



**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
Area A - Class 5A East Zone Marching Contest  
Saturday - October 22, 2022  
Lowrey Field - PlainsCapital Park - Lubbock, TX

**CONTEST CHAIRMAN:** Keith Bearden, Region 16 Area Executive Secretary  
**CONTEST HOST:** Dallas Bayless, Director of Bands, Lubbock High School  
**ADJUDICATORS:** Rocky Harris, James Keltner, Jeff Goring, Mario Casanova, Bill Centera

**CONTEST OFFICE:**

- The contest office will be on the third floor of the press box.
- You should read in detail all the rules outlined in the UIL [Constitution and Contest Rules](#) regarding the Region and Area marching contests.
- Pay your entry fee to YOUR region executive secretary by the deadline stated on the entry form.
- Email your entry form and announcer's script by the deadline to [uilregion16@gmail.com](mailto:uilregion16@gmail.com).
- The second floor hospitality room will be open **only** to administrators with school ID, other special guests holding a "guest pass" or HEAD Directors for verification meetings.
- Judges will be located on the west side of the stadium in the press box.
- **Emergency mobile #'s:**
  - Keith Bearden – 806-239-8060
  - June Bearden – 806-239-6080

**ASSISTANCE:**

- **Instrument emergencies** - Tarpley's Music will have representatives at the contest to help with emergency instrument loans.
- **Medical** - An LISD trainer will be in the press box. If needed, phone Keith/June Bearden or ask any worker with a radio to call. They will come to your assistance.
- **Emergency medical release forms** - bring release forms for your band students so treatment can be administered if needed.
- **LISD Police** will be on site.

**VIDEO:**

- UIL does not endorse any video operators and is not involved in ordering or collecting.
- Billy Alonzo will be in the press box for your video needs. Arrange video services with him directly at: [5alonzos@att.net](mailto:5alonzos@att.net).
- If you order a video recording, a flash drive will be placed into your packet.
- His cost is \$45.00.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

- Procedures in place for Lowrey Field will be enforced, specifically as it pertains to lightning.
- Inclement weather date is the following: SUNDAY, October 23rd
- Please remember that Marching Band is an outdoor activity and rain alone will not delay or cancel the event. However, in case of heavy or driving rain, the competition will be delayed until some relief is seen and the all clear from lightning is given.

**ADULT FIELD WORKERS:**

- Each band will be given adult worker passes for on field assistance upon arrival at the warm up lot. Number of passes should be indicated on your entry form.
- If you have extra chaperones who are riding the bus, providing other duties, they are asked to purchase a ticket.

## **PARKING LOT / MAP ROUTES:**

- Lowrey Field is on the corner of 66<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue P.
- **Review the map and parking information** with your drivers, equipment trucks, parents **PRIOR to your trip** to Lowrey Field.
- Please follow the instructions of the Band Booster workers as they guide you.
- If you arrive in Lubbock before your assigned warm up lot arrival time, you'll have to hold the buses along the curb on the NORTH and EAST sides of the warm up lot.
- Please refer to your schedule for your designated drop off time for the warm up lot. **You may NOT ENTER EARLIER than the stated time.**
- Buses will enter the warm-up lot EAST entrance off Avenue L.
- NO personal vehicles allowed in the warmup lot or south bus parking lot. All personal vehicles must park in the WEST spectator lot.
- Once band members have unloaded their instrument and all necessary performance equipment (do not leave anything on the buses or in the warm-up lot), the buses will proceed behind the EAST stands to the "BUS PARKING AREA" as marked on the map.
- Please arrive in uniform to conserve time and try to avoid the restrooms for changing. If you need to change, the NORTH EAST restrooms will be open.
- If you have a small equipment trailer and need to unload instruments in the warm up lot, enter with your buses, unload and depart the warm up lot behind the EAST stands.
- If you, as a director, are driving a bus or pulling a trailer, allow a parent or drum major to assemble your group for warm-up and take your vehicle to the bus or trailer parking area. We will have a golf cart return you to your band in the warm up lot.
- DO NOT unload props, speakers, front ensemble instruments in the warm up lot, use SOUTH lot!
- If you need to unload sousaphones, pack them at the back of the equipment truck so they are first off.
- All trucks/trailers need to park in the SOUTH lot and remain there for equipment loading after performance.
- You are responsible for guarding valuables left on buses.
- **All bus drivers must STAY WITH BUSES** in case they need to be moved. This is vital to the flow of the schedule and traffic.

