

**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
2020 AREA D MARCHING CONTEST  
NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

TO: Directors of Class 3A Bands participating in the  
Area D Marching Band Contest

FROM: Gerald & Cheryl Babbitt, Contest Organizers  
Chico Portillo, Contest Site Host

SUBJECT: 2020 Area D Marching Band Contest  
Bastrop Memorial Stadium, Cedar Creek, Texas

Congratulations on advancing to the Area D Marching Band Contest. Chico Portillo and the Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School Band Boosters are your contest site hosts. They will do everything possible to make this event a positive experience for you and your students. Please read the following information carefully to help prepare for the contest. Best wishes for a successful performance.

**Chico Portillo's cell phone number is 512-796-9596**

**ENTRY FEE**

There is a \$250.00 entry fee for bands competing in the Class 3A Area D marching contest this year.

**ENTRY FORMS**

The following items are available under the **Area D Marching Contest** section of the **UIL Music 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 & 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 & the Announcer's Script to Gerald Babbitt at [uilregion18@icloud.com](mailto:uilregion18@icloud.com) ASAP after your Region contest! The entry form must be signed by the principal or superintendent of the school.**

**JUDGES**

Kenneth Capshaw – El Paso (Music)  
Kyle Friesenhahn – McQueeney (Music)  
Rodney Klett - McKinney (Music)  
Anthony Gibson – Allen (Marching)  
Rocky Harris – Big Spring (Marching)

## **ADMISSION**

There will be an admission fee of \$5.00 for all spectators. The east side entrance to the stadium is for spectators only. However, spectators will sit on the west side (press box side) of the stadium.

**UIL has posted updated [UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines](#) on the [UIL website](#) consistent with updates recently posted to [TEA Guidance](#).**

**Following are our Area D Guidelines, to "social distance" as feasibly as possible. [Please notify your students and their family members that these are requirements for all Area D Contests.](#)**

1. Bands should plan to arrive at the stadium no earlier than an hour prior to your assigned warm-up.
2. Bands should plan to depart the stadium no more than an hour after your performance time.
3. If bands prefer to enter the "visitor" stands (east side), for a short time, you must stay as a group, ONLY in the "visitor" stands, wearing masks, and not mingling with any other bands. It is preferred that bands not return to the stadium after performing.
4. Each schedule has specified times when we will "**clear the stands**". All spectators will be asked to leave the stadium, if their band has already competed. We must ensure that there will be adequate seating for all parents to watch their kids march. We must comply with State mandated capacities.
5. While in attendance, **spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times, and social distance themselves from the next group of spectators.** The bleachers are sectioned off with blue tape where spectators should sit in order to stay socially distanced.
6. Please inform family members NOT to come into the stadium too early, since they may be asked to leave prior to their band's performance.
7. If you send your band back home, prior to the end of the contest:
  - The director may stay for the verification period and to draw for marching position in the UIL State marching contest, if selected.
  - Or, the director may pick up their performance packet and leave and wait for our notification of ranking order via email, or on our Region 18 website. If you choose this option, and you qualify for State, we will draw your performance position for you.

Band students will not be charged an admission fee after their performance if they wish to go into the stands to watch the remaining bands in their performance block. Have your students sit as a group and please make sure they are properly monitored by your staff or chaperones. **They must wear masks while in the stadium.** Their uniform or band shirt will admit them. Please enter through the band student gate on the **visitors' side, ONLY.**

## **MAPS**

Please review the maps included on the website. They will help you to better understand the layout of the stadium and the flow of the contest.

## **LOCATION OF CONTEST**

Bastrop ISD Memorial Stadium is located at 755 TX-21W --Cedar Creek, Texas 78612

Click here: [755 TX-21 W -- Cedar Creek, Texas 78612](#)

## **CHECK-IN**

Upon arrival, turn onto the west side entrance and proceed to the Check-In tent. You will be assigned two monitors (one for the front ensemble and one for the winds, battery and colorguard.) They will guide your buses and equipment trailers to the appropriate locations

Please submit the Entry Form and Announcer's Script to the adult Check-in monitor when you arrive **(if not previously emailed)**. **Check-in no later than 40 minutes prior to your warm up** in order to have time to park, unload, and move to your warm up area on time.

## **BAND PARENT/CHAPERONE/FIELD SUPPORT TEAM**

Directors will receive wrist bands for staff/chaperones upon arrival to the check in station. Please let the monitor know how many wrist bands you will need when you check-in. Please reserve the passes for those **parents who are traveling with you on your busses or pit trucks**. You will receive 1 wristband for each 10 band members with a maximum of 20 wristbands.

## **FIRST AID**

Due to COVID -19, there will not be a First Aid station at the contest. There will be plenty of water and ice for hydration and sprains. If an emergency occurs, we will call 911 and have an ambulance sent to the stadium.

## **INSTRUMENT REPAIR**

An Instrument Repair station will be available near the warm up area and will be provided by Music & Arts.

## **PARKING / RESTROOMS / CONCESSIONS / T SHIRTS**

Please review the map of the facilities that includes the spectator parking area, the trailer and prop/equipment area, bus parking for the performing bands, warm-up areas, restrooms, and the field entrance and exits. Due to COVID-19 protocols, restrooms will not be available for dressing upon arrival.

Concession stands will be open for the duration of the event.

PepWear will have a booth set up near the concession stand, for purchase of contest memorabilia.

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

When you and your band are ready to proceed to your assigned warm-up area, your assigned event monitor will direct you. **NO CADENCE** is allowed at any time prior to entering the stadium.

