

## Dear Directors,

Welcome to Nacogdoches and Stephen F. Austin State University for the Region XXI UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Attached you will find maps to help you with directions to the contest site.

Judges for the contest are:

- 1. Mike Bartley
- 2. John Canfield
- 3. Eric Gray

As you arrive at the contest, please help by following these procedures:

- 1. Have your buses and equipment truck pull in the parking area (Big Commuter Lot) off University Drive. You may unload on the south side of the lot, but please park at the north end of the lot. Dressing and restrooms will be available across East College Street in the SFA Coliseum. Please send several chaperones with your students and remain with them while they are changing, etc. Check the restrooms after they leave. Please monitor your students they are restricted to the upper concourse near the restroom.
  - -- from Mike Bullock: Last year, we had two different incidents involving vandalism in the girl's bathroom. I would hate to see us lose the privilege of using the Coliseum, or worse have SFA Athletics tell us we can't host Region Contest, but I fear that will happen if there is another incident this year. Directors, don't assume this is not your students they are all capable. Let's fix this! MB
- 2. Your instrument trucks/vans may be allowed to drive through the Hall 20 parking lot to the roadway that goes to the tunnel. DO NOT leave vehicles unattended. DO NOT block the tunnel or the drive leading toward it.
- 3. A guide will meet you in the bus parking area and will inform the contest office that you have arrived. This guide can also take **Form 1** or anything else you need to hand-in.



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- 4. The contest warm-up area is near the entrance to the tunnel. Please stress the importance of keeping this area quiet and do not disturb bands that are already warming up. Please be sure all warming-up is done facing away from the stadium. Please ask percussion to play softer than usual, as that particular sound will carry into our stadium.
- 5. You will have 30 minutes in the warm-up area (if you get there on time). This 30 minutes schedule includes time for the preceding band to exit and for your band to enter the warm-up area.
- 6. Your guide will lead you to the stadium after your assigned warm-up time. This must be done on time in order to keep the contest on schedule.
- 7. Our announcer will attempt to read your script with clarity. If you have any names of drum majors that might be out of the ordinary, please include something that can help the announcer pronounce your student's name correctly. Re-submit your "script" to Mr. Bullock if necessary.
- 8. After your band performs, they will exit the field by either the North or South gates into the West (pressbox) stands. These will be the only exits from the field. If the West stands are full, you may be asked to sit in the East (opposite) side of the Stadium
- 9. Ratings will be announced at the conclusion of each class. 5A & 6A will be announced at the conclusion of the Contest. Comment sheets and trophies should be signed-for and picked up at the contest office in the press box.

## Thanks,

Dr. David Campo, Director of Bands Dr. Tamey Anglley, Associate Director of Bands Prof. Chris Kaatz, Assistant Director of Bands Deborah McCarty, Administrative Assistant for SFA Bands

