**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’s buses, trailers, and box trucks 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/prop helpers.
* District bus and truck drivers will be admitted with their district ID badge.
* Administrators are welcome to the 5th Floor of the press box. They will exchange their VIP Invitation Letter for a wristband at the Check-In table (Community Room)

**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
* No children, please.

**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**

* There are three warm-up areas on the Birdville HS’s west parking lot indicated on the attached BISD FAAC Site 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 or in the assigned PIT areas in front of Birdville HS.
* 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.
	+ Warm-up A should face towards Mid Cities Blvd.
	+ Warm-up B should face Hawk Ave.
	+ Warm-up C should face toward the BHS baseball field
* **All bands must be ready to move at the time designated as “Move to Gate”.**
* 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 will enter the field through the northwest gate.
* Bands will be allowed to cue up in the west end zone during the 2-minute exit time of the band that has just completed their performance.
* Props entering the field may use the northwest or southwest gates
* Bands will exit using the northeast gate.
* Props exiting the field may use the north east or southeast gates.
* Refer to the attached BISD FAAC Site Map.
* Pits enter and exit with bands.

 **VIDEOTAPING**

* Professional videos are available through Insipired Imaging who will be filming all bands and taking pictures from the film deck. You must complete the **Educational Use Video Agreement Form** and contact Inspired Imaging to purchase a video.
* **No directors or band personnel are permitted on the 6th floor pressbox level or film deck.**

**JUDGE WRITTEN COMMENTS, SPOKEN COMMENTS, VIDEO**

* Judge’s verbal comments will be uploaded to a Google folder and shared with each band. Video and picture information will be uploaded as well if purchased.
* Written comments will be distributed with a recap summary at the conclusion of Prelims and Finals during the director’s meeting in 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!**