



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Area A 5A EZ Marching Contest

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park - Lubbock, TX

CONTEST CHAIRMAN: Keith Bearden, Region 16 Executive Secretary

CONTEST HOST: Dallas Bayless, Director of Bands, Lubbock High School

Adjudicators: Kevin Arnott, John Stuckey, Mark Buley, Josh Kidd, Andy Easton

PRESS BOX/CONTEST OFFICE: Contest office and Judges box are on the 3rd floor. The 2nd floor will be open for directors to hang out. **Please turn in any contest fee checks and pickup adult worker field passes at the Check-in station upon arrival.**

PARKING/WARMUP: Spectators may enter and exit **Spectator Parking** via either the west or northwest entrances on 66th Street and Avenue P (see map). Any parent vehicles following buses, dropping off students, or picking up students must park in **Spectator Parking**.

Buses will enter Avenue L from the north (off 66th Street), stop at the **Check-In** station, and unload students in the **Bus Drop-off Zone** for warmup. Band members must unload their instruments and all necessary performance equipment from buses in the **Bus Drop-off Zone**. The east side restrooms will be open, but please arrive in uniform if possible. After unloading, buses and trailers will proceed south on Avenue L then west on 70th to the **Bus & Trailer Entrance**. Buses cannot remain in the **Bus Drop-off Zone** after students are unloaded. Loading crews and front ensemble members may remain on buses and access the **Trailer Lot** from the parking lot to unload. If you have a SMALL equipment trailer and need to unload in the **Bus Drop-off Zone**, the trailer may stay with the buses, quickly unload, and accompany the buses to the **Bus & Trailer Entrance**.

Equipment trucks/trailers will use the **Prop Drop-off Zones** on 66th St (see contest map) Trucks/Trailers **MUST** enter these zones headed *east bound*. We must pull forward to allow others to unload, **DO NOT STOP UNTIL YOU'VE PULLED UP TO POSITION 1 OR BEHIND ANOTHER BAND'S TRUCK**. After unloading, trailers will proceed south down Ave L to the **Trailer Lot**. Props and equipment may be staged in the **Prop Staging** zone until the band's performance time. These zones are indicated in purple on the map. **DO NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO YOU ASSIGNED UNLOADING TIME!**

A dedicated golf cart will transport directors driving buses or equipment vehicles back to the **Warm Up** lot. Any directors driving a bus or equipment vehicle must have someone to supervise your group in the **Warm Up** lot while you are parking. You are responsible for safeguarding any valuables left on the buses. *NO personal vehicles are allowed* in the **Warm Up** lot, **Bus Parking**, or the **Trailer Lot**. *All personal vehicles* must park in West side **Spectator Parking**.

Bands will enter their assigned **Warm Up** area at their designated time. **Green** and **Red** flags will be flown from the northeast corner of the visitor side stands. Bands may warm up when the **Green** flag

is up and must stop immediately when the **Red** flag is raised to avoid interfering with the band on the field. This includes metronomes, stick tapping, etc.

Bands who arrive at the contest before their assigned warm up time can stage their buses in the YWCA parking lot on University Avenue just north of 66th Street. Be sure to depart the YWCA early enough to account for congestion that can occur on 66th Street at the stadium. Please refer to the map for traffic flow.

EQUIPMENT: Please help protect the track by making sure all equipment is on wheels. Do not drag anything without wheels (no sled-type pieces) across the track. Everything that is unloaded in the **Equipment Drop Zone** must enter the field at the North End ramps. The **North End East ramp** will be for band & backfield prop entry to the field; the **North End West ramp** will be for front ensemble & front field props entry to the field.

