

2A AREA D MARCHING CONTEST

Wildcat Stadium

Whitney, TX

October 27, 2018

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/trucks/trailers will enter from HCR Road 1240. The first band to perform at Prelims will park in the “A” Lot by the High School and the 2nd band to perform will park in the “B” Lot by Whitney Middle School.. The 3rd band would park in “A” Lot and the 4th band in “B” lot and so on.

All spectators will park directly in front of the stadium.

Director/Band Check-in is located along HCR 1240 in between the A and B parking/warm up areas. Upon arrival and parking, all groups will need to check-in at the check-in table. This is where you’ll find student wrist bands and any other pertinent info for the contest.

Please have all necessary forms and payment ready at check-in.

Admission

Admission to the Area D marching contest is \$5 for school aged children and older. Admission is good for Prelims and Finals. Any school officials and/or those presenting a UIL badge will be admitted free. Spectators will be given a wristband so that after the initial payment, they may enter and exit freely. Please announce to your parents that admission will be CASH ONLY.

Wrist bands for band chaperones, etc.

Area D gives 1 for every 10 band students, with a maximum of 20 wrist bands. THESE ARE ONLY FOR CHAPERONES ACTUALLY RIDING/CHAPERONING THE BAND BUSES.

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. 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. 2 judges from music and 2 judges from marching will rotate captions between prelims and finals.

Your judges are:

Stacey Dunn, Ft. Worth ISD; Travis Hobson, San Angelo; Justin Mauldin, Ropes HS;
Steve Sanchez, SWTJC, Crystal City; Billy Vess, Queen City

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 5-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 5-minute clock. The actual timing and adjudication for the show will begin at the end of the 5-minutes. The official performance clock will count down completely through the 8-minute allotted performance time as well as the 2-minute field exit time. At the conclusion of the performance the postscript will be read. Once the 2-minute field exit is complete, the field must be clear of all equipment, instruments, and props.

Verification and Results

Results will be announced at the conclusion of both prelims and finals. One director from each band will need to verify scoring and results before the announcement occurs. Verification will occur at the designated location announced.

Contest Office

The Contest office will be in the press box of the stadium. This is not a public area. One director from each band will be called at the conclusion of both prelims and finals.

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, trimmings, 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. W-9's for the Whitney Band Boosters are available at <https://www.whitney.k12.tx.us/Page/1900>.

Seating of Bands

Once your performance is complete, bands may be seated on either the home side or the visitor side. Please note- in order to accommodate as many bands on the home side as possible, please seat your band as compactly as you can and on the outsides of the stadium. They should not occupy seats that were paid for by spectator (ie. NOT in the center section of the stands). Announcement of Advancing Bands to Finals/State Marching Contest Advancing bands will be announced at the end of prelims for finals and at the end of finals for the State Marching Contest. One director from each performing band should report to the designated meeting area at the conclusion of both prelims and finals.

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.

