

UIL REGION 5 MARCHING CONTEST

October 23, 2007

Mansfield ISD Stadium

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. We ask your cooperation in discussing with your students the need to keep the noise level in the stands to a low level during a band's performance. Although all bands welcome a rousing response to a high point in the show, the overall noise level becomes a great concern to the judges, the spectators and the performers. It is only fair for all bands to have the opportunity to do their best work and for all spectators to enjoy that work. Your help is urgently needed in this area.

2. Be sure to review all rules as stated in the current C&CR.

3. The Press Box is for contest business only. Please inform all staff members & Parents in your program that no exceptions will be made. The lower floor of the Press Box will be set up for Superintendents, Principals and Fine Arts Directors.

MARCHING CONTEST INFORMATION

1. **LOCATION:** Mansfield ISD Stadium

2. **STADIUM:** Artificial turf - no track (Distance from stadium wall to sideline 9 yards)

3. **PARKING:** All buses and equipment trucks are to use the **South Holland Dr. entrance on the East Side of the Stadium**. Parking attendants will be on duty to assist. There will be a place to drop off Pit Equipment and a different place to load your trucks. (See attached map)

4. **BAND MONITOR/GUIDE:** Each band will be met in the parking lot by a guide 15 minutes prior to your warm-up. The guide will stay with you until the band exits field of competition.

5. **WARM-UP AREA:** Warm-up facilities will be available as indicated on the attached map. The band guides will direct each band to the designated area. Bands should not play before entering the warm-up area at the scheduled time. Percussion may warm-up on heads with band or in designated area. **PLEASE NOTE:** Bands moving to and from the warm-up area should **not use whistle commands or drum cadences**. All bands **must face away** from the stadium while playing during warm-up. **Amplified Metronomes need to be faced away from stadium and kept at a low level as they bleed back to the stadium**. In order to reduce the length of wait before moving onto the field, moving time from the warm-up area to the stadium has been kept to an absolute minimum. **All bands must be ready to move at the time designated in the enclosed schedule**. The band guide will notify each director two (2) minutes prior to moving from the warm-up area.

6. **JUDGES:** Judges will be seated on the camera deck of the press box.

7. **ENTRANCE & EXIT:** Bands entering the field for competition will use the northeast field entrance and Pit Equipment will be brought in through the southwest field entrance. Upon conclusion of the performance, each band will exit using the north exit. These directions are indicated on the enclosed map. Pits exit with bands.

8. **PERFORMANCE TIME:** The minimum time for a contest routine is five minutes the maximum time is eight minutes followed by a two minute exit period. All equipment and personnel must have exited the field by the end of that two minutes. **Refer to timing memorandum on the Region 5 Web Site and the C&CR for exact timing procedures. We will be using a five-minute clock and a ten-minute clock. Official time will be kept by the flagman on the field.** **PLEASE NOTE:** All bands are on a 15-minute schedule.

9. **FIELD BOUNDARIES:** The field boundaries include the sidelines and the goal post lines (10 yards beyond the goal lines.)
10. **READY POSITION:** The ready position will be the entrance tunnel at the northeast corner of the stadium, where the turf and concrete meet.
11. **OFFICIAL TIMING FOR MOVEMENT TO FIELD AND PERFORMANCE:** The timekeeper with a stopwatch is the official contest time. **(The Scoreboard clock is not the official time)**
12. **VIDEO TAPING:** Directors and/or staff may video tape their band's performance, however, no designated area will be reserved for this purpose. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL VIDEOTAPING BE ALLOWED FROM THE PRESS BOX.**
13. **SEATING:** All bands that have completed their performance may sit on the west side of the stadium only. The east stands will be closed to spectators.
14. **RATINGS:** will be announced as per attached schedule.
15. **CRITICISM SHEETS AND AWARDS:** These should be picked up by directors in the community room on the west side of the stadium near the Center of the stadium on the ground floor of the press box.
16. **PITS:** Pit equipment may be unloaded on the Southwest part of the stadium. Trucks and trailers will be asked to move to the parking area at the north end of the stadium for loading at the end of the performance. After trucks are loaded they must move to the bus parking area. (Distance from stadium wall to sideline 9 yards) Please have plenty of people to assist. If you use any type of motorized vehicle to transport or pull pit equipment onto field you must contact STEVE MUSSER prior to the week of the contest to be sure it will be allowed on the field.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **CONDUCT:** The need for good discipline at this contest is readily apparent. **Students should not move in the stands while a band is performing on the field.** Instruments should not be played except in the warm-up area and in performance.
2. **REST ROOM FACILITIES:** Rest Rooms are available under the seating area.
3. **DRESSING:** Band members should be in uniform when arriving at the contest. No dressing facilities will be available for Region V Marching Contest.
4. **CONCESSION STANDS:** concession stands on the Northwest side will be open to serve food and drinks.
5. **Admission:** Tickets will be sold at the Northwest Ticket Gate \$5 for Adults & \$2 for Students and Senior Citizens
6. **Judges:** Mark Chambers, Albert Lo and Dick Clardy

Travel to Stadium

Please allow extra time to get to the stadium, especially if you must use SH 360 between 3:30 & 7:00PM. I would avoid this route if at all possible. Bands from the western part of the Region should use East Loop 820 to I 20(not a whole lot better than 360)and take the US 287 to Broad Street. Travel east on Broad Street to S. Holland Dr. and turn Right. The stadium is located at the corner of SH 360 and Broad St. You may want to Google Mansfield and look for some alternate routes if you are in the Central or eastern parts of the Region.

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SPECIAL INVITATION

September, 2007

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-TO: Region 5 Marching Band Contest VIP's
-FROM: Bob Copeland, UIL Region 5 Executive Secretary

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-On Tuesday, October 23, the Region 5 Marching Band Contest will be held at the new Mansfield ISD Stadium in Mansfield. Please consider this a personal invitation to attend this important occasion to watch the performance of your bands, as well as others,.

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-By presenting this letter to the appropriate contest workers you will be admitted to the contest free of charge, and, if you wish, you will be admitted to the first (or lower) level of the press box where suitable arrangements for your comfort have been made. The top level is only for judges and contest officials. I sincerely hope you will plan to attend, and we will welcome you, and your spouse, as well.

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-As you probably know, this year, the bands in conferences 1A, 2A and 4A receiving a 1st Division rating will be qualified to advance to the Area B Contest on October 27. Area B is an intermediate state level contest. At the Area Contests the finalists are picked to go on to the top level State Contest on November 5. 6.

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-We look forward to having you as our guest at the Region 5 Marching Band Contest, October 23.