

3A Area D MARCHING CONTEST
Cougar Stadium, China Spring, TX
October 28, 2023

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 Location

Stadium- Cougar Stadium
7301 North River Crossing, China Spring, TX 76633

Director/Band Check In

China Spring Middle School
7201 North River Crossing, China Spring, TX 76633

Spectator Parking

Cougar Stadium
7301 North River Crossing, China Spring, TX 76633

Ticket Sales

Tickets can be purchased online at the UIL MUSIC REGION 18 SITE or tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Wristbands

You will receive one wristband for every 10 band members as listed on their entry form. These are to be used for assistant directors, bus drivers, chaperones, etc. and are good for use all day. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$10 each.

Bus/Truck/Trailer

Please fill out the [PARKING INFORMATION FORM](#)

Entry Fee

There is a \$400 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 Music Area D with you to the contest along with your original Area contest 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 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. Your band will not be permitted to march without this form being on file.

Bus/Truck/Trailer

All buses/trucks/trailers will enter in front of China Spring Middle School from North River Crossing. All vehicles will park behind China Spring Middle School in the bus/trailer parking. All spectators will park in the parking lot to the south of the stadium or behind the home stands.

Please follow the guidelines for equipment unloading and truck/trailer parking. All equipment vehicle(s) will unload behind China Spring Middle School. Prop truck/trailers may park in the drive adjacent to the Middle School. (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 at the front of China Spring Middle School. At the check-in table, you will turn in the original Entry Form, script and entry fee check (or proof that they paid online). You will receive one wristband for every 10 band members as listed on their entry form. These are to be used for assistant directors, bus drivers, chaperones, etc. and are good for use all day. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$10 each. You will also receive any informational updates you might need. Please have all necessary forms and payment ready at check-in.

Meal Deal

At Check-in receive any meal deal instructions (if you purchased them) and any informational updates you might need. Please have all necessary payment ready at check-in.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be available inside CSMS. Entrance for restrooms is through the front of CSMS. 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 China Spring Boosters will run a full concession stand for the duration of the contest. China Spring Band Boosters are also offering both a lunch and dinner package for your convenience should you choose to participate. Your patronage is greatly appreciated fill out the [MEAL DEAL FORM](#). The cut off for these orders will be Wednesday 10/25.

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. NO CADENCE is allowed at any time prior to entering the stadium. THE USE OF AMPLIFIED METRONOMES (WIRELESS OR HARD-WIRED) IS NOT ALLOWED IN WARM-UP.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WARM UP AHEAD OF YOUR TIME REGARDLESS OF YOUR ARRIVAL. THIS INCLUDES BANDS AND AUXILIARY UNITS.

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 approximately a 5 minute walk. You must leave the warm up area at your respective times.

Water Station

There will not be a water station provided at this contest. Please plan accordingly.

Moving to Cougar Stadium

As bands exit warm up, they will proceed up the drive adjacent to CSHS Competition Gym and enter the stadium through the Southeast side.

Performance Time

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

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. Bands will be scheduled with two minutes between performances and a maximum of fifteen minutes per band.
- C. Bands may use the five 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 5-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 five minutes.
- F. At the conclusion of each band's performance, the postscript will be read. Each band will have two 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 END LINES) or continues to use instrumental or verbal cadence at the end of the two 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 a penalty in accordance with Subchapter E.

Electronic Equipment: ELECTRONICS AND AMPLIFICATION RULES AND FAQ

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. Exception: A non-student may intervene during the 8-minute performance clock to address an electronics failure. The school must supply the contest chair with a written justification for doing so. If the AES and contest chair determine that the justification does not support the action, the AEC may proceed with consideration of penalty. (The rule remains: that only a student may adjust volume, etc. This applies only to electronic failure.)

(B) Electronics cables may now cross the sidelines. STUDENTS MAY NOT PERFORM OVER CABLES THAT ARE ON THE FIELD , WHETHER THEY ARE COVERED OR NOT!

(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 of up to ten performers at one time.

Violation of any of the above rules would make a band subject to the penalties as outlined in C&CR Sections 27 and 2

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 on the south side of the field. 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.

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. There will be a contest representative on the track to show you where power can be located.

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 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. No unauthorized persons or students will be permitted in the press box and/or contest office at any time. You will receive comment sheets during the verification period immediately following both prelims and finals.

Judges

Your judges for this contest are

Marty Courtney

JD Janda

David Kirkley

Philip Obado

Paul Worosello

Spectator Parking

Spectators may park in the parking lot on south side of the stadium or behind the home-side and enter through the gate on the same side.

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 China Spring High School and Cougar Stadium, 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. Bands in the warm-up area will be given the choice of going into the China Spring Middle School Cafeteria or returning to their buses.
6. Once bands reach the Cafeteria, they will not be allowed to play or rehearse.
7. Once the all clear is given, bands and spectators will be given time to get back into place.
8. 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 China Spring Middle School Cafeteria. All contest operations will be relocated to China Spring High School.
2. Any band en route from warm-up to the stadium will be directed back to China Spring High School.
3. Any band performing will be escorted to the field house.
4. Spectators may be relocated to China Spring High School.

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

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 contact Marc Nichelson at 903-780-7971 (any day before the day of contest) or jnichelson@chinaspringisd.net.

Your contact on contest day will be Rachel Berg. Cell: 903-237-9267 Email: rberg@chinaspringisd.net

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