

Brockville Concert Band – 2020

Tips for Zoom Rehearsals

The Zoom app needs good battery power, and as good an internet connection as possible:

- 1) fully charge your device or laptop;
 - plug it into a wall socket during the call if possible
- 2) a wired ethernet connection is better than Wi-Fi; Wi-Fi is better than a data connection
- 3) move your device as close to your router as possible
- 4) close all other apps
- 5) exit or limit all other internet activities in your home (e.g. Netflix, YouTube, other internet users)
- 6) use a headset or earbuds if possible; a separate mic is even better
- 7) mute your mic unless you are going to speak;
 - wait a moment after unmuting before starting to speak
- 8) check your Zoom audio settings, especially for “original sound”:
 - if you are talking, "original sound" should be *off*
 - if you are playing music that someone else will be listening to, it should be *enabled*
 - while listening to music (recorded or live) played by someone else, your mic should be off
- 9) familiarize yourself with the various Zoom setting options available for your particular device
- 10) using “speaker view” will give you a better view of the conductor