

SEC CERTIFIED DRUM CORPS CRITERIA

The Drum Corps must satisfy and meet the approval of the selected South England Conference (SEC) representatives by fulfilling the requirements outlined below. Those successful in becoming an SEC Certified Drum Corps have the blessing of the SEC to play at events external of their local church, with the proviso that permission has been granted by their church board.

1. The Drum Corps must be affiliated with and be governed by a functioning Pathfinder Club. The Drum Corps will abide by the rules of the Pathfinder Club and shall be under the direction of the Pathfinder leader unless the leader has appointed another in their stead.
2. The minimum number of members in the Drum Corps shall be 8 consisting of the following:
 - a. Minimum of one (1) drum major
 - b. Minimum of seven (7) drummers; sectioned as follows:
 - i. Minimum of two (2) snares
 - ii. Minimum of one (1) tenor/multi-tom
 - iii. Minimum of one (1) cymbals
 - iv. Minimum of one (1) bass
3. All members must wear the current SEC Pathfinder uniform with all insignia sewn on in the correct places. If your Drum Corps have a uniform that falls outside these boundaries, please refer to Article A.
4. All Drum Corps members must have the following:
 - a. Basic Drilling & Marching Honour
 - b. Drum & Percussion Honour
5. All members must attend regular practice at a minimum of twice per month. The drilling and marching aspect must not be neglected from these practice sessions.
6. All Drum Corps members must attend the Certification programme as set by the SEC in order to become an SEC Certified/Approved Drum Corps. The names of all qualifying members will be listed on the certificate. For clubs without a drum corps but with individual drummers wishing to be certified, please see Article B.
7. All Drum Corps will need to update their certification on a yearly basis.

The South England Conference and its representatives recognise that some of the criteria points cannot be monitored so we are entrusting the Pathfinder Club / Drum Corps to adhere to the terms as set above.

Please direct any questions/queries to Natalie Bryan at nbryan@secadventist.org.uk.

Article A – Uniform

The Pathfinder uniform is listed in the SEC Pathfinder Achievement Booklet. Please refer for details.
The insignia positions are listed in the SEC Pathfinder Achievement Booklet. Please refer for details.

The current SEC Pathfinder uniform is the absolute minimum that a Drum Corps shall be dressed in and provides the basis for any uniform as set by the Drum Corps. Any additions to make your Drum Corps unique shall be items that can be easily attached/detached, i.e. lanyard, epaulette covers, beret, spats, etc. In the event that multiple Drum Corps play together, the items that make your Drum Corps unique shall be removed and the standard SEC Pathfinder uniform shall be worn for uniformity.

Article B – Lone Drummers/Clubs with no Drum Corps

Any member of a Pathfinder Club that does not have an SEC Approved Drum Corps but wish to be an approved member can link up with another club with that club's permission in order to be part of a Certified Drum Corps. That individual's name upon passing would then be listed on the certificate of that club.

Further Information

Approved Drum Corps members are free to play with other clubs upon request. There may be instances where a drum corps does not meet the minimum numbers as set out in *criteria no. 2* due to illness or absence of some sort. In cases such as this, assistance can be sought from another club's drum corps providing the individuals are listed on that club's certificate.

The Drum Corps will be covered by insurances relating to the Pathfinder Club. Any additional insurance required shall be sought by and is the responsibility of the Pathfinder Club.

Training Events

16th December One-Day Drum Theory Training & Test (Sunday)

This one-day training was formerly held at the beginning of the year. It has been pushed back to accommodate two further training dates. This is one half of the Drum & Percussion Honour.

23rd January Drum Practical Test (Sunday)

This new date has been introduced to enable those who have completed the theory to do their practical in order to attain the Drum & Percussion Honour in advance of the certification weekend. This is one half of the Drum & Percussion Honour.

10th February Drum Certification Day

Drum Corps that wish to be certified should attend this day. More information to follow.

October Drill & Drum Camp (Sunday-Wednesday)

Providing all requirements are met, it is possible to leave this camp having attained one of the following honours: Drum & Percussion, Basic Drilling & Marching, Advanced Drilling & Marching.

Other Training Dates to Follow

Drum Major Course, Drill Instructor Course. More information to follow.