

AREA F 5A MARCHING CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION



LOCATION

**Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex
9200 Mid Cities Blvd.
North Richland Hills, Texas 76180**

STADIUM SPECS

- Artificial turf
- no track - distance from stadium wall to sideline is 9 yards
- electrical outlet at the 50-yard line.
- Please provide your own extension cords.

PARKING

- Please refer to FAAC Parking map.
- Parking attendants will be on duty to assist.
- A detailed map of where each school will park will be sent prior to the contest.

ADMISSION

- \$5.00 – adults
- \$3.00 - non-participant students & Seniors
- Free - Children 3 and under
- You will receive wrist bands for your Chaperones (3 per bus)
- District bus and truck drivers will be admitted with their district ID badge.
- Administrators are welcome to the 5th Floor of the press box with a VIP Letter.

DIRECTOR CHECK-IN TABLE

- In the Community Room next to the elevator located through the glass doors to the left of the main entrance

DIRECTOR HOSPITALITY

- Located on 5th Floor for directors and staff to enjoy light refreshments
- Access via elevator to the left of the main entrance

BAND MONITOR/GUIDE

- Each band will be assigned a guide when you check in that will lead you to warm up and the performance gate at the appropriate times listed on the Contest Schedule.
- The guide will stay with you until the band exits field of competition

WARM-UP AREA

- Warm-up areas are indicated on the attached BHS/FAAC Complex Map.
- The band guides will direct each band to their assigned warm up area.
- Bands should not play before entering the warm-up area at the scheduled time.
- Percussion may warm-up on heads with band in designated area.
- Bands moving to and from the warm-up area should **not use any audible cadence.**
- All bands **must face away** from the stadium while playing during warm-up.
- **All bands must be ready to move at the time designated in the attached schedule.**
- The band guide will notify each director two (2) minutes prior to moving from the warm-up area.

JUDGES

- Judges will be seated on the camera deck of the press box as well as two press box rooms with windows that open.

UIL PERFORMANCE RULES

- Please review all UIL rules related to area marching contest at <http://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution/music/area-marching-band>

ENTRANCE & EXIT

- Bands entering the field for competition will use the northwest gate.
- Each band will exit using the northeast exit.
- Refer to the attached BHS/FAAC Complex Map.
- Pits enter and exit with bands.

OVERSIZE FIELD PROPS

- Oversized props can enter the field from the southwest gate.
- After the band waiting in the gate enters the field, you will take your props back out the entry gate.

READY POSITION

- The ready position will be the gate at the northwest corner of the stadium.

VIDEOTAPING

- Area F 5A Contests has contracted a professional videographer to record all bands. You must complete the **Educational Use Video Agreement Form** to receive a copy of your band's performance. A link to the form can be found at www.uilmusic31.org.
- **No directors or band personnel are permitted on the 6th floor pressbox level or film deck.**

JUDGE WRITTEN COMMENTS, SPOKEN COMMENTS, VIDEO

- These should be picked up by directors in Multipurpose Room B on the 2nd Floor of the FAAC.

BAND SEATING

- All bands that have completed their performance may sit on the north side (home stands) of the stadium only. The south stands will be closed to spectators.

STUDENT CONDUCT

- All participants will observe appropriate behavior both in the stands during performances and in the areas outside the field of competition.

REST ROOMS

- Rest Rooms are available under the seating area.

NO DRESSING ROOMS

- Band members should be in uniform when arriving at the contest. While bathrooms are available, no dressing facilities will be available.

Thanks to the booster organizations for the Haltom, Richland, and Birdville high school bands for providing the workforce and hospitality for this event!