

## ***Policies***



As a member of the UNH Beast of the East Band, you are representing the Department of Music, the University of New Hampshire, and the State of New Hampshire at all times while with the band. Please keep this in consideration at all times when making decisions regarding your appearance, speech, and behavior. Also remember that during each game you are “on stage” the entire time. With thousands of fans, any number of eyes could be on you at any time. Make smart choices.

### Rehearsals/Performances

Members of the Beast of the East Band are expected to attend all rehearsals and cover all assigned performances. Unexcused absences from rehearsals will negatively impact your grade. We have very few rehearsals, so your attendance at each one is vital. Failure to send a suitable substitute to an assigned game in your absence will also negatively impact your grade.

### Course Grade

Members of the Beast of the East Band are expected to register for the course for either 0 or 1 credit each semester. For every assigned game that you miss without sending a substitute, your grade will be lowered one degree. Your grade will also be lowered one degree (A to A-) for each rehearsal you miss. If you have difficulty finding a substitute for a performance, please contact Mrs. Goodwin as soon as possible. Excessive tardies or improper behavior will also negatively impact your grade.

### Uniforms

Unless otherwise indicated, the uniform for the Beast of the East Band will consist of the official UNH Beast of the East Band rugby shirt (clean) with clean unripped khaki pants. Cargo pants and jeans are not permitted. Students are expected to own their own Beast of the East Band shirts and may order them [online](#). Any hats worn must be plain or UNH and in UNH colors (blue, white, silver, black). Permission to wear hats may be rescinded at any time. Face paint may be worn provided it is tasteful and does not in any way interfere with your playing ability. Other colors may be permitted for certain themed games. Navy and/or white scarves are permitted. Spirit is encouraged!

### Conduct

The UNH Beast of the East Band aims to contribute positively to the atmosphere at UNH athletic events. Members of the Beast of the East Band are not permitted to take part in derogatory, inappropriate, or otherwise unsportsmanlike cheers or activities. The band will cheer as a group, not as individuals. Again, remember that your actions reflect upon the band as a whole (and beyond). Students who fail to demonstrate proper conduct may be asked to leave the performance or may be removed from the Beast of the East Band and, as such, fail the course. Attending rehearsals or performances under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is forbidden and may constitute expulsion from the band and failure of the course.

### Game Procedures

The call time for hockey games is 45 minutes before the scheduled start time (sometimes earlier for big games). The call time for basketball is a half hour before the scheduled start time. This time is used to claim our seats before the doors open, to warm up and tune, discuss any issues for the upcoming game, sign in, and make sure everyone is there. Showing up late to the call time is disrespectful of

your fellow band members who showed up on time, often causes seating issues, and may cause you to miss important information. It may also negatively impact your grade. If you must be late for some reason, please contact Mrs. Goodwin in advance of the game for approval. During the game, you are expected to have your instrument IN YOUR HAND ready to go at all times (except down times between periods/halves). You are expected to pay attention to the director so you are aware of what tunes are being called up. The directors will use a tablet or white board to convey the flip folder numbers to the band. We need to start the music quickly and often have only a short time to play, so instruments and music must be ready to go at all times. You must bring your assigned flip folder with you to every game and keep it well-maintained. If you opt to use the [Flip Folder App](#) you must use a device with sufficient charge and/or bring a portable charger with you. All are expected to own and use a lyre or music stand.

### Care of Equipment

Members who are using school-owned instruments are expected to treat these instruments with the utmost care. Instruments MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR CASES immediately following each game and stored properly ON OR UNDER a shelf (in its designated area). Percussion instruments must be stored and transported with the covers on them. If you choose to keep your instrument in your room, **it must be kept in its case**. If you share an instrument with someone in another ensemble, then your instrument may not be kept anywhere other than its assigned place. If you have access to the closet, you MUST close the door if you are the last one to leave and must return the key to its locker and lock the locker. Everyone who needs to access that room should have the combination, so do not leave the locker or door open or unlocked. You do not want to be held responsible for instruments and other equipment getting stolen. Failure to return your flip folder at the end of the season will result in a \$20 replacement fee (cost of flip folder, rings, windows, and copies, but doesn't begin to cover the time to make a replacement).

### Violation

Violation of any of these policies may result in the subtraction of travel points (minor), lowering of your grade, or expulsion from the ensemble and failure of the course (major). Violation of university policy will be dealt with in accordance with university procedures.