

**MIAMI-BROWARD ONE CARNIVAL
HOST COMMITTEE, INC.
(MBOCHCI)**

18425 NW 2nd Ave., #335, Miami FL 33169

2016 PARADE OF BANDS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR FAIRNESS IN
PARTICIPATION
AND SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS.**

**MIAMI-BROWARD ONE CARNIVAL HOST COMMITTEE, INC.
CARNIVAL 2016**

BAND COMPETITION RULES

The Bandleaders agree that they and their bands appear at the appropriate Competitions produced by the Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "MBOCHCI").

The Bandleaders also agree to compete under and be bound by the following rules and to comply with all instructions given by an Authorized officials of MBOCHI events.

These Rules shall govern the MBOCHI Band of the Year Competition of Carnival 2016.

The Competition and Registration is open to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Carnival Masquerade Bands and Steel Orchestras that register with MBOCHCI for the current Carnival season. MBOCHCI reserves the right to refuse the participation of any band, group or individual. Any Band that does not participate as an individual band (a band with its own music truck) in the 2016 Miami-Broward Carnival may not be allowed to register in future Miami-Broward Carnival parades.

MBOCHCI has exercised its right not to accept any new Out-of-State Band. The following three Out-of-State Bands have been grand fathered and will continue to participate in MBOCHCI's events: Big and Strong One Island Band, Natural Freaks, and Fusion.

MBOCHCI has also grand fathered three bands with less than one hundred and fifty masqueraders: Fun Generation, Major Players and TiChapo. These bands may continue to participate in the parade but monetary benefits will not accrued should the number of masqueraders be less than 150.

Any band that has less than the minimum required as an individual band in 2016 and has not been grand fathered may not be allowed to register in 2017.

MBOCHC has the right to add bands reflecting a diversity of cultures to enhance the visual and artistic substance of the carnival.

All new Carnival Bands shall pay a registration fee of \$3,000.00 and meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum of 200 masqueraders.
2. Must have an individual music truck.
3. Must adhere to all other existing rules and regulations.
4. New bands registered in 2016 that do not comply with all criteria rules and regulations may be prohibited in subsequent years.
5. If a new band meets all criteria rules and regulations for the current year, \$1,000.00 of their registration fee shall be refunded.
6. Bands must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations or respective state of Origin

Unregistered Bands shall be prohibited from participation in the Grand Parade of the Bands.

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the PARADE of the BANDS, each masquerade band must comply with the following:

- 1.1 Return to MBOCHCI a completed and signed registration form and the required registration fee by check or money order payable to Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee.

- 1.2 Non-competitive entrants will be admitted at the discretion of MBOCHCI.
- 1.3 All ensembles, music bands or DJs engaged to provide musical accompaniment along the parade route must be included on the Registration Form filed with MBOCHCI.
- 1.4 All bands must have a minimum of 150 costume masqueraders to participate (200 for new bands). A band with less than 150 masqueraders may not be allowed to register for Carnival 2017.
- 1.5 Costumes that have appeared in carnivals or competitions prior to October 9, 2016 will be disqualified from competition and will not be allowed to participate in the Carnival including the street parade.
- 1.6 A registered band must include a link to www.miamibrowardcarnival.com as part of all promotional material (including websites, social media, flyers, print, radio and television advertising) produced on or after **May 1, 2016** in connection with 2016 Carnival. MBOCHC reserves the right to change the advertising brand.
- 1.7 A registered band must submit photos/drawings of all sections of their Band's presentation to be approved by MBOCHCI prior to August 31, 2016.
- 1.8 In order to enhance the work of the Bandleaders and the overall appearance of the Carnival, no tee-shirt, paint/mud, camouflage bands and/or Sections shall be permitted to participate in the Parade of Bands.
- 1.9 Mas Bands registering after June 30, 2016 shall not receive any benefits/Prize Monies and MUST provide photos of ALL costumes to MBOCHCI for approval.
- 1.10 An individual band will cross the parade stage with a minimum of 150 masqueraders (200 for new bands) and with its own music truck which is not shared with any other band (except in the case of an emergency during the course of the parade and sanctioned by the Parade Manager). If a mas band is not an individual band in 2016 – as defined – that band cannot register for Carnival 2017 or future years.
- 1.11 If a Mas Band registered for Carnival 2016 but was a section or part of another band or did not participate as an individual band with its own banner, judged on its own in the 2016 Carnival, that band is no longer considered a band and cannot register for Carnival 2017.
- 1.12 MBOC reserves the right to add or refuse mas bands participation as it pertains to bands with less than 150 masqueraders or to returning bands.
- 1.13 All Band Registration Forms for each participating masquerader must include a signed statement and release, agreeing that nothing shall limit the right of Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee Inc. (MBOCHCI) to photograph, record, film, videotape and broadcast and to transmit via the Internet the performance of that registered individual at any event produced by MBOCHCI and/or to include them in the marketing and promotion of MBOCHCI via flyers, social media, brochures and other printed or digital material. It is expressly agreed that MBOCHCI may employ or authorize any third party, including the media, to exercise these rights on its behalf.
- 1.14 In order to ensure the security of Mas Bands and Masqueraders, the following is required of every mas band in order to participate in the Parade of Bands on Sunday, October 9, 2016.
 1. Wheels of all vehicles used in the parade must have 18 inches of space maximum from ground to bottom of barrier used to cover drive wheels of vehicle.
 2. Band Truck Marshall(s) shall be positioned every eight (8) feet of the length of the truck on each side.
 3. U-Haul and other rental vehicles that cannot have attachments placed over wheels, should have one Marshall assigned to each wheel

