

2020-21 AREA C MARCHING CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

COVID-19 MITIGATION - UIL AREA C MARCHING CONTEST 2020

UIL Area C and our host ISD's ask for everyone's cooperation on the following. Directors, inform your supporters:

1. Spectators exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms and/or have tested positive should not attend the contest.
2. After performance, bands should sit on the visitor side only. Please reserve all home side seating for spectators.
3. 2A bands and spectators must exit the stadium after their conference has finished.
4. Spectators 10 years and older entering the gate and stands are asked to wear a nose and mouth mask/face covering at all times.
5. Spectators are asked to socially distance themselves or their group 6 feet from other spectators.

The following information is for **2A, 3A, and 4A** band directors who have been certified by their Region UIL Executive Secretary for the 2020 Area C Marching Contest.

2A/4A CONTEST

DATE: The Area C 2A/4A Contest is scheduled to be on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Lindale High School. The bad weather option is to move the contest to the indoor facility at Lindale High School using the same schedule if possible.

WEATHER DELAY/CANCELTION: At the contest, the weather will be monitored with a lightning detector. The field and stands might have to be vacated. Additionally, there could be a thirty (30) minute delay, or the contest could be postponed. According to 20-21 UIL COVID-19 mitigation guidelines, the prelim results will be declared the final results (no Finals).

I estimate we'll have about six 2a Bands, and about fourteen 4a bands. The 2a contest will start about 11:30 and end about 1:30. The 4a bands should start about 1:45 and end about 6:30. If we have unsafe weather, the indoor Lindale field is 100 yards long with about four feet past each goal. The host letter will elaborate on this.

3A CONTEST

DATE: The Area C 3A Contest is scheduled to be on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Longview High School. The bad weather option is to move the contest to Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Longview High School using the same schedule if possible.

WEATHER DELAY/CANCELTION: At the contest, the weather will be monitored with a lightning detector. The field and stands might have to be vacated. Additionally, there could be a thirty (30) minute delay, or the contest could be postponed. By 20-21 UIL COVID-19 mitigation guidelines, the prelim results will be declared the final results (no Finals).

I estimate we'll have about twelve 3a bands. The contest will start about Noon and end about 4:00.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

- ☐ Text or Email me immediately after certification whether or not your band is coming to Area.
- ☐ Signed **AREA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM** This form also serves as invoice. (*available on Region 21/Area C web site*)
- ☐ **AREA (ANNOUNCER'S) UIL MARCHING BAND SCRIPT** (*available on Region 21 Area C web site*)
- ☐ **UIL MARCHING BAND EDUCATIONAL USE VIDEO AGREEMENT** (*email receipt*)
- ☐ Additionally, please send a school check for \$350.00 made out to **UIL AREA C MUSIC EVENTS c/o Mike Bullock** (*Invoice [Entry Form] and W-9 available on Region 21 Area C web site*)

Documents can be sent via:

- Scan and email to mikebullock@me.com
- Or take pictures and text to 903 258-0832 (when photographing forms, sheet must be flat, on a dark surface, showing all 4 corners)
- US Mail is probably not an option because of the delivery time

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1. The contest will be conducted according to the rules of the *UIL Constitution & Contest Rules*. Please read and understand the rules prior to attending the contest. Directors should review Section 1106: Area Marching Band Contest, as posted on the UIL State web site.
2. After making a first division (certification) at Region, directors must immediately text or otherwise notify Mike Bullock of their intentions and official entries must be submitted within 24 hours, or by the following Monday, in case of a Saturday contest.
3. The contest schedule should be posted the second day after the final Region Contest (if timely notification by directors of all certified bands is made.) The order of bands is determined by a combination of the FileMaker Pro randomize tool and distance.
4. Admission for all spectators is \$5.00 per person. Bus drivers & school administrators will be admitted free with presentation of school ID. Children 6 and under are also free. However, band chaperones must have chaperone passes. Ten passes/band will be given to directors as you arrive at contest. Please limit these complimentary passes to your bus sponsors. Each band student and departing spectator may have his/her hand stamped for reentry into the stadium.
5. **CONTEST TIMING** is where bands will be most vulnerable for a mandated disqualification. Please review the C&CR, rules, including: (g). (1) *Movement to Field Position*, (2) *Performance Time*, and (3) *Exit (of) the Field* will each be timed. Details of the timing procedures are included in the Local Ground Rules (*posted on Region 21 Area C web site*). We will operate a 17-minute schedule, per COVID mitigation guidelines (extra minute for entry and exit.)
6. **VIDEO SERVICE** will be provided by MEDIA SERVICES of Lufkin.
7. Prelim comment sheets and recordings will be available to directors **ONLY AFTER** all bands in their class have performed. Judge comments will be on a jump drive, so bring proper equipment if you would like to hear their comments.
8. There will be a break at the end of the Prelims. At this time one director from each band will meet to review the ranking of the bands. Any and all protests must be made prior to the announcement of the results.
9. After the Prelims, the Drum Majors of all bands will assemble on the press box side of the field during this tabulation time. Drum Majors should be in full uniform. They will be introduced and presented a participation plaque.
10. Concluding announcements will be made and awards presented according to UIL C&CR Section 1106. (No finals)

If you need any additional information or have any questions, contact your Region Executive Secretary or Mike Bullock, e-mail: mikebullock@me.com During the Contest, you may contact me on my cell phone; (903) 258-0832.

Best Wishes and Good Luck!
Mike Bullock
1A-4A Area C Exec Sec