



# 3A Area D MARCHING CONTEST

Rocket Field, Robinson, TX

October 23, 2021

Directors,

Welcome to the UIL 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, safe, and successful contest.*

## *Contest Locations*

### ***Stadium- Rocket Field***

700 W. Tate Ave - Robinson, TX 76706

### ***Director/Band Check In***

Robinson High School (back side)

605 S. Old Robinson Road - Robinson, TX 76706

### ***Spectator Parking (handicap)*** (please see *Spectator Parking for more information*)

Rocket Field- behind home side stands

700 W. Tate Ave - Robinson, TX 76706

### ***Bus/Truck/Trailer***

Robinson Intermediate

605 S. Old Robinson Rd- Robinson, TX 76706

## **Entry Fee**

There is a **\$250 entry fee** for bands competing in the Class 3A Area D Marching Contest this year. Bring a school check made out in that amount to **UIL Area D Marching** with you to the contest along with your original entry form.

## **Entry Forms**

The following items are available under the **Area D Marching Contest** section of the UIL Music Region 18 webpage and need your immediate attention: <https://www.uilmusicregion18.com/area-forms-and-information.html>.

- \* Area Marching Contest Entry Form
- \* Announcer's Script
- \* PepWear Information for T-shirt orders and miscellaneous souvenirs
- \* Area Contest patches: go to <https://www.southwestemblem.com/>
- \* Information from the UIL State Office, with specific Area Marching Contest information

**Please email a copy of your Entry Form and the Announcer's Script to Tony Clines at [tcreg8@gmail.com](mailto:tcreg8@gmail.com) ASAP after your region contest! The entry form must be signed by the principal or superintendent of the school. Bring the original with you to the contest.**

## **Bus/Truck/Trailer**

All buses/trucks/trailers will enter in front of Robinson Intermediate from Old Robinson Road. All vehicles will park behind Robinson High School in the bus/trailer parking.

*All spectators will park in the parking lot behind the home side stands or in the Faculty/Staff parking lot of Robinson High School and enter through the side gate of the stadium.*

Please follow the guidelines for equipment unloading and truck/trailer parking. All equipment vehicle(s) will park and unload behind Robinson High School. Prop truck/trailers may park in the drive adjacent to the obstacle course. (See map below)

## **Director/Band Check-in**

Upon arrival and parking, all groups will need to check in at the check-in table. The check-in table will be located under the tent on the backside of Robinson High School. At the check-in table, you will receive any meal tickets (if you purchased them) and any informational updates you might need. Please have all necessary forms and payment ready at check-in.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms will be available inside RHS. Entrance for restrooms is behind the Band Check In Table. These restrooms are not to be used as changing facilities. Be warned, they are small, please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for addressing this with your band.

## **Concessions**

The Robinson Band Boosters will run a full concession stand for the duration of the contest. Robinson Band Boosters are also offering both a lunch and dinner package for your convenience should you choose to participate. Each meal will be individually pre-packaged. Your patronage is greatly appreciated. (please see below)

## **Warm Up**

You will stage in the ready area 5 minutes before your assigned Warm Up time begins. A band will be in your warm up area as you arrive. Please enter this area quietly with no cadence. *Each director is responsible for entering and exiting the warm up area at the appropriate time.* The walk from the warm up area to the performance staging area is fairly short but you must leave the warm up area at your respective times.

## **Moving to Rocket Field**

As bands exit warm up, they will proceed up the drive adjacent to RHS and enter the stadium through the South side, main entrance.

## **Field Entry/Exit**

Field entry- all winds/percussion/guard will enter from the South end of the field. All entering bands will be staged on the turf by the rocket. Staging will happen while the exiting bands field exit clock is running.

Field exit- once your performance is finished, bands will exit to the home side, and proceed counter-clockwise around the track (turning to the performers left) and exit out the same gate they entered in. Exiting bands may be held in place in order to facilitate the entrance of the next band. The entrance of the performing band takes precedence over the exit of the previous band.

As the band exits the stadium, one director may pick up ratings sheets, recordings, and any award you may have earned at the contest office. *Please see “contest office” below.*

## **Field Power**

Power is located on the 50-yard line on the track, on a yellow extension cord. Please feel free to use this as a source of power.

## **Timing**

Area D will be following the UIL clock protocol and running the clock from the scoreboard. Timing penalties will be assessed and determined by Tony Clines, Executive Secretary of Class 3A Area D and contest chairman.

## **Contest Office**

The Contest Office will be in the press box of the stadium on the left side of the main press box. *This is not a public area.* At the conclusion of your bands performance, one director will need to stay behind to collect ratings sheets.

## **Judges**

Your judges for this contest are

Jim Hudson (Arizona State University)

Roxanne Vickers (San Antonio)

Steve Sanchez (Carrizo Springs)

Tom SoRelle (Farmers Branch)

Paul Worsello (Klein)

## **Spectator Parking**

Spectators may park behind the home-side stadium and enter through the gate on the same side or you may park on either side of:

***Robinson Junior High School***

500 W Lyndale Ave- Robinson, TX 76706

***Robinson High School- faculty parking lot***

700 W. Tate St- Robinson, TX 76706

**Spirit Wear**

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

**Inclement Weather Contingency Plan**

In the event of inclement weather during the Marching Contest at Robinson High School and Rocket Field, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Tony Clines or the contest host 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 Robinson Junior High School.

**Severe Weather or Lightning Delay**

1. Bands in the warm-up area will be given the choice of going into the Robinson High School Cafetorium or returning to their buses.
2. Once bands reach the Cafetorium, 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 the Robinson High School Cafetorium. All contest operations will be relocated to Robinson High School.
2. Any band en route from warm-up to the stadium will be directed back to Robinson High School.
3. Any band performing will be escorted to the field house.
4. Spectators may be relocated to Robinson High School.

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

### **Questions**

Should you have any questions regarding UIL rules, performance regulations, electronics, etc. please contact Tony Clines, Area D Class 3A 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 contact Wylie Gore at 254-224-1421 or [wylie.gore@robinson.k12.tx.us](mailto:wylie.gore@robinson.k12.tx.us).



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