



UIL 6A AREA G MARCHING CONTEST

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GENERAL INFORMATION August 10, 2018

Below is general information that should be useful as you prepare for your potential competition in the 6A Area G Marching Contest on October 27, 2018 at the United ISD Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex in Laredo, Texas. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to complete the Preliminary Round. If necessary, the Preliminaries may be declared the Finals. Should extreme weather conditions prevent even the Preliminary Round from being completed on October 27, the entire event will be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at United ISD SAC in Laredo HS.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: Both the email and website changed last year. If you do NOT use the new information for communications, you may **NOT** receive important information. Please update all of your data files and also remove the old information. Email address has simply moved to a Gmail domain: UILMusicRegion14@gmail.com. New website had a serious upgrade to www.uilmusicregion14.org.

The following documents are included in this packet and/or posted on the new Area G website at www.uilmusicregion14.org/area-g-marching-band.html:

- Preliminaries Performance Order
- Finals Performance Order
- Sample Schedule (Based on 25 Participating Bands)
- Entry Form (Includes Fee Information)
- FILLABLE Announcer Script (Download to computer, type directly on the form to complete it, then SAVE again to computer and email that newly saved copy to uilmusicregion14@gmail.com no later than the Monday after your Region Contest, or any time prior to that.)
- Marching Band Copyright Information
- Marching Band Educational Use Video Agreement

NEW FROM THE STATE OFFICE THIS YEAR

- **PERFORMANCE ORDER FOR FINALS:** The bands which finish in places 1-5 in the Prelims will be placed, in the order drawn for Finals, in the **LAST 5 PERFORMANCE SLOTS** in the Finals. The bands which finish in places 6-10 in the prelims will be placed, in the order drawn for Finals, in the **FIRST 5 PERFORMANCE SLOTS** in the Finals.
- **FINALS RETREAT:** At the conclusion of the Finals, instead of a drum major retreat for the announcement of results (as in previous years), all 10 bands are to be on the field as part of the retreat this year. Full uniform or partial uniform (i.e. band shirt) will be acceptable. Instruments not required. More information on this will be distributed later.
- **FINALS ANNOUNCEMENTS:** When Final results are announced, bands will be announced in reverse order of placement, from 10th place to 1st place.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees are \$250.00 and checks should be made to Area Marching Contest. Because there will no longer be professional video services provided by the contest site, fees have been reduced by \$50.00. The Entry Form is designed so that it can also serve as an invoice for your finance office.

MARCHING BAND COPYRIGHT INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL VIDEO AGREEMENT

These two documents go together. Both are posted on the website as a direct link to the State Site. The copyright document was first posted last year and that information that is still appropriate this year. The Educational Use Video document was probably completed by most of you prior to your Region Contest. It must be completed only ONCE. If you wish to record your own performance at Area and did NOT video at Region, then you must complete that form ONLINE and submit it ONLINE. This form is NOT intended to be printed and sent in as a hard copy.

VIDEOS AT AREA CONTEST

You may video your band and ONLY your band at Area Contest. There will be a designated space in the stadium for ONE director (or designee) to video their performance and then move aside for the next person to video. Set up and break down time will be the same 5 minute set up period and 2 minute break down period allocated to each marching band, so be prepared to move in and out quickly. One video pass will be issued to each school, no other video equipment will be allowed in the stadium.

WARMUP

Warmup will be indoors.

STADIUM TURF

The Stadium at the Student Activity Complex has standard field markings with **ARTIFICIAL TURF**. Any equipment or props **WILL REQUIRE** special protection. Specific requirements will be sent with the other contest site information.

STUDENT ACTIVITY COMPLEX BAG RESTRICTIONS

United ISD will be implementing size restrictions on bags that can be carried into the Stadium by spectators beginning this year. That plan is still being developed and will be made available to Area G participants as soon as possible.

LOCAL GROUND RULES AND ADDITIIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information, including contest site instructions, student and equipment unloading directions, parking information, school and area maps, entrance and exit instructions, etc., will be distributed approximately two weeks prior to contest. The contest schedule will be distributed as soon as possible after all Region Contests are completed.

If there are any questions, please contact me. The most secure way would be by email, that way we both have a record of the question and the answer. Just be sure you are using the gmail.com address!!

Good luck to everyone.

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