

**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**AREA A 3A MARCHING COMPETITION**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008**  
**LOWREY FIELD – LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

**MARCHING ADJUDICATORS**

Daryll Kaire, Keller; Barry Hurt, Pagosa Springs, Co.; Cindy Mikel, San Antonio; Tony Gibbs, Kyle; Don Thoede, Clifton

**CONTEST CHAIRMAN:** Raymond Lusk, Region 16 Executive Secretary

**CONTEST HOST:** Will Burks, Lubbock High School

Welcome to the UIL Area A 3A Marching Contest. To facilitate the smooth operation of our contest, please read the following information.

**PARKING:** Lowrey Field is on the corner of 66<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue P. The easiest route to the stadium is to take Loop 289 from either Interstate 27 or Hwy 87 to University, turn North on University, then turn east on 66<sup>th</sup> Street and travel east to the stadium. This will bring you up on the same side of the road as the stadium. Bus unloading and parking will be in the east parking lot. If space becomes a problem, LISD police will be on hand to direct overflow to the west lot. Individual schools will assume the responsibility for guarding valuables left on the buses. Please do not block in another bus. Drivers should stay on or near buses in case they need to be moved. Directors will be met at their buses by a monitor.

**EQUIPMENT:** No more than one hour prior to your performance you may pull your equipment vehicle into the northwest entry gate to the facility, unload near the northeast ramp, and pull back out through the northeast facility gate to park in the east parking lot. Please help us protect the track by making sure either your equipment or the transportation with which you move your equipment is on wheels and they are good ones. Please do not drag anything that does not have wheels (no sled types). Sodexo (stadium management) will have personnel on the track if you have any questions.

**ENTERING AND EXITING STADIUM:** Bands will form up in the parking lot and enter through the northeast ramp. When one band takes the marching position on the field, the next band in order should take its place on the north half oval red track behind the goal line. The third band will then assume its position on the top of the ramp. Lubbock ISD Band staff and parents will be in place at strategic locations to assist in any way possible. Red and green flags will be flown from the main flag pole at the north end of the stadium. You may warm up when the green flag is up and you must stop immediately when the red flag is raised. This will keep warm-up from interfering with the band on the field. Remember: green – noise; red – no noise! Necessary instructions prior to contest performance shall be limited to voice commands. Absolutely no whistles!!! Bands may choose to enter and exit at any point of the field for their contest

performance. The band on the field has the right-of-way in cases where exit conflicts with a band waiting to perform. The next band to perform should form for its entrance quietly. Please 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 northwest ramp. Turn right and go outside of the facility fence back to your bus. If your band wishes to remain to hear other bands and to wait for the results to be announced, please re-enter the stadium quietly and as a group into the east stands. It has been mandated by the state office that you may enter only between performances! Should you change out of uniform, please be sure to wear some form of identification (such as band shirts). It has also been mandated by the state that you must have sponsors with your group and in control at all times. Please do not leave them unsupervised.

**STADIUM SEATING:** ONLY bands and designated sponsors will sit on the east side. ALL spectators will sit on the WEST side – press box side – of the stadium. The Area A Executive Committee has set the admission charge at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. *The ONLY exceptions will be those directly involved in assisting the band with equipment or as sponsors. You will be provided wrist bands to identify your sponsors.* Again, it is imperative that you follow the UIL State Office’s mandate to supervise your students closely at all times. Feel free to applaud, but we cannot have anyone being rude to another school! Band seating on the east side means that you could easily be in the video of the band performing on the field. PLEASE STAY SEATED. Students are not permitted to leave the area in the stands designated by the director until time for the entire group to leave the area together. All band members should be encouraged to watch carefully and to profit from the performance on the field. *It would also be a great help to the contest work crew if you would have your students and supporters carry their own trash to the trash receptacles under the stands. Since this is not standard practice inside stadiums, please announce this to your students and fans before the contest and before leaving the stands. We would really appreciate your help with this matter.*

**PRESS BOX ADMITTANCE:** ONLY head directors and contest officials will be permitted in the press box area. Please use only the south door. While a nice facility, it is not exceptionally large, and the judges will also be seated inside. Distractions must be non-existent. For this reason, please DO NOT bring your children or students into the press box. There will be a small room for directors with coffee, etc. in the press box. *Please do not place us in the position of having to request that your children or students leave the press box.* The microphone pickup is just outside the press box window.

**BALLOONS PROHIBITED:** The use of balloons by participants or spectators at the marching contest is prohibited.

**TIME ON THE FIELD:** Your band may (NOT MANDATORY) use the first five minutes of its allotted time in any way it deems appropriate in order to assume its starting position and prepare for the beginning of its show. Activities may include warm-up and/or cadence. Each band will be announced at the end of four minutes. The beginning of the announcement will indicate that the performance time must begin within sixty seconds. The script takes less than 60 seconds. If you do not choose to use this five

minute allotment, please tell the person at the flag table so that information can be relayed to the press box. The actual timing for the show will begin at a starting point designated by the director or at the end of the five minute period. 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 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 two minutes will 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. Each competing band must occupy the neither football field for no less than five nor more than eight minutes. The stadium clock will be used, as well as two back-up stop watches. Flags will also be waved to indicate the various time periods.