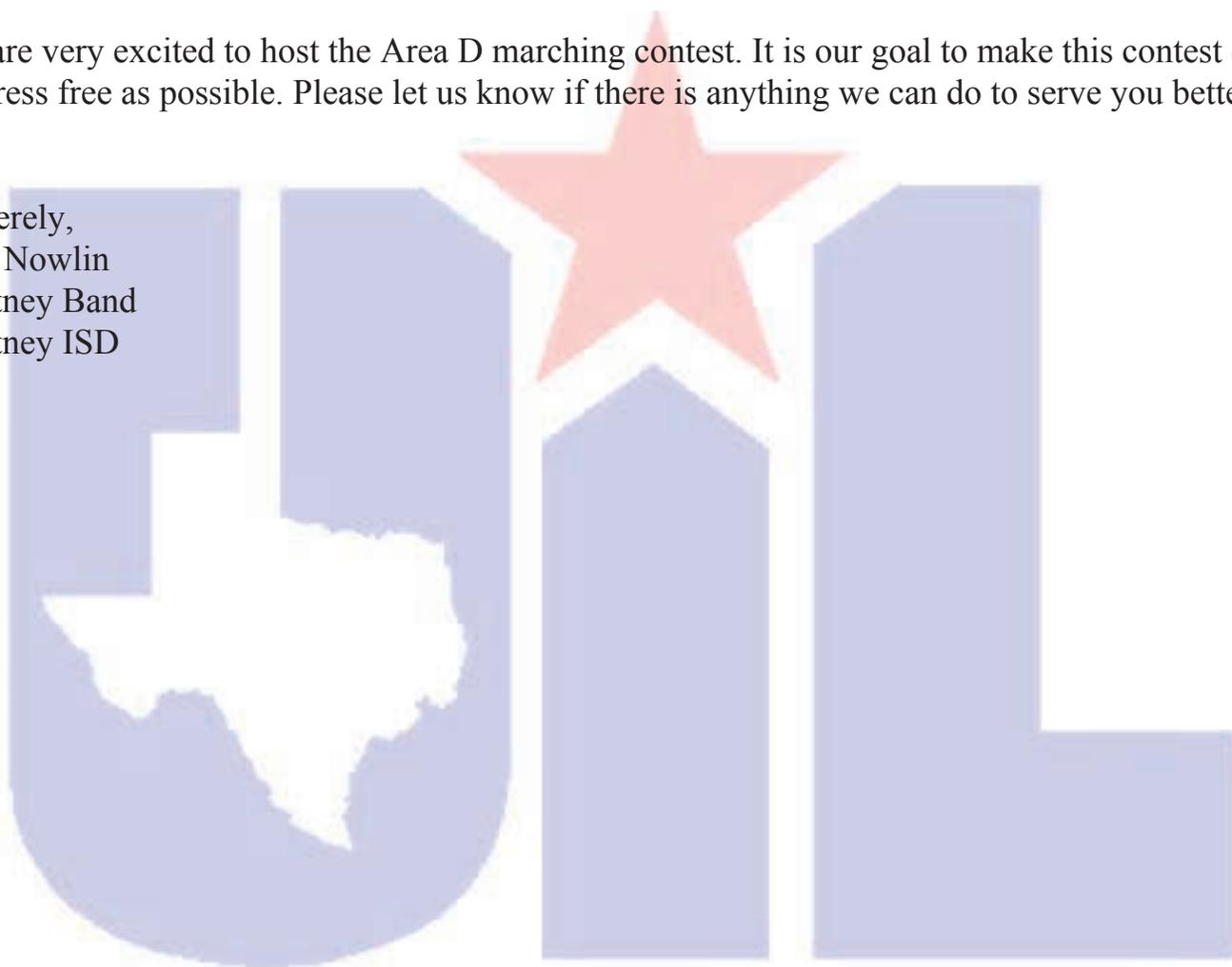
Questions

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.

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.

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,
Josh Nowlin
Whitney Band
Whitney ISD



VIDEOS:

**** (The following NEW information is from our Area D Marching Executive Secretary, Gerald Babbitt)**

The State's video recording policy is as follows:

There will be a videographer from West Side Recording Studio who will be allowed to provide a "single copy" video of each band for educational use, **IF the directors have completed the online UIL Marching Band Educational Use Video Agreement Form that some of you have already submitted.** The link is provided below.

If a sufficient number of you are interested, we can allow this company to be at the Area D contest. **Your cost would be \$150, payable directly to the vendor.** No money or documentation would flow through the Area D office, or through any other component of the UIL. Since no videos will be sold to the public, a sufficient number of you would have to agree to this to make this worthwhile for the vendor.

For those NOT choosing this option, we will provide a space at the top of the bleachers for you, for ONE representative for your band, to record a video, at your discretion...OR to just simply view your show from that spot reserved for the directors/representatives of the band on the field at the time (ONLY). That is totally your preference. We are happy to just reserve that space for your use, at your discretion.

