

## TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

**Polka Band  
Critique Sheet**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning time: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending time: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES**

Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet. Each judge should fill out his/her own critique sheet for each entry. Make at least a few comments on each sheet. Determine the winners by adding all the points given by the judges. **Double-check your addition.** Fill out the results sheet after ALL entries have been judged.

**RULES**

One entry per school. No electric instruments are allowed. Time limits: minimum 5 minutes, maximum 10 minutes, with a 30-second grace period. Judging will be based on selections, total quality, musicianship of the group, appearance, showmanship, etc. All pieces of music must be from German-speaking composers. No music stands will be provided at the contest site. Provide 2 copies of the music for the judges. Group size: minimum 5 players, maximum 12 players plus a conductor.

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

1. **Precision and general effect** (0-20 points).
2. **Tone:** Intonation and quality of sound (0-20 points).
3. **Interpretation:** Dynamics, style, feeling, spirit (0-20 points).
4. **Selections:** Original and follow guidelines (0-20 points).
5. **Dress:** Suitable, uniform, and eye-catching (0-20 pts).

**TOTAL POINTS:** (100 possible) \_\_\_\_\_**MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANTS:**