4. Band Truck Marshalls must wear a separate safety color t-shirt.
5. Trucks' maximum height measured from ground should be 13 feet 6 inches.
6. Bands must submit drawings (plans) for their trucks, both music and support. Such plans must be submitted prior to the issuance of permits, wristbands, or other credentials to the Band
7. All bands must have proof of liability insurance minimum of \$500,000 per occurrence. Such insurance must be submitted to MBOCHI prior to the issuance of permits, wristbands, or other credentials to the Band.
8. Trucks cannot enter the parade if they do not meet the safety requirements.
9. Bandleaders or their assigned contact must assist MBOCHCI in identifying masqueraders through checkpoints.
10. Bands must be registered with the Florida Division in Florida or state of origin.

2. PARADE OF BANDS

- 2.1 The draw for positions in the Parade of Bands takes place on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:p.m. at a venue to be announced. **The bands shall draw for position in the order of the results for 2015; the first, second, third, etc. bands who participated in 2015. Remaining bands will draw for position alphabetically.** Bandleaders or their representatives must be present to draw. No band is allowed to change position after the end of the meeting where the draw for position takes place; no Board Member of MBOCHCI or other official is allowed to make such a change unless there is an emergency on the day of the Parade. If two bands merge after the drawing, they must merge into the position of the one with the music truck and the other position will stay empty.
- 2.2 Bands must adhere to their designated starting positions. All bands must assemble in their allotted position at the designated starting point by 10 a.m. on the morning of the parade. If a band refuses to move in the position allotted, that band's music truck will be shut down and the band will not be allowed to move into the parade.
- 2.3 A band's music truck and support truck must be in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Vehicles accompanying bands will not be allowed to enter the assembly area after 10 a.m. If a band's music and support truck(s) are not in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 19, 2016, ten (10) points will be deducted from the Judges' final score for that band and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC. Everyone on the vehicles MUST be wearing a wristband when the truck arrives at the gate; a maximum of 3 people on the truck will be allowed through the gate. **ALL VEHICLES MUST HAVE THEIR TRAILER WHEELS COVERED AND/OR ENCLOSED BEFORE 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 9, 2016 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.**
- 2.4 The Parade starts at 11 a.m.

- 2.5 Bands must follow the parade route in their assigned order. If a band does not move when ordered to, the remaining bands will move up in number and cannot refuse to move until their assigned position is reached as the positions have ALL changed.
- 2.6 Bands must not obstruct the free movement of other bands in the Parade. Once the parade moves, all bands must continue moving in their assigned order unless there is an emergency such as a music truck breaks down. In such a case, that band must move to the side of the road to allow following bands to move around them. Bands are not allowed to come to a stop in order to serve refreshments, fix costumes, etc.
- 2.7 Each band is allowed one support truck in the parade in addition to their music truck. Bands with 300 or more masqueraders are allowed two support trucks in the parade in addition to their music truck. Bands must provide wristbands to all support staff including DJ, calypsonians etc.
- 2.8 All bands are required to have identifiable internal marshals (one for each twenty masqueraders) to ensure an orderly progress and good conduct along the parade route.
- 2.9 Bandleaders must supply a contact person to work with MBOCHCI Marshalls to ensure continual movement along the route. The contact's name must be submitted to the MBOCHCI's Parade Chairman no later than September 30, 2016.
- 2.10 Judging will take place after 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at the designated area.
- 2.11 Bands shall display their Placement Number while being judged.
- 2.12 **Bands are not allowed to re-cross the stage after all of their sections have crossed once. This is considered undue delay during stage presentation.**

3. RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 Bandleaders are responsible for the conduct and behavior of all members of their band.
- 3.2 Bandleaders must cooperate with the MBOCHCI Parade Marshals and Police to ensure orderly progress along the route.
- 3.3 Bandleaders, their Marshals, Officials and Masqueraders must refrain from the sale and use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, and the sale of food along the parade route and the venue. Violations will cause disqualification of that band and forfeiture of all benefits.
- 3.4 The use of open fire such as firecrackers or pyrotechnics is prohibited.
- 3.5 Band sponsors are solely for the benefit of the sponsored band and Masquaders. No sponsored giveaways or handouts are permitted along the parade route or at the carnival venue. Violation of this rule will result in loss of benefits and/or future sanctions. Banners of sponsors from registered bands will not be allocated space at the Carnival venue.
- 3.6 All Masqueraders must have a complete costume for entry. No Reentry. MBOCHC may provide wristbands or other designated attendance access to registered bands for their Marshals and helpers
 1. Bandleaders or their assigned contact must assist MBOCHCI in identifying masqueraders through checkpoints.

4. SYNOPSES (COMPULSORY)

- 4.1 A synopsis of the presentation (a summary description of the theme, section, portrayals and other relevant information), **MUST** be received by MBOCHCI no later than 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016. The synopsis assists the judges in the adjudication process, and allows the emcees to speak knowledgeably about the portrayal on stage. **THE SYNOPSIS MUST BE TYPED IN ORDER TO BE READ BY THE EMCEE.**

5. TIME ALLOTTED TO BANDS

- 5.1 Large bands (**301 or more masqueraders**) are allowed to parade before the judges for a **maximum of thirty (30) minutes, and small bands (150 to 300 masqueraders)** for fifteen (15) minutes. The Stage Director may use his **own** judgment if the size of the band on-stage dictates adjustment either up or down. Only the Stage Director may so adjust the time. Ten points (10) will be deducted from the total of any band which goes over their allotted time and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.
- 5.2 Timing of Bands shall commence when their banner or other Placement Information displaying their presentation is placed before the judges.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration must be completed on or before 8:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016 to be eligible for benefits.
- 6.2 LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED after June 30, 2016 with a registration fee of \$4,000.00, but no benefits/Prize Monies will accrue.
- 6.3 Early registration fee is \$300 for bands that participated in the parade for the last two years, \$500 for bands that participated in the parade in 2015 only, **and** \$3,000 for newly-registered bands.
- A new band must meet the following criteria:
1. Minimum masqueraders 200.
 2. Must have individual music truck.
 3. Must adhere to all other existing rules and regulations.
 4. New bands registered in 2016 that do not comply with all criteria rules and regulations may not be allowed in following years.
 5. If a new band meets all criteria rules and regulations for the current year, \$1,000.00 of their registration fee will be refunded.
- Registration will be accepted after August 31, 2016 with further penalties, subject to approval by MBOCHCI. There are absolutely no refunds of Registration Fees.

7. BENEFITS

- 7.1 MBOCHCI shall include all bands in their Liability Insurance Policy as additional insureds upon individual registration.
- 7.2 In order to receive benefits and performance incentives, all costumed bands **MUST** maintain the following **THREE** criteria:
- 7.2.1 There must be one **hundred fifty (150) or more** costumed participants in their bands (200 for newly registered bands).
 - 7.2.2 A minimum of 50% of the judges' scores must be received.
 - 7.2.3 Bands must complete the entire parade. An exception will be made in a case of emergency or where the Police may request stoppage.
- 7.3 It is not compulsory for a band to enter a King or Queen in the King and Queen Competitions in order to be eligible for the Band of the Year Competition.

