



Copyright on a Local Level

In the following information we will share how WGI has approached this topic and maybe this will help guide your process on a local level. The information included here is not to be considered legal advice but rather a tool to help you understand what your circuit can do to become in compliance with copyright law.

Also, have your board of directors weigh the exposure and the risk level. WGI is committed to copyright compliance. WGI also sells products with this music included, and WGI is constantly actively seeking national and international exposure and potential broadcast. This is one of the steps necessary for us to achieve those goals. Often you will hear the thought that "it is for education purposes, so it is fine".

There are no educational or non-profit loopholes to copyright laws.

Events: Any performance of music (live or recorded) has legal implications that go with it. WGI now has an ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC blanket license which covers the all music use at our events. This is the easy way to make sure that the performance sponsored by your circuit is covered.

Some of your show sponsors may have a blanket license already - Some universities have these that cover all activities for the school. Some HS may have them to cover all music concerts and events held at the schools. This would be a question to ask as you are selecting show sites. If the show site sponsors do not have blanket licenses, the circuit can file for a license that would cover all the shows being run by that circuit for the entire season.

ASCAP, BMI and SESAC issue blanket licenses to people hosting events. SESAC is more for foreign music and unusual works. Most works would be covered through ASCAP and BMI. This license is granting permission for a piece of music to be performed at an event where a ticket charge was collected at the door.

ASCAP - Concerts- Blanket License Agreement

<http://www.ascap.com/licensing/types.html>

BMI – Music Licensing for Pageants, Cheerleading Competitions, Dog, Cat, and other Shows

http://www.bmi.com/licensing/entry/competitions_shows

SESAC – If you desire more info

<http://www.sesac.com/Licensing/Licensing.aspx>

WGI then files reports based on attendance figures and/or ticket sales dollar figures. The charges to WGI for these licenses and reports are fairly minimal. The reporting process and paying of royalties is a bit complex unless your circuit is receiving the \$ for the ticket sales and has good attendance figures. The reporting is something the circuit should organize before you apply for the license so you know the information needed before the events. Reporting is easy and can be done online but must be understood in advance.

ASCAP Blanket License How To

- ✓ Go to - <http://www.ascap.com/licensing/licensefinder.aspx>
- ✓ Choose Concerts
- ✓ Under Concerts, you will be asked if you are requesting a license for all events presented by your organization, click YES.
- ✓ Complete the Contact Us form on the next page and a member of ASCAP will contact you about setting up an account with ASCAP. (Be aware that this can take time, so you will want to complete this a few months before your first event.)

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- ✓ Each quarter you will need to submit a report for any of your events.
- ✓ For those quarters in which you have events, you will need the following data to submit your reports:
 - Event Date
 - Event Venue location (venue name and city/state)
 - Total Seating Capacity
 - Total Paid Attendance
 - WGI files both prelims and finals for each event separately and files each individual event for championships separately (prelims, semis/Friday, A Class Finals, Open Class Finals, World Class Finals)
- ✓ Once you have submitted the report, you are given an invoice and can pay this either online with a credit card or print the invoice and pay with a check.
- ✓ In the quarters where you do not have events, you submit a no events report and there is no fee if you do not have events.

