

AREA C MARCHING CONTEST

General Information

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008
LOBO FIELD, LONGVIEW HS, LONGVIEW, TEXAS

The following information is for all 3A band directors who have an Area "Statement of Intent" on file with their Region Executive Secretary, and are eligible under UIL rules to attend the 2008 Area C AAA Marching Contest.

1. The contest will be conducted according to the rules of the *Constitution & Contest Rules*. Please read and have an understanding of the rules prior to attending the contest.

2. A "PERFORMANCE DRAW ORDER" will be posted on the Region Websites in the Area Marching Contest heading. This list will include ALL class AAA bands that have entered their Region Marching Contest. The 'PERFORMANCE DRAW ORDER' will be posted on 10/22/08. The final performance order will be based on this sequence. The Region 4 AAA Region Contest is on Tuesday, October 21, so the final OFFICIAL CONTEST SCHEDULE can not be posted until Wednesday, October 22.

3. The ENTRY FEE for Area is \$300.00 per band. Bring the **entry fee**, the **entry form** (signed by your principal or superintendent), and the **announcer sheet** to the press box prior to your band's performance. A copy of the announcer sheet from your regional marching contest is acceptable. Make the **entry fee** check payable to: **AREA C UIL MUSIC**.

4. The gate fee for all spectators is \$5.00 per person. Bus drivers will be admitted free. However, administrators and band chaperones must have chaperon passes. Ten passes per band will be in the packet given to you when your busses arrive at contest. Each band student will have his hand stamped for reentry into the stadium.

5. At 45 minutes prior to your band's performance time, you will report to one of the two warm-up areas provided. Each band is allotted 30 minutes in warm-up. Failure of a band to leave the warm-up on time is not a valid excuse to begin a performance late. The clock will start at the scheduled times. At 15 minutes prior to your performance, your band will be guided to the entrance tunnel on the north end of the stadium. Your band will wait there until it is instructed by the announcer or field attendant to "take the field," which will occur 5 minutes prior to your band's performance. Your band will then have 5 minutes to prepare for the performance. You may use this time in any way you choose, but at 1 minute prior to the performance, the announcer will announce the band, its directors, drum majors, and performance titles. The beginning of the announcement will indicate that the performance must begin in 60 seconds. (This means that if your announcement takes 40 seconds, you must begin your show within 20 seconds after the end of the announcement.).

6. There will be a break at the end of the prelims. If fourteen or more bands participate the finals will begin after the prelims. After the prelims, one director from each band will come to the press box to review the ranking of the bands. Any and all protests must be made prior to the announcement of the results of the prelims

7. After the prelims, the Drum Majors of all participating bands will assemble on the press box side of the field during the tabulation time. They will be introduced and presented a participation plaque. The bands that will be advancing to the finals (later that evening) will be announced during this presentation.

8. Finals, if necessary, will begin after the announcement of those bands qualifying for the finals, a drawing will be held in the press-box to determine the performance order for the finals. Please have a plan in place and be prepared to perform in the earliest time slot should your band qualify for the finals.

10. At the end of the FINALS, the Drum Majors of those bands will again assemble on the sidelines for another "Drum Majors Review" and the presentation of finalist plaques. Those bands advancing to State level of competition will be announced at this time.

11. Executive Secretaries of Region 4, 9, 10, 17, 19 & 21 are requested to notify me as soon as their contest is concluded and inform me of those bands that will be attending. Also, please e-mail me pertinent information about each school including School Name, Director's Name, School Address, Home and School Phone and preferred E-mail address.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Jim Hagood at 936-462-1314 or e-mail: jimhagood@suddenlink.net During the Contest, you may contact me on my cell (936) 569-3276.

Respectfully,

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