8. CRITERIA

8.1 The Criteria for judging the BAND OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IS:

	POINTS
Visual Impact	20
Creativity/Authenticity	30
Clarity of Theme	20
Best Use of Color	10
Presentation	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

8.2 There is no height restriction for costumes, but it is recommended that costumes not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

9. JUDGING SYSTEM (AWARDS)

- 9.1 The judges will receive the Rules and Regulations.
- 9.2 The Judging Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring that the Rules and Regulations are understood by the judges.
- 9.3 Two panels each of five (5) professionally trained judges shall be selected to adjudicate (1) the Parade of Bands and (2) the King and Queen and Male and Female Individual Competitions.
- 9.4 In all cases, the Order of Merit will be based on the exclusion of the highest and lowest points awarded to each band by the members of the panel, and the final score to be awarded will be the aggregate points of the other three judges. In the event that two or more members of the panel awarded the same score to a band at the highest or lowest level, only one of these scores at each level will be eliminated.
- 9.5 If, for any reason, one or more judges is/are unable to score all participants, all scores of that particular judge(s) will be abandoned and the placing will be determined based upon the remaining judges.
- 9.6 If only three (3) or less judges adjudicate all the participants, the order of Merit will be abandoned and the aggregate of the remaining judges will determine the final placement.
- 9.7 The presentation with the highest total of points earned will be adjudged the winner and the other places determined in like manner.
- 9.8 *TIE BREAKER:* In the event of a tie for the first-place position (same number of points), the total score of all the judges will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the bands will be declared joint winners and the prize money applied to the 1st and 2nd position will be divided equally between them. The band with the next-highest total score will be awarded the third-place position and prize money for the 3rd place band.
- 9.9 In the event of a tie for any other position, the method described in 9.8 above will be applied.

10. COUNTERS

- 10.1 A head count will be carried out as masqueraders approach the judging area of the competition by three MBOCHCI representatives plus one from the participating band on stage (if the band so chooses). If the band does not supply their own representative, they must accept the count of MBOCHCI.

11. INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULES

Bandleaders and their agents/representatives are advised that any deviation from the Rules and

Procedures must be approved by an authorized representative of MBOCHCI in Band Control. The following may constitute an infringement of the rules:

- 11.1 Failure to follow the Parade Route in assigned order. If a band does not move when ordered to, the remaining bands will move up in number and cannot refuse to move until their assigned position is reached as the positions have ALL changed. If a band refuses to move when ordered to do so, this is an infringement of the rules.
PENALTY - A deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.
- 11.2 Obstructing the free movement of other bands on the Parade. **Once the parade moves, all bands must continue moving in their assigned order unless there is an emergency such as a music truck breaks down. In such a case, that band must move to the side of the road to allow following bands to move around them. Bands are not allowed to come to a stop in order to serve refreshments, fix costumes, etc.**
PENALTY - A deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.
- 11.3 Failure to adhere to their designated starting positions.
PENALTY - A deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.
- 11.4 Undue delay during stage presentation
PENALTY - A deduction of fifteen (15) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). Bands are not allowed to re-cross the stage after all or any of their sections have crossed once and left the stage. If a section goes off the stage and later returns on-stage, this is considered undue delay during stage presentation. A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.

12. BANDS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 12.1 A Bands Governance Committee comprising of:
Head Judge
Chair of the Band Committee
Executive Director
Chairman of MBOCHCI

Legal Counsel

- Shall review any and all objections raised by participating bandleaders and have the power to determine whether penalties shall be imposed.
- 12.2 Any bandleader or their designate wishing to file a protest must do so in writing, said protest to be received at the MBOCHCI's office within the first five business days after the release of the unofficial results.
- 12.3 All protests must be related to specific clauses within the Rules and Regulations.
- 12.4 A \$100 submission fee will be charged to start the process. If the protest is successful as per the Bands Governance Committee's decision, the submission fee will be refunded.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RULES COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF JUDGING POINTS, LOSS OF PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS, AND POSSIBLE OMISSION FROM THE PARADE IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

13. RIGHTS RELEASE

All competing bands registered under these rules herein authorize MBOCHCI and/or its agents, consignees, or accredited personnel to photograph, film, broadcast, record, video-tape, or audio-tape, the band’s performance and to incorporate the performance in a live or delayed broadcast, videotape, Compact Disc, DVD or any such audiovisual fixation. MBOCHCI shall have the right to manufacture, sell, distribute and otherwise exploit throughout the world via direct delivery, electronic media, Internet, or otherwise embodying the said performance.

