

**2A AREA D MARCHING CONTEST**  
**Wildcat Stadium**  
**Whitney, TX**  
**December 3, 2020**

Congratulations on advancing to the Area D Marching Contest! We are excited to be your host for the day and aim to make this day as stress free as possible.

Please read through the following information carefully. Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth running, successful contest. The following is information you will need to know.

**Contest Location**  
**Whitney Wildcat Stadium**  
**1400 North Brazos**  
**Whitney, TX 76692**

All Buses must park on the home side of the stadium. All equipment trucks/trailers will enter from HCR Road 1240 and Park behind Whitney Middle School. Bands will warmup on the Baseball field and face away from the stadium.

All spectators will park on the Visitor's side parking lot or by the Tennis Courts.

Director Check-in is located next to the Homeside of the stadium. Upon arrival and parking, all groups will need to check-in at the check-in table. This is where you'll find any pertinent info to the contest. Please have all necessary forms ready at check-in.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms will be available inside of the stadium for spectators. These restrooms are not to be used as changing facilities. Restrooms are available for performers to use prior to performance. Their locations are notated on the contest map.

## **Electronics Usage:**

**"Please see the updated electronics FAQ at**

**[http://www.uiltexas.org/files/music/marching\\_band-electronics-q-a\\_updated\\_2018.pdf](http://www.uiltexas.org/files/music/marching_band-electronics-q-a_updated_2018.pdf). We**

**want to be sure everyone knows in advance if any aspect of their show needs to be adjusted for the UIL marching band contests.**

## **Judges**

Judges will be located on top of the press box (assuming nice weather). Remind students that the concession stand, restrooms, and staging area are visible by the judges. As usual at the Area Marching contest, there are 3 music judges and 2 marching judges. Your judges are:

- Greg Dick, Friendswood
- Anthony Gibson, Allen
- Rodney Klett, McKinney
- Rob Toups, Canton
- Roxanne Vickers, Kerrville

## **Timing**

Area D will be following UIL clock protocol and running the clock from the stadium scoreboard. Timing penalties will be assessed and determined by Tony Clines, Executive Secretary of Region 8 and Area D contest chairman.

Bands may use the 6-minute field entrance in anyway they deem appropriate in order to prepare for their performance. The announcement of each band will occur with 45 seconds remaining of the 6-minute clock. The actual timing and adjudication for the show will begin at the end of the 6-minutes. At the conclusion of the performance the postscript will be read. Once the 3-minute field exit is complete, the field must be clear of all equipment, instruments, and props. If you don't have to use the entire 3 minute exit time, don't. Let's try and keep the contest to a 18 Minute Rotation.

## **Verification and Results**

Results will be announced at the conclusion of competition. One director from each band will need to verify scoring and results before the announcement occurs. Verification will occur at the WHS Band Hall located outside the stadium towards FM 933. Directors will receive judge's sheets/scores/usb's at verification. If a school intends to leave early and not return to the contest, Tony Clines will appoint someone to stand in for them at verification.. If necessary, contact the site host before you leave to pick up judges sheets and comments.

## **Spectators:**

**Spectator Admission is 5\$.**

**Due to COVID, all spectators must exit the stadium at the scheduled judges breaks. Fans MUST wear masks and stay socially distanced at the contest. No Mask No entry, no exceptions.. Directors, please make your fans/parents aware of this before Area.**

**Due to COVID, there will be no Drum Major Retreat.**

## **Warmup Areas**

Designated warm up areas are the ONLY place that bands may play. They may not start early, even if there is a break before that band.

## **Spirit Wear**

Pep Wear will be present for the duration of the contest. Their trailer will be located between the home side stands and the concession stand.

## **Concessions**

The Whitney Band Boosters will run a full concession stand for the duration of the contest. The Whitney Band Boosters offer a lunch package for you and your band, should you choose to participate. Each burger box is 6\$ and includes burger, chips, cookie, and water. Your patronage is greatly appreciated.

To Order the Burger Box and Veggie options, fill out the order form at the end of this packet and email the form to Josh Nowlin at [josh.nowlin@whitneyisd.org](mailto:josh.nowlin@whitneyisd.org). W-9's for the Whitney Band Boosters are available at <https://www.whitney.k12.tx.us/Page/1900>.