## **PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES for ENTERING / EXITING STADIUM:**

- There will be guides to direct your buses in all phases from drop off to pick up. See attached Lowrey Field map.
- Review the schedule as we have added drop off time so you may have your full warm up time-as dictated by the RED/GREEN FLAG.
- We will be using a 15 minute schedule: 5 minute warmup, 8 minutes for performance (4 minute minimum/8 minute maximum), and 2 minutes for clearing the field.
- Bands will form up in the warm up lot and enter through the NORTH ramp.
- When one band takes the marching position on the field, the next band should take its place on the NE end of the oval red track behind the goalposts.
- The third band will then assume its position on the NW top of the ramp.
- RED/GREEN flags will be flown from the NORTH EAST TOP CORNER of the EAST stands. You may **warm up when the green flag is up** and **stop the band immediately when the red flag is up**. This will keep warm-ups from interfering with the band on the field.
- Necessary instructions prior to contest performance shall be limited to voice commands. Absolutely no whistles or audible metronomes!
- Bands may choose to enter and exit at any position on the field for the contest performance.
- The band on the field has the right-of-way in cases where exit conflicts with a band waiting to perform may occur.
- The next band to perform should form for its entrance quietly. Remember that even though your band has cleared the field, your time does not end until verbal commands, cadences or rim taps end.
- Please exit the stadium via the SOUTH ramp with winds turning left off the field while percussion and props turn right off the field to return to their equipment truck. Winds turn right once outside the stadium and stay on sidewalk outside of the facility fence back around to the buses,
- NO changing facilities will be open at the SOUTH of the stadium, so suggest changing clothes on your buses.

## PERFORMANCE TIME ON THE FIELD:

- Your band will have the first **five** minutes of its allotted time in any way it deems appropriate in order to assume a starting position and prepare for the beginning of the show.
- **The official starting line for Area A will be on the track OUTSIDE the goal line.**
- Please wait for your official announcement to begin your warm-up to cross the starting line. Activities may include warm-up and/or cadence.
- Each band will be announced at the end of four minutes, 15 seconds. The beginning of the announcement will indicate that the performance time must begin after 45 seconds. The script may take less than 45 seconds.
- **The actual timing for the show will begin at the end of the five minute warm-up period.** Please watch the clock to determine when your warm-up time has expired. At that time, the stadium clock will be reset to 8:00 and immediately begin your contest show timing.
- Each band must occupy the football field in performance for no less than four minutes nor more than eight minutes.
- At the conclusion of its performance, 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 instructional or verbal cadence is optional. Your standard post-show script will be read during the 2 minute field exit.
- Bands & directors will ENTER the field via the NORTH ramp and EXIT through the SOUTH ramps.
- **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 three minutes **may be disqualified.**
- **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 **is subject to penalty** in accordance with Subchapter F of the official UIL C&CR.
- We **must stay on schedule** – parents expect to see their children at the scheduled time. We wish to be neither behind nor ahead. Everything you can do to keep things moving will be greatly appreciated.
- We will **NOT** have **FINALS** at this 5A contest.