The above is subject to the assignment of rights as follows:

- A) Assignment to MBOCHCI.
- B) Retain all neighboring rights individually
- C) Assignment to a third party to be identified.

This does not preempt or prevent the Mas Band from its rights to using it’s costume and/or portrayals to photograph, film, broadcast, record, video-tape the band’s performance (including all individual portrayals) to produce their own delayed broadcast, video-tape, compact disc, DVD or any such audiovisual fixation for its own use, promotion or otherwise.

MBOCHCI reserves the right to use the names, images and works of masqueraders of the competition to advertise and promote this year’s competitors.

Bands shall secure and provide copies of redacted masquerader registration forms (for privacy), inclusive of image release and waiver.

14. APPLICATION OF RULES

These rules shall apply to all Bands registered to participate in the Parade of Bands/Kings/ Queens/Individuals competitions for Carnival 2016. (Appendix D specifies the Rules for the Kings/Queens/Individuals competitions.)

**APPENDIX A
JUDGING CRITERIA**

Parade of Bands - 2016

	Criteria	Points
Visual Impact	The impression that is created as a presentation/portrayal comes into one’s range of vision and the effect produced throughout the whole performance.	20
Creativity	The inventive, innovative or creative skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/portrayal arising from imaginative thought or idea.	30
Authenticity	The skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/ portrayal that is a true or genuine production of the theme that is presented.	
Clarity of Theme	Portrayal identifies clearly with the theme of presentation	20
Best Use of Color	Balance of form and color. The use of color to depict mood. Does the color tell a story? Does the color scheme conform to the concept?	10
Presentation	The manner in which the portrayal unfolds as it goes across the judging point and the way it is established throughout the performance.	20

	MAXIMUM TOTAL	100
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APPENDIX B

FINES AND POINT DEDUCTIONS

Bandleaders and their agents/representatives are advised that any deviation from the Rules and Procedures must be approved by an authorized representative of MBOCHCI in Band/Parade Control.

Each of the following may constitute an infringement of the rules resulting in a deduction of points AND a fine of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) payable to MBOCHC before December 31, 2016. A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals, and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.

1. A band's music truck and support truck must be in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Vehicles accompanying bands will not be allowed to enter the assembly area after 10 a.m. If a band's music and support truck(s) are not in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016, ten (10) points will be deducted from the Judges' final score for that band and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). Everyone on the support vehicles MUST be wearing a wristband when the truck arrives at the gate; a maximum of 3 people on the truck will be allowed through the gate.
2. Failure to adhere to their designated starting positions. If a band fails to adhere to its designated starting position, there will be a deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars).
3. Failure to follow the Parade Route in assigned order. If a band does not adhere to its designated starting position, or does not move when ordered to, the remaining bands will move up in number and cannot refuse to move until their assigned position is reached as the assigned positions have ALL changed. If a band refuses to move when ordered to do so, this is an infringement of the rules and the Penalty is a deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars).
4. Obstructing the free movement of other bands on the Parade. **Once the parade moves, all bands must continue moving in their assigned order unless there is an emergency such as a music truck breaks down. In such a case, that band must move to the side of the road to allow following bands to move around them. Bands are not allowed to come to a stop in order to serve refreshments, fix costumes, etc. If a band obstructs the free movement of other bands on the Parade Route, the Penalty is a deduction of ten (10) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars).**
5. Large bands are allowed to parade before the judges for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes, and small bands for **fifteen (15)** minutes. The Stage Director may use his own judgment if the size of the band on-stage dictates adjustment either up or down. Only the Stage Director may so adjust the time. Ten points (10) will be deducted from the total of any band which goes over their allotted time and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars).

6. Undue delay during stage presentation will result in a deduction of fifteen (15) points from the aggregate of points gained and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). Bands are not allowed to re-cross the stage after all or any of their sections have crossed once and left the stage. If a section goes off the stage and later returns on-stage, this is considered undue delay during stage presentation. A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine (s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC.

