement fee will be charged. Only ISU hats are acceptable for performances.

Course Registration
All Basketball Pep Band members are required to register for MUSIC 114B for the spring semester.

Tournament Travel
Tournament travel is a great opportunity for us to showcase the quality and spirit of our Iowa State University Bands. Postseason travel is not only a privilege, but also a responsibility. Membership in the group carries with it the expectation that each member will be available for postseason tournaments. The process to select bands will begin with volunteers. If there are more volunteers than available spots, selection will be based on instrumentation, seniority and season attendance record.

If a need remains, directors reserve the right to select individual members according to the needs of the ensemble. Those selected for postseason travel are required to participate in selected tournaments. These members may petition the directors to be excused from postseason requirements.

Conduct
Each member of the Basketball Bands should remember that this organization is a source of pride to thousands of ISU students, alumni, fans, faculty, and administration. The actions of individuals reflect on this group as a whole, especially when those actions are irresponsible. Therefore, responsible behavior and a positive attitude are expected of all members at all times. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in suspension or dismissal from the group. Uniformed band members represent the University not only to live audiences locally, but also to televised audiences nationally. Regardless of the emotion at the moment, behavior must be controlled. Basketball Band student behavior must be above that of the regular ISU student.
Participation and Grading
Members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances as listed or amended by the directors, which includes both the fall and spring semesters. The only exception will be made for returning members who are off-campus in the fall semester due to study abroad programs, internships, etc. as deemed acceptable by the directors; these students may return to the band in the spring semester. Your grade will be based on attendance.

You are permitted to miss up to two rehearsals without penalty. Additional rehearsals will result in a grade reduction by two-thirds of a grade (example: an A would become a B+; a B+ would become a B-; a B would become a C+; etc.). Additional rehearsals will be excused without penalty only in the instance of death of a loved one or documented illness.

You are permitted to miss up to two games (including the VEISHEA performance) without penalty, provided that a substitute is provided. Additional absences will result in a grade reduction by two-thirds of a grade (as described above). Additional games will be excused without penalty only in the instance of death of a loved one or documented illness. Students who are members of both basketball bands are permitted to miss up to two games per team without penalty.

Substitutes are required for any prearranged game absence, and must be selected from the opposite band. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis with the director’s permission. In the event that you will have a substitute for a game, please email Mr. Smyth (Men’s band) or Mr. Staub (Women’s band) IN ADVANCE, and provide 1) the reason for your absence and 2) the name of your substitute. Please be sure that your substitute 1) signs the attendance sheet, indicating that they are a “sub”; 2) has the proper attire, and 3) knows the report time.

The substitute system is intended to allow for a limited amount of flexibility with schedules. Please do not abuse this system. The directors reserve the right to limit these opportunities if members take advantage of them, dismiss students based upon recurring lack of participation, or remove their consideration from selected post-season travel.