BMI Licensing How To

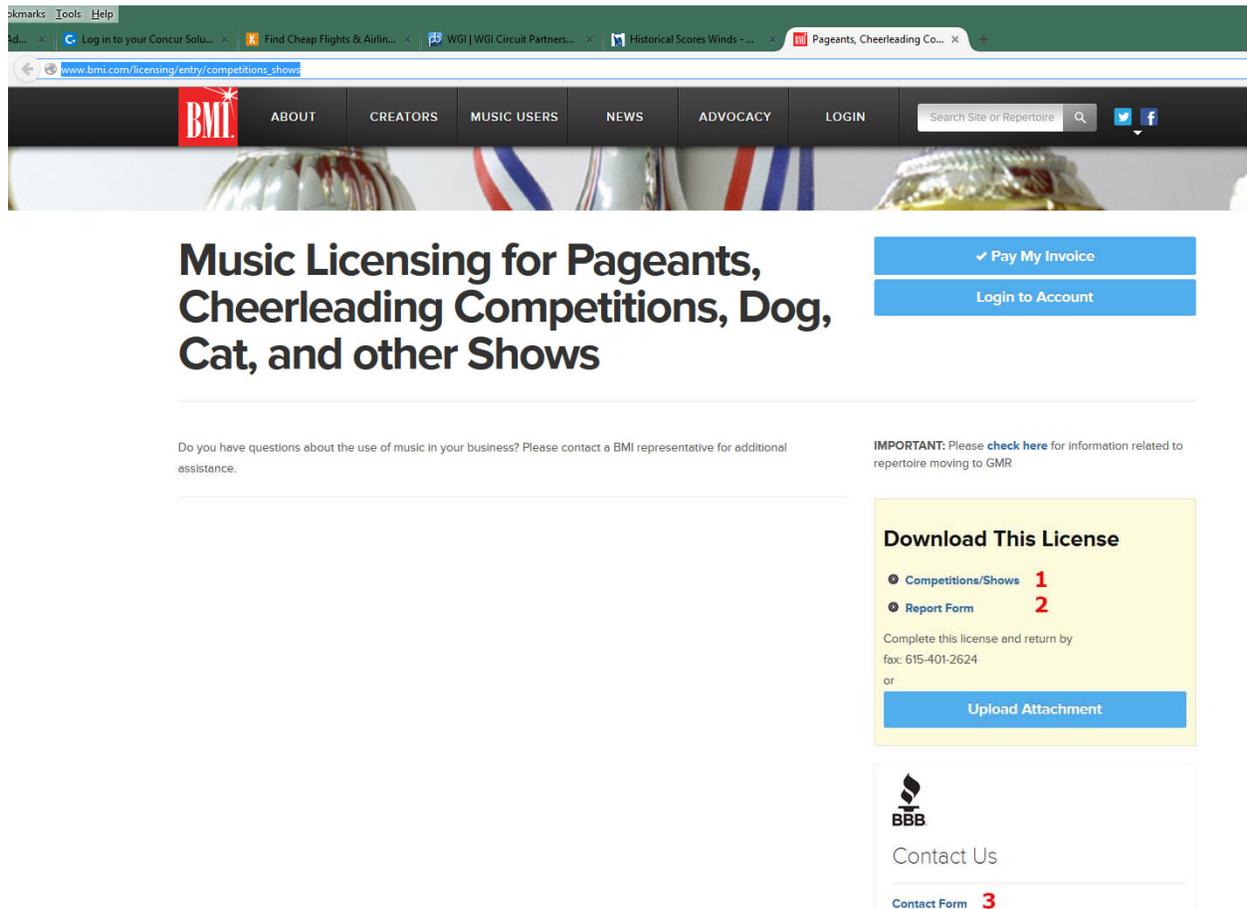
If your circuit does not have an account with BMI, you will need to download and complete the license agreement (1) form located at:

http://www.bmi.com/licensing/entry/competitions_shows.

Once your circuit has completed the license and sent it to BMI, they will send you an invoice. *(Keep in mind this can take some time, you will want to do this a few months before your first event.)*

If your circuit already has an account with BMI, then you should receive an estimated invoice every January. Once you have completed all of your events for the year, you will need to complete the Report Form located in the box on the right (2) and send this to BMI. BMI will process it and send you an updated invoice.

If you are not receiving an invoice, but believe your circuit has a BMI account already, then you will want to contact BMI to find out if you actually have an account set up. You will contact them via their Contact Form on the right (3). Follow the instructions on the contact form and someone from BMI will get in touch with you. *(This can take a few days.)*



The screenshot shows the BMI website's licensing page for competitions and shows. The page features a navigation bar with the BMI logo and links for ABOUT, CREATORS, MUSIC USERS, NEWS, ADVOCACY, and LOGIN. A search bar is also present. The main heading reads "Music Licensing for Pageants, Cheerleading Competitions, Dog, Cat, and other Shows". Below this, there are two blue buttons: "Pay My Invoice" and "Login to Account". A section titled "Download This License" lists two items: "Competitions/Shows" with a red number 1 and "Report Form" with a red number 2. It provides contact information: "Complete this license and return by fax: 615-401-2624 or" followed by an "Upload Attachment" button. At the bottom, there is a BBB logo and a "Contact Us" section with a "Contact Form" link and a red number 3.

Do you have questions about the use of music in your business? Please contact a BMI representative for additional assistance.

IMPORTANT: Please [check here](#) for information related to repertoire moving to GMR

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SESAC Licensing How To

WGI belongs to the International Events and Festivals Association (<http://www.ifea.com/>). With this membership WGI receives a discount on SESAC license fees. All of WGI's SESAC licensing is filed with IFEA each year.

- ✓ If your circuit does not want to belong to IFEA, then you will need to follow the below steps to obtain a SESAC blanket license.
- ✓ Go to <http://www.sesac.com/Licensing/Licensing.aspx>
- ✓ Click on Obtain a License Now
- ✓ Select General Licensing
- ✓ Choose > [Submit a SESAC Music Performance License Online Now](#) or > [Download a SESAC Music Performance License For Print](#)
- ✓ Follow the instructions listed on either of those pages.