

These Guidelines implemented in 2022 are still in place:

- *Movement to Field Position.* The contest chair will determine the staging position each band will assume prior to their performance. The position shall provide efficient and prompt access to the end zone without interfering with other bands as they perform. This location will be clearly described in the marching contest packet. During the two-minute exit period for the previous performing band, the next band will move to the goal line. Keyboard percussion and front ensemble equipment may move to the 20 yard line if the field logistics allow for it. This will be determined in advance by the contest chair and clearly described in the marching contest information packet.
- The UIL marching band rules advisory committee passed a proposal allowing bands at a contest to check wireless devices only during contest intermissions and during the 7-minute period that includes a band's 2-minute field exit and a band's 5-minute field entrance. This includes bands in warm-up and other areas around the stadium. **No wireless metronomes or PA Systems used to communicate with your band in warm-up. They must be hard wired.**
- **Section 1105 (h)(5)(A):** Electronics cables may now cross the sidelines. Students may NOT perform over cables that are on the field, whether they are covered or not.
- **Section 1105 (h)(5)(B):** A non-student may intervene during the 8-minute performance clock to address an electronics failure. The school must supply the contest chair with a written justification for doing so. If the RES and contest chair determine that the justification does not support the action, the

REC may proceed with consideration of penalty. This could affect advancement to the next level...

- For consistency at every round of competition the UIL marching band rules advisory committee passed a proposal that UIL make every effort to have a standardized region/area/state contest schedule matrix to include a 45-minute warm-up period. To utilize this 45-minute warm-up period, we will use 3 warm-up areas. I have checked with both Rametria and Mark- site hosts for our region marching contests, and they both have assured me that our sites can handle 3 warm-up areas.