## Questions

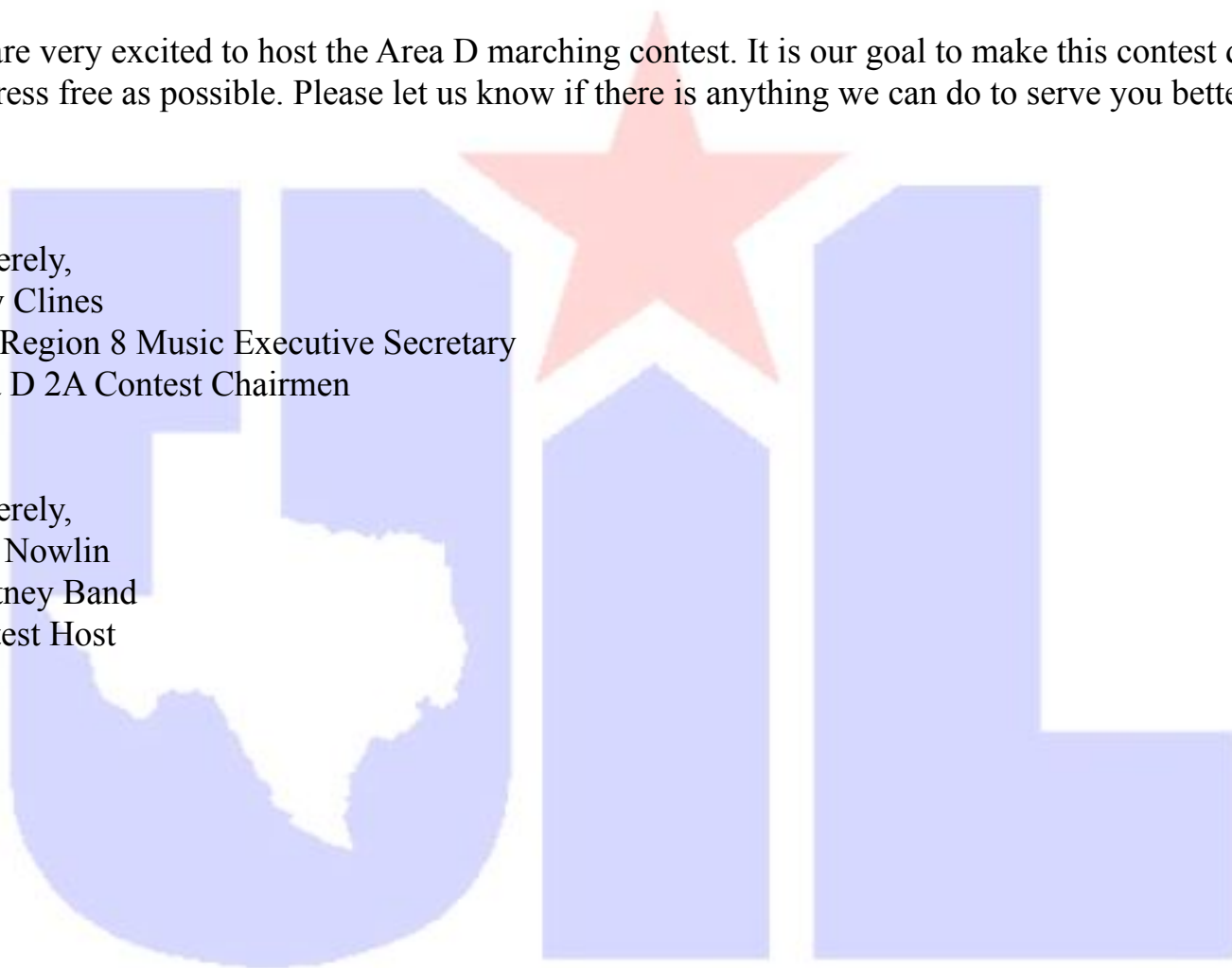
Should you have any questions regarding UIL rules, performance regulations, electronics, etc. please contact Tony Clines, Area D Contest Chairman at 254-644-5128 or [tcreg8@gmail.com](mailto:tcreg8@gmail.com).