Therefore, you have the "free" option to make the video yourself (or by someone on your behalf) in that reserved spot (will not in the press box!), OR you can pay \$150 directly to West Side Studio, complete the online clearance form, and have it professionally done from the film deck. (No parents or directors can have access to the film deck because of proximity the judges.)

The best way is to pay here to get on the schedule.

<http://westsiderecording.com/marching.htm>

The other way is by check. Please have the directors contact me.

Thank you,
Tan Truong
Owner/Videographer/Engineer/Producer
West Side Recording Studio
www.westsiderecording.com
281-300-8892

If you do not wish to utilize their services, no further action is required from you.

The link to the UIL Marching Band Educational Use Video Agreement Form is:

<https://www.uilTEXAS.org/machform/view.php?id=388184>

If you complete it before REGION, you will not need to do it again for AREA.

**UIL AREA D MUSIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RULE
CONCERNING USAGE OF CONTEST STADIUM
PRIOR TO ANY UIL AREA D MARCHING CONTEST**

The UIL Area D Executive Committee's intent is to ensure and maintain equity for all competing organizations. Also, to ensure that no organization or school should be given any opportunity that could create a real or perceived advantage over any other competing organization.

This rule states that:

“No school or competing organization is permitted to secure, or in any way, use the Area D contest performance stadium for any rehearsal or performance at any time within a minimum time period of 30 days prior to the UIL Area D Marching Contest at that facility.”

This rule is a specified “local ground rule” as authorized in the UIL C&CR Subchapter B: Music Section 1105 (f)(7).

The only exceptions being:

1. The school(s) to which that performance facility serves as their “home stadium”.
2. If an organization is competing in a competition hosted by the “home school” (i.e. football game).
3. If the “home school” hosts a pre-UIL marching contest in that facility, the competition must be well publicized and made available to EVERY competing organization that will be participating in that Area D marching competition. Attendance must be open, and may not be limited to any particular organizations or group of participants.

The Area D Executive Committee voiced their opinions and justifications based on their feelings that no competing school should be afforded any advantage over any other competing school. Obviously, every competing organization would not be able, financially, geographically, or otherwise, to rent or utilize the performance facility for rehearsal purposes. Therefore, the UIL Area D Marching Executive Committee unanimously voted that no organization should be allowed to do so.

(Approved 9/26/2017)

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

Home Side

Visitor's Side

Spectator Entrance

Restroom For Bands Prior to Performance

Performer's Entrance/Exit

Spectator Parking

H2O

Parking B

Whitney Middle School

Warm Up B

Checkin For "B" Bands

Restroom For Bands Prior to Performance

Spectator Parking

Whitney High School

Warm Up A

Parking A

Checkin For "A" Bands

HiWay 933

HCR 1240

Google Earth

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700 ft

The first band and all odd numbered bands scheduled will park/warmup in the “A” areas. The 2nd band and all even numbered bands will park/warm up in the “B” areas.

Buses must enter parking areas from HCR 1240. Bands who are warming up in the A area need to enter via the WHS Parking Road on HC1240, and Bands who are warming up in the B Area need to enter via the WMS Entrance off of 1240.

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

Each warm up area is close to a bathroom for student’s use prior to performance.

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 (1000 Watts) that can power front ensembles. If you have larger or questionable power needs, email the contest host.

Bands Must use their Entire 5 minute setup time during prelims and then begin their 8 Minute performance time.

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 from both A and B parking/warmup.

Invoice

Whitney High School Band

For: _____ High School Band
 Director: _____

#	Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
1	Hamburger Box Dinners		\$ 6	
2	Vegetarian Dinner		\$ 6	
3				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
	Total		\$	-

Please Mail Payment to:
 Whitney Band Boosters
 305 S Jacinto
 PO Box 518
Whitney TX 76692

Notes: Thank you!