## OTHER EQUIPMENT:

- You may pull your equipment vehicle into the SOUTH entry gate to the facility and unload in the SOUTH parking lot behind the Video Board **no earlier than 1 1/2 hours prior to your performance time.**
- Your front ensemble may warm-up in this area, being cognizant of the **RED/GREEN** warm-up flags being raised atop the northeast corner of the EAST stands.
- Please help us protect the track by making sure either your equipment or the transportation with which you move your equipment is on wheels. Please do not drag anything that does not have wheels (no sled types) across the track.
- Anything that is unloaded in the south parking lot will go down the SW entry ramp to field level.
- Once you are on the track, please move all equipment to the lanes that extend beyond the curve, as to not be in the way of the exiting band.
- Once the band on the field begins to exit, all equipment must be out of the way for them to proceed to the ramps.
- The band exiting the field has the right of way to get up the SE ramp.
- After the band exiting the field has completely left the stadium ramps and the band in the bottom of the ramp position has begun their 5 minute warm-up, the band in the top of the ramp position moves down.
- The same rule applies to the SW ramp with front ensemble equipment, props and drum major ladders. Contest officials will be coordinating movement of bands.
- To enter the stadium for watching other bands, students will need to be in uniform or band shirts.

## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

- All equipment must be situated off the field (outside the sidelines or end lines).
- **NEW THIS YEAR: STUDENTS MAY NOT PERFORM OVER ANY ELECTRICAL WIRE.** Equipment must be put in place during the time allotted for each band to set up. The director of an organization wishing to use electronic equipment is directly responsible for providing extension cords. The electric outlet at Lowrey Field is directly across the track from the 50 yard line.
- Please refer to the C&CR for rules regarding electronics.
- Refer to the region 16 website link to use of electronics.
- Re-visit the rules on amplification of no more than 10 students at a time. This does not mean 4 microphones and 10 students each. **ONLY TEN AT A TIME!**

## RESULTS:

- Judges will be using “Competition Suite” for the Area competition.
- **VERIFICATION PERIOD** - Directors are EXPECTED to meet in press box on second floor immediately after the last band performs. Timing is important, head directors need to make your way to the press box elevator. Please be on time to review the scoring during the verification window.
- All Drum majors should report to the field for the **presentation of participation plaques and finalist trophies** immediately following the last bands’ performance.
- Final results and tabulations will be emailed at the conclusion of the contest to directors.
- Information will also be available on the region 16 website: [uilregion16music.org](http://uilregion16music.org)

## LOCAL CONTEST RULES:

- **UIL rules** state clearly that every band and its director must conform to local ground rules for the operation of the contest.
- **Lubbock High Band Staff and band parents** will be available to help you in any way possible during the contest. Please ask your students and staff to treat them with courtesy at all times.
- **SOUVENIRS** - PepWear booths will be at the NW Concourse on the WEST stand side, along with concessions.
- **SHOW ENHANCEMENTS** - Use of any material which could leave any residue of any kind on the field or in the air is prohibited.
- **PYROTECHNICS** - NO fireworks, smoke bombs or any other type of pyrotechnics are allowed in Lowrey Stadium.
- **BALLOONS PROHIBITED** - The use of balloons by participants or spectators at the marching contest is prohibited.
- **CLEAR BAG POLICY** - As part of enhancing existing safety and security measures across the district, Lubbock ISD has a clear bag policy for all visitors to Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park. The policy regulates the size and type of bag that may be carried into the stadium for any event at the facility. For more details, go to <https://www.lubbockisd.org/clearbagpolicy>

## SEATING/TICKETS:

- We will offer presale of tickets through Vanco online. Share the link to Vanco with your parents.
- Also, for convenience, the ticket booth on the NW end will be open for walkup patrons. Admission is \$5.00 for ages 13 & up, free ages 12 and down.
- Hands will be stamped for re-entry.
- ALL spectators must sit on the WEST SIDE.
- Athletic teams, coaches, cheerleaders will be admitted FREE if wearing jersey or travel uniform. They MUST adhere to sportsmanship at all times to competing bands.
- Administrators must present a school ID for free admission upon entering at the ticket gate.
- We encourage bands to watch other groups, you need to sit in the WEST stands on the south end in the marked area. Please maintain control of your group as a courtesy to the band on the field.

## BATHROOMS/CONCESSIONS:

- Restroom facilities are located in the buildings at the NORTH end of the stadium on both WEST and EAST side seating areas.
- Concessions will only be available only on the WEST SIDE.
- Please remind your fans these areas cannot be noisy.

Thank you for taking time to read all the procedures! Safe travels and best wishes to you and your bands at competition!

Keith Bearden  
Executive Secretary-Area A