BAND FIELD ENTRANCE AND EXIT: Bands will move from their assigned **Warm Up** location at their “*Move to Ramp*” time and enter via the north ramps. Bands will exit the stadium via the southwest ramp and proceed to **Bus Parking** and the **Trailer Lot**. The southeast ramp may also be used *for foot traffic only (no equipment)* as an option for larger bands. **Bands planning to stay following their Prelim performance to watch other bands may re-enter the stadium through Gate 2 and sit in the designated area on the south end of the home side.** Students are welcome to purchase concessions and souvenirs while in the stadium. Directors are responsible for ensuring their students are courteous to performing bands and spectators. **For Finals, ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SEATED ON THE EAST SIDE.**

TIME ON THE FIELD: Bands will move to the starting line once the previous band begins its 2-minute field exit. *The official starting line for Area A will be on the track OUTSIDE the goal line for bands and on the front track at the 20-yardline for front ensemble instruments and equipment.* Each band’s 15-minute performance block will begin with a 5-minute warmup/field entry period to assume their starting position on the field. The band’s announcement will begin at the end of 4 minutes and 15 seconds indicating that the performance must begin after 45 seconds. (The script may take less than 45 seconds.) At that time, the stadium clock will be reset to 8:00 and the contest show timing will begin. The stadium clock will be used as the official time. A back-up stopwatch will run as well in the event of clock malfunction. Each band must occupy the football field for no less than five minutes and no more than eight minutes. At the conclusion of the 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 instrumental or verbal cadence is optional. The post-show script will be read during the 2-minute field exit. EXIT via the SOUTH END RAMPS.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: Electronic equipment must be set up during the 5-minute warmup/field entry period warmup period. Any band using electronic equipment is responsible for providing its own extension cords. The plug at Lowrey Field is directly across the track from the 50-yard line.

ADULT HELP: Each band will be given wristbands for parents who will be helping move equipment onto the field for your performance. Please contact Keith or June Bearden for additional wristband requests.

TICKETS: Tickets are available online from Vanco. Please use the links provided on our UIL Region 26 website under the band/area tab. Tickets are valid for the entire day. Tickets not purchased in

advance may be purchased at the ticket booth as walkups. Please encourage and train your fans to purchase the presale tickets to avoid long wait times at the ticket booth. Prices are \$5.00 for 7 years old & up. Free admission for infants through 6 years.

JUDGES: Judges will be located on the west side of the stadium on the 3rd floor of the press box.

BATHROOMS/CONCESSIONS: Restroom facilities are located in the buildings directly north of both home and visitor side stands. Concessions are only available on the *HOME SIDE*.

Pepwear (official UIL Logo): Souvenir booth will be at the NW Concourse.

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.

SPECTATORS may not use NOISE MAKERS.

INSTRUMENT EMERGENCIES: Tarpley's Music will have representatives at the contest to help with emergency instrument situations.

FIRST AID: An athletic trainer will be available in the press box for emergency situations. See EMERGENCY NUMBERS AT THE END OF THIS LETTER.

CLEAR BAG POLICY at Lowrey Field for Marching Contests: 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 Plains Capital Park. The policy regulates the size and type of bag that may be carried into the stadium for any event at the facility. Visitors to Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park will be able to bring the following style and size bag or package into the facility:

- Clear plastic vinyl or PVC
- Not to exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic resealable bag
- Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5"

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

1. Procedures in place for Lowrey Field will be enforced, specifically as it pertains to lightning.
2. Every effort will be made to complete the contest.
3. **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.**
4. Final determination of delay, cancellation of finals, or continuation of the contest will rest with the Region Executive Secretary and stadium officials utilizing lightning meters and enforcing stadium rules.

Other Important Information:

You must have a Competition Suite account and logged in to receive judges' commentary.

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRELIMINARY ROUND.

FULL BAND RETREAT (SEE 7 BAND RETREAT MAP) WILL FOLLOW THE FINALS ROUND.

Questions or problems? The **Check-in** station in the **Warm Up** lot will be in constant contact with the contest office.

Emergency Contacts:

Keith Bearden, 806-239-8060

June Bearden, 806-239-6080

Dallas Bayless, 940-613-2700