**APPENDIX C
WRISTBANDS**

Based on the number of masqueraders in their band in 2015, bandleaders will receive the following number of wristbands:

# Masqueraders	# Wristbands
FOR BAND MARSHALLS	1 band for every 20 masqueraders
FOR SUPPORT TRUCK PERSONNEL	
150 to 200 masqueraders	15
201 to 300 masqueraders	20
301 to 400 masqueraders	25
401 to 600 masqueraders	30
601 to 800	35
801 to 1,000	40
1,001 to 1200	45
1,201 to 1400	50
1,401 to 1,600	55
Over 1600	60
FOR KINGS, QUEENS & INDIVIDUALS (if in competition)	
1 CONTESTANT: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	3
2 CONTESTANTS: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	4
3 CONTESTANTS: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	5
4 CONTESTANTS: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	6
5 CONTESTANTS: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	7
6 CONTESTANTS: KING/QUEEN/INDIVIDUAL	8

Bandleaders may purchase additional wristbands as required for 2016, at a reduced price (to be determined).

APPENDIX D – KINGS, QUEENS & INDIVIDUALS COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Kings, Queens and Individuals competitions, each King, Queen and Individual must comply with the following:

- 1.1 Be a member of an officially registered Mas Band participating in the Parade.
- 1.2 Registration is limited to a maximum of six individuals per registered band, to be split among a maximum of 2 Kings, 2 Queens, 2 male individuals and 2 female individuals, for a total of six.
- 1.3 Costumes that have participated in any other carnival or competition prior to October 9, 2016 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN THE KING, QUEEN OR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION.

2. RULES

- 2.1 A masquerade costume shall be titled and registered by the bandleader or designate for competition in only one of the four categories - King, Queen, Male Individual or Female Individual. The name of the masquerader must also be registered. **Unregistered costumes will be allowed to make an appearance on-stage at the end of all competitions, but will not be judged.**
- 2.2 No individual will be allowed to compete with the same costume in more than one category, nor can any individual compete in the same costume in any category of the Junior Carnival and this competition.
- 2.3 The use of open fire (such as firecrackers and pyrotechnics) is strictly prohibited.
- 2.4 The participant's position in the competition will coincide with their bandleader's position in the parade.
- 2.5 Contestants may be presented in any order, but the bandleader must announce the name, portrayal and category of the contestant before their appearance on stage via the emcee, or via a poster held on stage which can clearly be read by the judges. Failure to provide this information may mean disqualification of that contestant from the competition. Bandleaders will be responsible for the appearance on stage of individuals from the Band.
- 2.6 All Kings, Queens and Individuals will be allowed three (3) minutes on stage for their presentation.
- 2.7 Bandleaders must notify one of the Band Coordinators of any withdrawals from the competition in writing or via email, no later than Wednesday, October 5, 2016.
- 2.8 One of the Band Coordinators must be notified of any changes to the masquerader's name prior to the start of the competition.
- 2.9 Bandleaders and/or their designated representatives are not allowed to discuss any matters with or submit any material directly to the judges before, during or after the competition.
- 2.10 Competitors in the King, Queen, Male Individual and Female Individual competitions must appear on the MBOCHC Parade Route and on-stage on Carnival Sunday at the route and venue of Miami-Broward Carnival. Failure to appear will mean disqualification from the Competition.

3. COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- 3.1 A panel of five judges will adjudicate the Competitions for King, Queen, Male and Female Individuals.

3.2 The criteria for judging will be:

	Max. Points
Visual Impact	20
Creativity/Authenticity	25
Craftsmanship	15
Relation to Theme of Band	20
Portability	10
Presentation	10
TOTAL	100 Points

3.3 Judges will be in possession of all the Rules and Regulations.

3.4 The Judging Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring that the Rules and Regulations are understood by the judges.

- 3.5 A synopsis of the presentation (a summary description) MUST be received by the MBOCHCI no later than 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016. The synopsis assists the judges in the adjudication process, and allows the emcees to speak knowledgeably about the portrayal on stage. THE SYNOPSIS MUST BE TYPED IN ORDER TO BE READ BY THE EMCEE.
- 3.6 Judging will take place starting at the designated venue and time and at the designated area.
- 3.7 In all cases, the Order of Merit will be based on the exclusion of the highest and lowest points awarded to each masquerader by the members of the panel, and the final score to be awarded will be the aggregate points of the other three judges. In the event that two or more members of the panel awarded the same score to a masquerader at the highest or lowest level, only one of these scores at each level will be eliminated.
- 3.8 If, for any reason, one or more judges is/are unable to score all participants, all scores of that particular judge(s) will be abandoned and the placing will be determined based upon the remaining judges.
- 3.9 If only three (3) or less judges adjudicate all the participants, the order of Merit will be abandoned and the aggregate of the remaining judges will determine the final placement.
- 3.10 The presentation with the highest total of points earned will be adjudged the winner and the other places determined in like manner.
- 3.11 TIE BREAKER: In the event of a tie for the first-place position (same number of points), the total score of all the judges will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the masqueraders will be declared joint winners and the prize money applied to the 1st and 2nd position will be divided equally between them. The masquerader with the next-highest total score will be awarded the third-place position and prize money for the 3rd place position.
- 3.12 In the event of a tie for any other position, the method described in 3.11 above will be applied.
- 3.13 Competitors will be subject to disqualification should they exit or leave their costume during their presentation. The masquerader must be an integral part of the costume.
- 3.14 When a costume appears before the judges to be judged, the person wearing the costume or carrying the costume must be the competitor who has been registered to take part in the competition (except in the case of an emergency which has been approved by an official MBOCHCI representative).
- 3.15 Performance incentives will be given to the first three finalists in each category.