Warm-up areas are indicated on the map. Please face your band **AWAY FROM THE STADIUM WHILE WARMING UP**. When using a metronome, it must be hard wired to any amplification system. Bluetooth or wireless frequencies should not be used and are not allowed. The colorguard warm up area is in the same area as the wind players.

**YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WARMUP AHEAD OF YOUR TIME REGARDLESS OF YOUR ARRIVAL. THIS INCLUDES BANDS AND ALL AUXILIARY UNITS.**

*Although you will have a monitor and timer, each director is responsible for leaving the warm-up area and getting to the ready position at the south end of the football field at the appropriate time. Please note the times on the attached schedule regarding your time to begin warm-up and leave the warm-up area. This is especially important in light of the strict procedures for timing.*

Please allow the event monitors to show you the proper route from the warm-up area to the staging area and then to the entrance of the competition field. They will stay with your group to assist you with entering and exiting the stadium.

**PROPS** - Props will follow **behind** the previous band's 6-minute field entry. The props should be taken to the prop staging area.

**\*\*PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS:**

**Performance Time:** Each competing band shall occupy the football field for not less than four nor more than eight minutes. **Any band that leaves the field in less than four minutes or fails to complete its performance in eight minutes shall be disqualified.**

**Movement to Field Position:** The contest chair will determine the ready position each band will assume prior to entering the field of competition. The position shall provide efficient and prompt access to the football field without interfering with other bands as they perform. This location will be clearly described in the marching contest packet.

**IMPORTANT – TIMING PROCEDURES!**

**Official Time:** The official time for each band will be kept according to the following:

- (A) The contest chair will designate an official timekeeper.
- (B) In order to allow ample time for the judges to complete their critiques, bands will be scheduled with five minutes between performances and a maximum of eighteen minutes per band.
- (C) Bands may use the six minutes prior to their performance in any way they deem appropriate in order to assume their starting position and prepare for the beginning of their show. Activities may include warm-up and/or cadence.
- (D) **Each band will be announced with 45 seconds remaining on the 6-minute clock.** The beginning of their announcement will indicate that the performance time will begin in 45 seconds.
- (E) The actual timing and adjudication for the show will begin at the end of the six minutes.
- (F) At the conclusion of each band's performance the postscript will be read. Each band will have three minutes to exit the field and clear the marching surface of all equipment, instruments and props. The use of either instrumental or verbal cadence is optional. **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 three minutes will be disqualified.**

- (G) A band leaving equipment or instruments on the sideline in such a manner that these items impede the movement of the next band into its starting position will be subject to penalty in accordance with Subchapter E.

### **Electronic Equipment:** [UIL Electronic FAQs](#)

Electronic equipment may be used under the following provisions:

- (A) All electronically produced music including narration and sound effects shall be performed live and in real time by eligible students.
- (B) Pre-recorded music, instrumental or vocal, or narration may not be used.

### **Amplification:** Amplification of instruments or voice may be used with the following restrictions:

- (A) All equipment must be operated by eligible students.
- (B) AC power cords and AC supplied amplification units must be located outside the sidelines and endlines.
- (C) A power generator or DC power source may be placed on the field, provided there is a protective barrier between the power unit and the turf and all cords are contained safely within close proximity to the equipment that is being supplied with power.
- (D) Wind instruments may be amplified only for solo and/or small ensemble features.

### **Electric Outlets**

There is a 110-volt junction box located against the stadium fence at the 50-yard line. You will need to provide an adequate extension cord to cover the distance over the track. There is also a junction box with two outlets near the track on the turf near the 50 yard line.

### **POST PERFORMANCE**

Your monitors will escort your band through the exit. You may then return to your buses/equipment trailers to reload and then re-enter the stadium to observe the contest using the Band Student Entrance on the visitors' side of the stadium. **Again, have your students sit as a group and please make sure they are properly monitored by your staff or chaperones. They must wear masks while in the stadium. Their uniform or band shirt will admit them.**

### **WATER STATIONS**

A water station for your band students will be located outside of the stadium gate after they exit the field following their performance.

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

The marching judges will be located on the film deck of the press box. The music judges will be positioned in the bleachers, on the top row in front of the pressbox. The contest office will be located in the press box. **No unauthorized persons or students will be permitted in the press box and/or contest office at any time.**

**VERIFICATION PERIOD:** When the announcer calls for **ONE DIRECTOR FROM EACH BAND** to attend the verification period, you may enter the press box through the street level entrance. Please take the elevator to the second floor, and you will be escorted to a vacant room. You will receive judge sheets, scores, etc.... **You will need the pass, included in your check-in packet, to gain access into the press box. There is not room in the press box for more than one director. Directors may not enter the press box at any other time.**

## **DRUM MAJOR RETREAT**

Due to COVID 19, there **will not** be a drum major retreat.

## **BAND CONDUCT**

In order to control crowd noise in the stadium, we ask that you:

- Please review with your band the importance of proper and courteous conduct while other bands are performing.
- Designate directors or chaperones to sit with your band to assure that proper conduct is maintained.

## **REMINDERS**

- Questions/problems should be directed through your monitor or the contest staff to the Press Box.
- Contact with the judges at any time is prohibited.
- Review traffic and parking maps carefully and coordinate them with your drivers.
- Bands may play at the following times ONLY:
  - A. Assigned warm-up time
  - B. 6 minute warm-up prior to performance
  - C. Contest performance

## **QUESTIONS?**

Should you have questions regarding UIL rules, performance regulations, electronics, etc... please contact Jerry or Cheryl Babbitt, Area D Executive Secretary at 512-268-1504 (home), 512-656-3798 (cell) or email [uilregion18@icloud.com](mailto:uilregion18@icloud.com)

If you need stadium information or have an emergency on the day of contest you may call:  
Chico Portillo at 512-796-9596