

AREA C 5A MARCHING CONTEST  
OCTOBER 28, 2017

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Dear Directors:

Congratulations on being certified to the Area C 5A Marching Contest! We are looking forward to hosting this exciting event. Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth-running and successful contest. Following is information you will need to know. Please review carefully.

[CLICK HERE FOR "ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES" IMPORTANT!!](#)  
[CLICK HERE FOR BUS-TRUCK PARKING MAP IMPORTANT!!](#)  
[CLICK HERE FOR STADIUM FLOW MAP \(NEW!\) IMPORTANT!!](#)  
[CLICK HERE FOR FIELD ENTRANCES/EXITS MAP \(NEW!\) IMPORTANT!!](#)

**LOCATION OF CONTEST**

Area C, consisting of Regions 2, 3, 4, 20, and 21, will hold its contest on **Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Mesquite Memorial Stadium**. Mr. Steve Andre, Director of Fine Arts, Mesquite ISD, will serve as contest site host. Contest Chairman is Bonnie Bartlett, Region 3 & Area C Executive Secretary.

Memorial Stadium is located on Scyene Road just west of LBJ Freeway (635). If you come by I-20, go north on 635; if you come by I-30, go south on 635 to the Scyene Road exit. **NOTE: KEEP IN MIND THAT TRAFFIC IS OFTEN AN ISSUE ON I-635 TRYING TO EXIT ON MILITARY PARKWAY/SCYENE RD. PLAN YOUR TRIP TO THE STADIUM TO ALLOW FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC!**

Gate admission: \$5.00 per person; age 6 and under no charge.

Spectators will be given wristbands which will be good for admission to both prelims and finals.

**NOTE: THE AREA DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS FOR ADMISSION. CASH IS PREFERRED OVER CHECKS. THE STADIUM DOES NOT HAVE AN ATM BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL BUSINESSES CLOSE BY (AROUND MILITARY PARKWAY/SCYENE RD. & I-635). ALSO - DUE TO POSSIBLE LONG LINES WAITING AT THE TICKET WINDOW, ENCOURAGE YOUR FANS TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THEY WON'T MISS YOUR SHOW!**

**CHAPERON PASSES: BE SURE AND FILL IN THE BLANK ON THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION FORM CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL CHAPERON WRISTBANDS YOU WILL NEED (MAXIMUM 25). A STUDENT GUIDE WILL GIVE YOU THE WRISTBANDS UPON YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM. ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WEARING THE WRISTBANDS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CONTEST FREE OF CHARGE! (Exception: School administrators & bus drivers will be admitted at no charge with or without a wristband.)**

## **ENTRY PROCEDURES/FEES**

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

## **SCHEDULE**

[\*\*CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULE INFORMATION\*\*](#). *Official schedule will be posted on the Region 3 website no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, October 23.*

**THE EXACT STARTING TIME WILL BE DICTATED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BANDS PARTICIPATING.**

## **VIDEO SERVICES**

UIL will not be providing video services. However, if you have completed the UIL Marching Band Educational Use Video Agreement (<https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=388184>), you will have the opportunity to receive a recording of your band's performance provided by Mesquite ISD. You will receive additional information from Steve Andre. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO VIDEO FROM THE PRESS BOX.**

## **DIRECTOR VIEWING AREA**

There will be a roped off area at the top of the stands designated as a directors' viewing area. This area is intended for the directors of the performing band; however, **if room allows**, you may watch from this area before and after your band's performance.

## **EVALUATION**

Judges will be making recorded as well as written comments. In an effort to give you easier and quicker access to your judge's comments we are going to use Box (*an internet based document sharing website*) at this year's contest. This feature will allow you to have quick access to your judge's comments on your computer, smartphone, iPad, and any other internet capable device.

To **listen** to the judges' comments on your smart phone or tablet, open your email and select "View" to play your judge's comments. **You should NOT need to download the Box app for this process.** You can also **download** the files directly to your computer! Feel free to forward the email to others as you see fit. ***NOTE: Prelims judge comments will be emailed to you at the end of prelims.***

The judges' evaluation forms will be prepared in advance for you by contest officials.

