

AREA “A”

MARCHING CONTEST – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

UIL Area A—Class 2A Marching Contest – Saturday, October 27, 2018

MARCHING ADJUDICATORS

Steven Moore—Lindale; Kyle Friesenhahn—McQueeney;
Ed Troyer—Livingston; Cari Martin—Fairfield; Ryan Jenkins--Sherman

CONTEST CHAIR: Roger Edwards, Region 1 Executive Secretary

CONTEST HOST: Cody Myers, Retired Director of Fine Arts, Amarillo, TX

The following items must sent by email attachment to the Roger Edwards, Region 1 Executive Secretary within 48 hours of the end of your Region Marching Contest.

1. *Official Entry Forms for the Area A Marching Contest*

2. *An announcer's script*

Email: rogeredwards619@sbcglobal.net

3. *For Items on the “Jumbo-Tron” Display (on region1music.com), email: lisa.cross@amaisd.org*

FEES: *The fees have been waived this year by the Area A UIL Marching Committee*

LOCATION: Dick Bivins Stadium, 800 S. Marrs St., Amarillo

BUS PARKING: Buses and equipment trucks will park in the north parking lot. **AUTOMOBILES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT.** Please have buses/trucks enter the north parking lot through the north entrance from 3rd Street, just west of the baseball stadium.

SEATING: Bands will sit on the east side following their performances. Only band members in uniform and sponsors will be admitted to the east stands.

SECURITY: Amarillo police will monitor the stands and parking lots

ADMISSION: Spectators will sit in the west stands. There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 for adults/students. Spectator entrance is the southwest corner of the stadium. Spectator parking will be the south parking lot off of S.10th.

PRESS BOX ADMITTANCE: ONLY judges and contest officials will be permitted in the press box area, level 4. Distractions must be non-existent. For this reason, please DO NOT bring your children or students into the press box. There will be coffee, etc for DIRECTORS on level 3.

LOST AND FOUND: Located in Press Box.

CONTEST OFFICE: Located in the Press Box.

FILMING: Tim Winn Video will be contacting you if you want a professional video of your performance. Make sure you fill-out the video agreement form from UIL:
<https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=388184>
If you plan to videotape with your own camera, plan to do so in front of the press box.

EMERGENCY: Music and Arts and Tarpley's Music will have representatives at the contest to help with emergency instrument loans

ARRIVAL TIME: Bands should be in the stadium area at least 45 minutes prior to their scheduled performance time. Guides will assist you upon arrival.

ASSEMBLY AREA: Bands will assemble on the north parking lot in the designated area.

WARM-UP: All bands may warm up under a green flag. Bands should face north during the warm up time and percussion noise should be held to a minimum. All warm up should cease under a red flag. Bands will proceed to a designated warm up area prior to entering the field. Please contact AISD directors for help in scheduling warm-up at their field prior to your performance.

READY AREA: A band guide will instruct directors when it is necessary to move to the ready area. Bands will proceed down the north ramp to the north track area (ready area) where they will hold during the preceding band performance. Pit equipment will remain with the band until the five minute entry time begins.

EXIT: A band guide will lead the exiting band on the outside edge of the track back through the north entrance to the band parking lot. The exiting band should yield to the oncoming band and continue well past the gate area to facilitate the next bands entry to the ready position.

FIELD MARKINGS: The field runs North and South. The entry ramp approaches the center of the north end zone. NCAA markings are observed. Sideline, 5-yard lines, and inserts are clearly marked. The number tops are 27 feet from the sideline.

WIRELESS MICROPHONES: The wireless frequencies in Bivins Stadium are 580.000MHz and 596.175MHz---Please avoid these—Perform a sound check of your wireless equipment during the 5-minute set-up.

TIMING:

Preparation

From the ready position, bands are permitted five minutes to warm-up and enter field. Each band introduction will begin at 45 seconds prior to the mandatory start time. When the 5:00 minute clock shows :20, the time will be reset to 8:00 and the final :20 will be kept on a stopwatch in the press box. The actual timing and adjudication for the show will begin at the end of the 5 minutes.

Show

The stadium clock will be used as the official time. A back-up stopwatch will run as well in the event of clock malfunction. Bands will receive two minutes to exit the field. All sound must cease at the end of the two-minute period.

UIL RULES: Please review UIL Marching regulations in the C&CR, Section 1106. Please adhere to local ground rules as per UIL regulations.

SHOW ENHANCENENTS: Use of any material which could leave any residue of any kind on the field or in the air is prohibited.

PYROTECHNICS: No fireworks, smoke bombs, or any other type of pyrotechnics are allowed in Dick Bivins Stadium.

JUDGES: Judges will be located on the west side of the stadium in the press box. The judging panel will consist of 3 music judges and 2 marching judges.

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT/BAND RETREAT:

There will be a drum major retreat at the end of preliminaries to announce results. All drum majors should gather in uniform on the 50 yard line (West side) at the conclusion of the preliminaries. Bands not advancing to finals will receive a participant award. Bands advancing to the finals will be announced. Following the finals, *all of the finalists bands will be involved in a retreat*. Each finalist band will receive a finalist award and the names of those bands advancing to the state marching band contest will be announced. The band retreat will begin immediately during the verification period.

VERIFICATION PERIOD: ALL HEAD DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO THE PRESS BOX IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LAST'S BAND'S PERFORMANCE IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF COMPETITION

Following the final preliminary performance, there will be a verification period. During this time directors will have the opportunity to review the tabulation of the prelims rankings. Directors will be permitted to check the scoring of the bands in their class at this time. Any protest must be filed within 15 minutes of the end of the last band's performance in that class. Results will be announced at the end of this 15 minute time period.

The same process will be observed following completion of the finals performances.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

1. Procedures in place for Bivins Stadium will be enforced, specifically as it pertains to lightning.
2. Every effort will be made to complete Prelims and Finals (if applicable).
3. Please remember that Marching Band is an outdoor activity and rain or snow alone will not delay or cancel the event. However, in case of heavy or driving rain, the competition will be delayed until some relief is seen.
4. In the event Finals cannot be completed because of extended inclement weather, Prelims will stand as Finals. Final determination of delay, cancellation of finals, or continuation of the contest will rest with the Region 1 Executive Secretary, the State UIL Music Director and stadium officials utilizing lightning meters and enforcing stadium rules.

Directive from the State UIL office concerning inclement weather is as follows:

If we should encounter inclement weather on October 27, this contest will follow these priorities in the order shown.

1. Priority 1 is student safety – follow the procedures that are in place for the stadium where the contest is hosted – specifically as it pertains to lightning.
2. Priority 2 is to complete the Prelims.
3. Priority 3 is to complete the Finals (if applicable to your contest).

****ALTERNATE CONTEST DATE:** In the event that weather is such that the preliminary competition cannot be completed, an alternate date has been set for the contest. This date has been set for Wednesday, OCTOBER 31, 2018 at Bivins Stadium.

The Amarillo HS Band Parents and Region 1 band directors will monitor the contest and assist in its successful presentation. Your cooperation, as always, will be appreciated.

Please give me or the Contest Host, Cody Myers an email or a call if we can help in any way.

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Thanks and good luck to each band.

<p>REMEMBER –NO BALLOONS: UIL RULES PROHIBIT BALLOONS AT ANY UIL EVENT. MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS ARE AWARE OF THIS POLICY.</p>
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