**White** – one minute prior to your mandatory starting time.

**Blue** – at starting time designated by director or 1 minute after announcement.

**Green** – five minutes into performance.

**Yellow** – eight minutes

**Red** – ten minutes (the time the band **MUST** be clear of the field)

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.

**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:** All equipment must be situated off the field (outside the sidelines or end lines). 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. Please refer to rule changes regarding electronics.

**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.

**JUDGES:** Judges will be located on the west side of the stadium in the press box. The judging panel will consist of 3 music judges and 2 marching judges.

**PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING BANDS TO ADVANCE FROM AREA TO STATE:** All provisions set forth by UIL will be followed. You can refer to the Area packet (it can be found on the UIL web site if you did not receive one at your region contest) for a reading of these procedures.

**VERIFICATION PERIOD:** (As detailed in your Area packet): At the conclusion of all preliminary performances, there will be a verification period. During this time directors will have the opportunity to review the tabulation of the final rankings. The following procedure will be observed:

1. One representative from each school will be permitted to review the tabulation and ranking procedure.
2. If all present agree that there is no error in the tabulation process, then the results will become official and will be made public.
3. If there is a protest regarding the tabulations, the rankings will be held and a final judgment made by the State office.
4. There can be no future protest of rankings after the results are announced as official.
5. A director not present during the verification period forfeits his opportunity to protest.

Only the bands selected to advance to State and the alternate will be announced at the conclusion of the contest.

All tabulations and other results will be made available to the directors only after the contest is completed.

**ADJUDICATION PROCEDURES FOR AREA MARCHING CONTEST:** All provisions set forth by the UIL will be followed. Refer to your Area packet. If you have not been given this packet, it can be found on the UIL web site.

**DRUM MAJOR RETREAT:** There will be a drum major retreat at the end of preliminaries to announce results. Bands not advancing to finals will receive a participant award. At the end of finals there will be drum major retreat where each band will receive a finalist award and the names of those bands advancing to the state marching band contest will be announced.

All drum majors should gather on the 50 yard line (West side) at the conclusion of the preliminaries. This drum major retreat and announcement of finalists will immediately follow the verification period.

**OTHER PROCEDURES:** You should read in detail rules outlined in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules regarding the Region and Area marching contest.

**CONCESSIONS AND EATING FACILITIES:** Lowrey Field's concession stands will be open. There is also a Furr's Cafeteria on South Loop 289 between University and Indiana Avenues, or South Plains Mall at South Loop 289 and Slide Road. Either is capable of handling large numbers of students.

**INSTRUMENT EMERGENCIES:** Jent's House of Music and Tarpley Music will have representatives at the contest to help with emergency instrument loans.

**EXTRANEIOUS NOISE:** Whether you have completed your performance or are waiting to go on the field, please keep your band as quiet as possible in the stadium area. A fine performance by one band could be ruined completely by thoughtless students from

other groups making noise or creating general havoc in the stadium. Please ensure that your group – when not performing – refrains from blowing horns and whistles, beating drums, yelling, or running around in a manner which might be distracting to the performance going on at the time. A really fine band is one which performs well off the field as well as on.

**WARM-UP:** If you wish to run your show in Lubbock just prior to your performance, contact one of the local high schools to check the availability of their practice fields, but please do not be late to the contest.

**FIELD NUMBERS:** From the center of the sideline to the bottom of the numbers is 21 feet. It is 27 feet from the sideline to the top of the numbers.

**LOCAL CONTEST RULES:** LISD Band Staff and parents will be available to help you in any way possible during the contest, but UIL rules state clearly that every band and its director must conform to local ground rules for the operation of the contest.

**INFORMATION:** If you have questions, please contact one of the following:  
Will Burks, Contest Host: 806-766-1406 (office) or 806-543-1811 (cell); or  
Raymond Lusk, Contest Chair: 806-698-1164 (home) or 806-778-0603 (cell).

**ANNOUNCER'S SCRIPT:** Your announcer's script should be faxed to Raymond Lusk (Fax : 806-698-1154). You should use the same announcer's form you used for your Region contest.

**FEES:** The fee for participation in this contest is \$150.00 (includes video). This fee should be paid prior to your performance, and can be mailed to Raymond Lusk, 10616 Salem Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424, or you can hand deliver a check to Raymond Lusk in the press box on contest day. Checks should be made to "Area A UIL Marching".

**VIDEO:** One DVD of your performance will be provided on contest day with the payment of the \$150.00 entry fee.