### **PARKING/RESTROOMS/CONCESSIONS**

A map of the parking areas at Mesquite Memorial Stadium is posted on the Region 3 Website (SEE LINK ABOVE). Student guides will meet you when you reach the bus parking area, approximately 40 minutes before your scheduled warm-up time. Restrooms are available for dressing under the EAST stands if your groups need to change upon arriving. Concession stands will be open.

### **TURF AT MEMORIAL STADIUM**

We are being asked not to use props or equipment that will mark or scar the field (painted items that may leave residue, sharp wheels, etc.).

### **EQUIPMENT UNLOADING/TRUCK PARKING**

SEE **"ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES"** – VERY IMPORTANT! (LINK ABOVE)

The guidelines for equipment unloading/truck parking are part of the local ground rules for the contest. According to the C&CR, "Failure to comply with local ground rules and regulations outlined by and/or approved by the executive committee may be cause for disqualification or other penalties as listed in Subchapter R." This is very important to ensure fairness to all bands.

### **THIS IS A NEW PROCEDURE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!**

**We will no longer be loading/unloading equipment trucks in the north end zone. All equipment trucks should unload and reload in their designated area in the north end of the visitor's parking lot.** Any equipment that you are not taking to the warm up area should be in the staging area 30 minutes prior to your band's performance. Once you have finished your performance all equipment can be rolled to the parking lot via the new driveway that connects the loading area to the visitors' parking lot.

***SPECTATOR (PRIVATE) VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE EAST PARKING LOT! POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY TO ENFORCE THIS POLICY. PLEASE INFORM YOUR PARENTS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS THAT THEY ARE TO PARK IN THE WEST PARKING LOT. THIS INCLUDES VEHICLES OF PARENTS OR OTHERS WHO ARE HELPING WITH EQUIPMENT.***

### **WARM-UP & PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES**

**WATER FOR BANDS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON EXIT FROM THE FIELD. YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE WATER FOR YOUR STUDENTS PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE.**

**SEE MAP LINKS ABOVE! IMPORTANT!**

When your band is ready to proceed to the warm-up area, guides will show you the way. ***NO CADENCE*** is allowed at any time prior to entering the stadium. Warm-up will be in the outside areas indicated on the map. Please face your band ***AWAY FROM THE STADIUM WHILE WARMING UP OUTSIDE***. You should be at the assigned north or south area 50 minutes before performance time. A band will be warming up in the area as your band arrives, so please enter the area quietly with no cadence. *Each director is responsible for leaving the warm-up area and getting to the ready position at the north end of the football field at the appropriate time. Please note the times on the schedule regarding your time to begin warm-up and leave the warm-up area. The walk from the warm-up area to the ready position takes approximately 15 minutes. All of this is especially important in light of the strict procedures for timing.*

**DO NOT DEPEND SOLELY ON A MONITOR OR ANYONE ELSE TO TELL YOU WHEN TO LEAVE WARM-UP, BUT PLEASE COOPERATE WHEN THE GUIDE(S) GIVE YOU REMINDERS OF YOUR TIME!**

Please allow the guides to show you the proper route from the warm-up area to the competition field. Entrance to the field must be through the double gates on the north end of the field. **Bands must exit by the northeast ramp. THIS IS NEW!**

***IMPORTANT – TIMING PROCEDURES!*** If you study the UIL rules, you will note that your scheduled time is your deadline to begin your performance.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING TIMING PROCEDURES CAREFULLY:**

1. At the appropriate time, your band will be given the signal to enter the field. At that time the 5- minute clock will begin.
2. When the clock reaches 45 seconds remaining, the announcer will begin reading your announcement. When there are 20 seconds remaining on the clock, the announcer will read the next statement which begins with “Drum Majors...”. The 5-minute clock will run to 0.00 and then the 8 minute clock will begin immediately.

***NOTE TO DIRECTORS: The 8-minute clock will begin when the full 5-minute clock expires. Warm-up or pre-show is permitted during the 5-minute set up time; however, judges will be instructed to not begin their evaluation until the 8-minute clock shows 7:59. If you do not wish to utilize the entire 5 minutes of set up you may hold your band at the field entrance to coordinate your ready time with the beginning of the announcement. The 8-minute clock will NOT be started early!***

***Any pre-show must fit into this time frame.***

***All bands will be announced.***

***Judges will be instructed and reminded that any activity on the field will not be judged until they see 7:59 on the clock.***

Area C (5A–6A) will conform to the above procedures that will be used at the STATE contests for announcing all bands. Announcements will be read for all bands as detailed on the Announcement Script provided to you.

