

# How Argonauts were disqualified

The Salem-based Argonauts Drum and Bugle Corps was disqualified in Sunday's Northwest Drum Corps Championship A-corps competition because it insisted on using three members who were ineligible under the sponsoring association's rules.

Corps spokesman Joyce Matthys explained the three, Rob and Steve Burleson and Carol Alcock, all of Portland, were

members of the Portland-based 3rd Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps until late in the spring when they elected to join the Argonauts.

She said that under the rules of the Northwest Drum Corps Association, to which both units belong, corpsmen can't switch units after October without first obtaining releases from their original unit.

She said that in this case, the 3rd Regiment declined to grant the necessary releases.

According to Mrs. Matthys, that meant the Argonauts were subject to dis-

qualification any time they competed in an association-sponsored contest if the 3rd Regiment protested, which it did Sunday.

Mrs. Matthys said the Argonauts had been legally using the three all season in contests sponsored by associations other than the Northwest Drum Corps Association and didn't think it was fair to pull them out for Sunday's season finale.

They will be eligible to compete next season under association rules, so the problem won't arise again, she said.

The 3rd Regiment had

granted releases earlier this season to about a half dozen corpsmen who subsequently joined the Argonauts.

The Argonauts won the A-division championship last year. The corps would have won again this year if it hadn't been disqualified.

The Argonauts compiled 77.75 points. The official winner, the California-based Knight Raiders, finished with 67.9.

The 3rd Regiment is a B-corps. It placed third in its division with 42.25 points.

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