

## **Indianapolis Municipal Band Attendance Policy**

“To provide an enjoyable and beneficial musical experience for members and audiences in the greater Indianapolis area through preparation and performance of a varied repertoire of concert band music.”

The Indianapolis Municipal Band’s Mission Statement recognizes the importance of both preparation and performance to achievement of the mission. In addition to individual preparation between rehearsals, ensemble preparation is best when the individual musicians are present for most rehearsals. This both increases the productivity of the rehearsal time by reducing the need to duplicate interpretative directions and improves the IMB performance since the sound of the band with full instrumentation is present at rehearsal as well as at performance.

The IMB does recognize that participation in the IMB is avocational. There may be times when employment, family matters, health matters, vacation and other factors conflict with IMB rehearsal and performance and take priority over the IMB. Nonetheless, the IMB expects its musician members will put a high priority on attendance for both IMB rehearsals and performances. Musician members are expected to inform their Section Leader (or Music Director if the member is a Section Leader) on occasions when they are unable to attend rehearsal. This should precede the rehearsal in most cases. There may be occasions when a member will be asked to not play a concert when rehearsal attendance has been insufficient.

It is important to the sound of the IMB that the member musicians playing at a concert are both prepared and known in advance. If you recognize that your schedule will prevent you from playing a concert, notify your Section Leader (or Music Director if the member is a Section Leader) at least several weeks in advance so that parts can be appropriately assigned and in some cases substitutes identified.

The intent of this policy is to support the IMB Mission and the overall experience of its members and audiences while achieving an appropriate balance between the commitment of the individual to the IMB and the other demands of life. If you have questions about particular situations, please contact your Section Leader (or the Music Director if the member is a Section Leader).

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