- At the **END OF THE SHOW, OR AT THE END OF 8 MINUTES**, the clock will be restarted at 2 minutes, at which point the band has 2 minutes to **completely** clear the field. The 2-minute exit activities will not be judged. **A BAND THAT FAILS TO BE CLEAR OF THE FIELD (OUTSIDE THE SIDELINES OR ENDLINES) OR CONTINUES TO USE INSTRUMENTAL OR VERBAL CADENCE AT THE END OF THE TWO MINUTES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** The post script (page 2 of the official script) will be read by the announcer when the 2-minute exit timing begins.

The official timing procedures are posted on the [Region 3 Website](#).

### **SEATING OF BANDS**

Generally, the west stands are reserved for spectators. However, **if room allows**, feel free to seat your band on the west side before and after performing. Please remind your students and parents that filming will be occurring and courtesy during performances will be appreciated. ***Also, entering and leaving the spectator area is not allowed while a band is performing on the field.***

### **ELECTRONICS RULES**

### **PRESS BOX/CONTEST OFFICE**

*(There is now an elevator for access to the press box)*

The judges and the contest office will be in the upper level of the press box.

In an effort to ensure the security and integrity of the Area C Marching Contest, the following procedures regarding use of the press box will be followed:

1. The judges' area on the upper floor (Level 3) of the press box is restricted. Only contest officials will be allowed on the upper floor.
2. Participating directors will be allowed on the lower level (Level 2) of the press box only.

## VERIFICATION OF PRELIMS RESULTS/DRUM MAJOR RETREAT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE "[POST-PRELIMS PROCEDURES](#)" FOR MORE DETAILS.

**ONE** director from each participating band should report to the press box immediately at the conclusion of the preliminary contest performances. There will be a 10-minute verification period during which directors may review the rankings from prelims. During this time drum majors from all bands will be asked to assemble in the north end zone area to prepare for a brief recognition ceremony. After the recognition ceremony, if there are no protests of the rankings, the bands advancing to finals competition will then be announced. Drum majors will remain on the field for the announcement of finalists.

Directors of all bands may pick up their packets on the lower level of the press box following the verification period.

Directors of bands advancing to finals will meet with Bonnie Bartlett immediately following the verification period to receive additional information and to draw for performance order for finals competition. *(This meeting will occur during the drum major recognition ceremony on the field.)* Finals performance order will be determined by random draw. Finalists will be announced in Finals performance order.

## FINALS AWARDS CEREMONY

Immediately following the performance of the last band to perform in finals, ONE director from each band should report to the press box. There will again be a 10-minute verification period to review the results of the finals competition. During the verification period, drum majors from all finalist bands will be asked to come to the north end zone area to prepare for a brief awards ceremony. The names of the bands advancing to state and the alternate will be announced after finalist awards are presented to each band. Any additional instructions will be given to the drum majors as they assemble on the sideline.

## JUDGES

Judges for this year's contest are:

Prelims:      Rick Baker – Music  
                  Bryan Christian – Music  
                  Joe Dolkos – Music  
                  Anthony Gibson – Marching  
                  Evelio Villarreal – Marching

Finals:         Rick Baker – Music  
                  Anthony Gibson – Music  
                  Evelio Villarreal – Music  
                  Bryan Christian – Marching  
                  Joe Dolkos – Marching

Following are names and phone numbers you will need to know if you have any questions concerning the Area contest.

Contest Chairman	Bonnie Bartlett	817-475-5590 Email: <a href="mailto:bonniebartlett@uilregion3music.net">bonniebartlett@uilregion3music.net</a> Region 3 Website: <a href="http://www.uilregion3music.net">www.uilregion3music.net</a>
Site Chairman	Steve Andre	972-882-7300 (office) 817-975-1281 (cell) Email: <a href="mailto:sandre@mesquiteisd.org">sandre@mesquiteisd.org</a>
Mesquite Memorial Stadium		972-882-7760