4. BANDS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 4.1 A Bands Governance Committee comprising of:

- Head Judge
- Chair of the Band Committee
- Executive Director
- Chairman of MBOCHCI
- Legal Counsel

Shall review any and all objections raised by participating bandleaders and have the power to determine whether penalties shall be imposed.

- 4.2 Any bandleader or their designate wishing to file a protest must do so in writing, said protest to be received at the MBOCHCI's office within the first five business days after the release of the unofficial results.

- 4.3 All protests must be related to specific clauses within the Rules and Regulations.
- 4.4 A \$50 submission fee will be charged to start the process. If the protest is successful as per the Band Governance Committee's decision, the submission fee will be refunded.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RULES COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF JUDGING POINTS, LOSS OF BENEFITS, AND POSSIBLE OMISSION FROM THE COMPETITION IN 2017.

5. OTHER MATTERS

- 5.1 MBOCHCI reserves the right to record, film, videotape, broadcast and to transmit via Internet the proceedings and performances of the competitions.
- 5.2 These rules shall apply to all contestants registered to participate in the Kings/Queens/Individuals competition for Carnival 2016.

6. JUDGING CRITERIA

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KINGS, QUEENS, INDIVIDUALS - 2016

	Criteria	Points
Visual Impact	The impression that is created as a presentation/portrayal comes into one's range of vision and the effect produced throughout the whole performance.	20
Creativity/ Authenticity	The inventive, innovative or creative skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/portrayal arising from imaginative thought or idea. A genuine or true production of the theme.	25
Craftsmanship	The skills and materials used by the designer in perfecting the theme, form, color, mobility and portability to achieve the finished product.	15
Relation to Theme	The manner in which the presentation is related or pertains to the theme.	20
Portability	The ability to carry or move with a costume in a meaningful manner so as to highlight the design, craftsmanship and use of relevant materials.	10
Presentation	The manner in which the portrayal unfolds as it goes across the judging point and the way it is established throughout the performance.	10
	MAXIMUM TOTAL	100

APPENDIX E – CHANGES IN RULES FOR 2016

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the PARADE of the BANDS, each masquerade band must comply with the following:

- 1.13 The Registration Form for every masquerade in every mas band must include a signed statement of release and waiver, agreeing that nothing shall limit the right of Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee Inc. (MBOCHCI) to photograph, record, film, videotape and broadcast and to transmit via the Internet the performance of that registered individual at any event produced by MBOCHCI or to include them in the marketing and promotion of MBOCHCI via flyers, social media, brochures and other printed material. It is expressly agreed that MBOCHCI may employ or authorize any third party, including the media, to exercise these rights on its behalf.

2. PARADE OF BANDS

- 2.3 A band's music truck and support truck must be in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Vehicles accompanying bands will not be allowed to enter the assembly area after 10 a.m. If a band's music and support truck(s) are not in position on the Parade Route at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2015, ten (10) points will be deducted from the Judges' final score for that band and the Band will be fined \$500 (five hundred dollars). A band who is fined by MBOCHC and does not pay the requisite fine(s), will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals and will not be allowed to register for the 2017 or future Miami-Broward Carnivals using a name change or similar subterfuge unless approval is received from MBOCHC. Everyone on the vehicles MUST be wearing a wristband when the truck arrives at the gate; a maximum of 3 people on the truck will be allowed through the gate. ALL VEHICLES MUST HAVE THEIR TRAILER WHEELS COVERED AND/OR ENCLOSED BEFORE 11:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 9, 2016 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.