

SCHEDULING INFO - AREA C 2A-3A-4A MARCHING CONTESTS

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

Scheduling Process

SCHEDULE

The performance schedule cannot be determined until all the Region Marching Contests in Area C are complete. The performance schedule will be posted as soon as possible after the final Region Contest. The following process will be followed:

Qualifying bands are assigned a draw order using the randomize tool 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 each 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 - Open" on their Region Entry, 2) that are certified at their Region Marching Contest, and 3) have contacted Mike Bullock indicating their intent to advance.

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, schedule information will not be released until as soon as possible after the final Region contest.

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.

In 2019 we had 28 3A bands. That year the first 3A began at 9:15 am, and the last band finished prelims at 5:30 pm. Finals began at 7:15 pm and announcements were made at 10:30 pm.

In 2021, we had two weekends of performances.

- 3A bands were on the earlier weekend, and 19 groups were at the contest. We began prelims at noon and ended at 5:00 with the last group. We started finals at 6:30, and announced Finals results at 10pm.
- 2A's and 4A's were on the later weekend, and seven 2A bands performed and fourteen 4A bands performed. 2A's started at 10:45 and results were announced just after noon (no finals). 4A prelims were scheduled from 2pm through 5:45pm. 4A finals began at 7:15pm, and final results were announced at 10:15pm.

Each year, we will try to end prelims in the 4pm to 6pm range. If fewer bands attend, we will start later. If more bands attend, we will start earlier. 2A and 4A will usually be grouped at the same contest site and day unless there are too many participating groups.

FINALS (Based on the TOTAL number of bands in each conference that certify (make a 1) at Region Marching Contest)

If there is a total of 13 or fewer bands that certify, the preliminary round will stand as the final round. The top 50% of the competing bands will be recognized as finalists and will receive a finalist award, while the remaining bands will receive a participant award.

If there is a total of 14 to 19 bands that certify, the top 7 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below seventh place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

If there is a total of 20 to 29 bands that certify, the top 10 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below tenth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

If there are 30 or more bands that certify, the top 12 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below twelfth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

After Finals (or Prelims if there is only one round), 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 similarly to the UIL State Marching Contest.

STATE

For conferences that advance to the State Marching Band Contest, in conferences 2A/3A/4A, the music area shall certify the three bands receiving the highest ranking in each conference to the state marching band contest. Should twenty or more bands qualify for the advancement in a single conference for the area contest, one band for each five bands that qualified for advancement to the contest shall be certified for advancement to the state contest.

We will always follow the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, or any new rules UIL puts forth for the current year.

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

Best Wishes,

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