

# SCHEDULING INFO - AREA C 3A MARCHING CONTEST

UIL Regions 4, 9, 10, 19, 21 & 33

Fall 2019

## DATE AND SITE

The Area C 3A marching contest will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. The site will be Bulldog Stadium at Carthage High School, 1600 West Panola, Carthage, TX 75633. The bad weather day will be Tuesday, October 29 at Bulldog Stadium. Continued severe weather on that Tuesday will result in the contest being moved to Carthage's indoor stadium. UIL State 3A Marching Contest will be Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

## SCHEDULE

The performance schedule cannot be determined until all the Region Marching Contests in Area C are complete. The performance schedule will be posted on or before Wednesday, October 23rd. The following process will be followed:

Qualifying 3A bands are assigned a draw order using the randomize function of FileMaker Pro. Then, these bands will be divided into three equal groups based on one-way mileage to the contest site.

Group I: closest 1/3 competitors

Group II: middle 1/3 competitors

Group III: farthest 1/3 competitors

Using the following method, a Prelim performance order will be determined. Bands will be scheduled based on the draw order, with the following allowance for mileage from the school to the contest site using Google Maps.

Group II Bands: Performances will not be earlier than 1/2 way through Group I.

Group III Bands: Performances will not be earlier than 1/2 way through Group II.

The performance order will include only the bands 1) that checked "Area Intent" on their Region Entry, 2) that are certified at their Region Marching Contest, and 3) have submitted an Official Entry form.

Last year, the draw order for the 4A and 2A bands was posted, and that led to some angry confusion when the non-qualifying bands were removed and distance was applied to formulate the schedule. Bands that were late in the draw order were bumped to early in the schedule. Neither the draw order nor the distance order is the performance order; instead, it's a combination of the two based on the actual attending bands. For that reason, I don't plan to release any schedule information until on or before Wednesday, October 23rd.

## PAST EXPERIENCE:

In 2017 we had 18 3A bands but the contest included 11 2A bands. That year, the first 3A band began at 10:30 am, and the last band began at 3:15 pm. Results for the Prelims were announced at 4 pm. Then, 11 2A bands were adjudicated from 4:15pm until 7:15pm. 3A finals started at 8 pm and results were announced at 11:15 pm. We will be able to remove the 3 hour block of time that went to the 2A's, which will allow us to start later and end earlier.

## THIS YEAR

Assuming we have the same number of bands as 2017, we should be able to start at about 11:30 am, and announce finalists at about 10pm. The first few bands will be the draw order of Group 1, so if you are less than 90 miles from Carthage HS, there is a higher probability you will perform early, depending on your draw order. With an 11:30 start, the first band warm-up would be about 10:50.

Prelims will be followed by a Drum Majors' Retreat, where all bands will receive a Participation Plaque and bands advancing to finals will be announced. The order of finals will be based on a random draw.

## FINALS

If 14-19 bands qualify for Area, seven bands will advance to Finals. With 20-29 qualifying bands, ten will advance to Finals. If 30 or more bands qualify for Area, twelve will advance to Finals. There are 54 competing 3A bands in Area C.

After Finals, there will be a full band "Retreat." Awards will be presented and rankings/advancement will be announced using the new "countdown" system. The full band retreat will work the same way as at the UIL State Marching Contest.

## STATE

The three bands receiving the highest ranking in Finals will be certified to the state marching band contest. Should 20 or more bands qualify for advancement to area, one additional band for each five bands that qualified for Area shall be certified for advancement to the state contest (rather than the number of bands that actually participate at Area).

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact your Region Executive Secretary or Mike Bullock at [mikebullock@me.com](mailto:mikebullock@me.com) During the contest, call my cell phone; 903 258-0832

Best Wishes,

Mike Bullock  
UIL Area C 3A Executive Secretary