

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

UIL Regions 3(3A/4A), 4, 9, 10, 19, 21, 33, 35(4A)

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, the schedule cannot be realized until the final Region contest is finished.

CONTEST SPECIFICS

Please see "General Information" for current year estimates of quantity of bands, plus contest start and end times.

2A Contest: In recent years, the 2A directors have unanimously decided to forgo finals and let prelims serve as final rankings, which has been approved as an ongoing waiver by the UIL state office. In the past, the 2A and 4A contests were held at the same site. However, due to UIL Realignment and a large number of 4A bands, the 2A contest is now held at a separate site with a separate panel of adjudicators. The 2A contest will start and end mid-afternoon unless the number of bands increases dramatically.

3A Contest and 4A Contest: Each year, we will try to end prelims about 5pm and start finals about 7pm. If fewer bands attend, we will start later. If more bands attend, we will start earlier.

FINALS

(Based on the TOTAL number of bands (Open Class and Military) in each conference that certify at Region Marching Contest)

If there is a total of 9 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 10 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 "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 approves for the current year.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact your UIL 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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