

**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.

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