Should you have any questions about the performance site, please do not hesitate to call contest host, Josh Nowlin at 940 765 2654 (Cell), or email at [josh.nowlin@whitneyisd.org](mailto:josh.nowlin@whitneyisd.org).

We are very excited to host the Area D marching contest. It is our goal to make this contest day as stress free as possible. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Sincerely,  
Tony Clines  
UIL Region 8 Music Executive Secretary  
Area D 2A Contest Chairmen

Sincerely,  
Josh Nowlin  
Whitney Band  
Contest Host



## **Inclement Weather Contingency Plan**

In the event of inclement weather during the Marching Contest at Whitney Wildcat Stadium the following may take place:

1. Tony Clines will declare a “Severe Weather Delay” and the contest operations will cease.
2. The time will be noted.
3. An “all call” will go out on the radios and cell phones advising contest staff of a weather delay.
4. The announcer will announce that all bands and spectators should seek cover immediately and return to their buses and vehicles.
5. If there is a band on the field performing, they will be allowed to finish their performance before returning to their buses or Whitney Middle School (B Lot) or Whitney High School (A Lot).

## **Severe Weather or Lightning Delay**

1. Bands in the warm-up area will be given the choice of going into the Schools or returning to their buses.
2. Once bands enter the facilities, they will not be allowed to play or rehearse.
3. Once the all clear is given, bands and spectators will be given time to get back into place.
4. Once groups have returned to their place a 30 minute warm-up will begin and the contest will proceed.

## **Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Activity**

1. Students in the warm-up area and everyone in the vicinity of the bus parking will be asked to relocate to Whitney Middle School (Lot B) or Whitney High School (Lot A). All contest operations will be relocated to the Athletic Facility Field House.
2. Any band en route from warm-up to the stadium will be directed back to their respective buses/lots.
3. Any band performing will be redirected to their respective buses/lots.
4. Spectators may be relocated to the Whitney High School Gyms.

Please see attached campus map for additional guidance concerning the function of the contest and safety precautions.

Note that all decisions regarding inclement weather are made only by Tony Clines, the 2A Area D Contest Chairman.

# Whitney ISD Wildcat Stadium

Spectator Entrance

Home Side

Visitor's Side

Performer's Entrance/Exit

Spectator Overflow

Director Checkin

Bus Parking

Warm Up A/B

Restroom For Bands Prior to Performance

Equipment Parking

Equipment Truck Check In

Whitney High School

Whitney Middle School

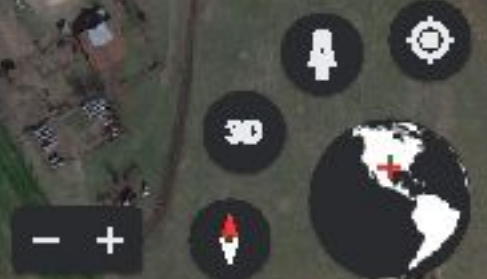
Equipment Reparking

Overflow Parking

HCR 1240

HiWay 933

Select starting point



Buses must enter the stadium and park on the homeside from Fm Road 933.

Equipment Trailers must enter parking areas from HCR 1240. After performing and reloading their equipment, equipment trucks must repark outside of the tennis courts in the area noted as “Equipment REParking”

Adjacent to the equipment parking areas is a corresponding warm up area. Bands should refrain from making sound in the parking areas. Students should only make sounds during their designated warm up times.

Warm up area is close to a bathroom for student’s use prior to performance. Do not go inside the schools to use the restroom.

After Warmup on the Baseball Field, Bands will then proceed to the SouthEast Corner of the stadium and enter the field which is the visitor’s side, side 2.

They may proceed up until the goal line on the same side of the stadium. Front Ensembles/Large equipment may be rolled quietly to the home side, side 2.

There is NO POWER on the field level of the stadium, but we will have a small yamaha generator (2000 Watts) that can power front ensembles. If you have larger or questionable power needs, email the contest host.

Bands are may use their full 6 minute setup time during prelims and then begin their performance.

Exiting bands will exit through the same gate they come in (Southeast Corner, **orange arrows**)

There is a water station en route between warm up and the stadium.