

URGENT ACTION NEEDED FOR ALL 5A BANDS PARTICIPATING IN AREA B 5A MARCHING CONTEST

Directors: The following items must be addressed immediately. Please read all the information and respond accordingly.

ONLINE TICKET SALES:

All SPECTATOR TICKETS WILL BE PURCHASED ON-LINE. Please send the following link and information to PARENTS and STUDENTS so that they may gain entrance to the Area B 5A competition. Please do this immediately so they have time to purchase tickets before our October 28, 5A Marching Contest. Tickets are available online now.

- Click on the following link to GoFan.com to purchase tickets.
<https://gofan.co/event/1153602?schoolId=TX87621>
- Tickets to the UIL Area B 5A Marching Contest must be presented using your mobile device, via the GoFan App, or the gofan.co mobile site. You will not be able to print tickets for this event.
- Show your purchased ticket on your phone to the gate attendant. You will be asked to press the button on your phone to validate your ticket. If you leave the stadium, you may return by presenting your ticket on your phone at the gate. Multiple tickets may be purchased and shared with family members; however, **NO SCREEN SHOTS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- Ages 11- 64 must have a ticket.
- The price of tickets is \$10 plus a Credit Card Service Fee, per person.
- If bad weather cancels the event, the purchased ticket will be valid on the make-up day of Oct. 30th.

TRUCKS, BUSES, WRISTBANDS:

- Please click the following link to the google form to enter your information by **TUESDAY, Oct. 24, 2023.**
[2023 UIL AREA B 5A Marching Band Contest \(google.com\)](#)

SCRIPT:

- Please send a copy of your Area 5A marching script to uilmusicregion20@gmail.com by **TUESDAY, Oct. 24, 2023.** You can send your Region Script if you wish, or go to this Script link to download: [Fillable Marching Band Script.pdf](#)

ENTRY FORM AND FEE:

- Fill out this link to the ENTRY FORM for 5A AREA B Contest and mail ASAP: [Area B Entry Form](#)
- Click on this link for the Area B Invoice: [Area B Invoice](#)

RULE CHANGES FOR MARCHING BANDS 2022-2023

Newly Implemented rules for Marching Bands. Make sure you are aware of the Electronics Rules and Guidelines for Marching Band. Attached are the links:

[Marching Band Electronics FAQ.pdf \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

[Newly Implemented Guidelines for Marching Band](#)

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please call:

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Mike Bartley- Site Administrator 972-989-0363

Scott Coulson- Contest Chairman 214-417-1042

Jim McDaniel- Last Resort! 972-768-5656



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10/16/2023

Directors,

On behalf of the Melissa Independent School District and our Fine Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the **UIL Area B 5A Marching Band Contest** to be held on Saturday, October 28, at the Melissa ISD Coach Kenny Deel Stadium (3030 Milrany Lane, Melissa, TX 75454). The performance schedule and contest maps will be available on the [UIL Region 24 Area webpage](#).

BUSES & EQUIPMENT TRUCKS will enter the stadium complex from **MILRANY LANE AND HEAD EAST ON GLEASON AVENUE**. (see contest map).

1. As you exit HWY 121 and approach the stadium on MILRANY LANE, **GLEASON AVENUE** is just north of the Melissa High School Academic Towers.
2. Equipment trucks and buses should both enter the stadium complex the same way.
3. Melissa ISD parents assisting with parking will greet you after you turn off GREER WAY onto GATE 5 ENTRANCE. (SEE MAP)
4. All buses will be parked on the visitor's north side of the stadium, all equipment trucks will be parked on the visitors south side of the stadium.
5. Melissa ISD parent workers are scheduled to be in place by 7:00 AM to assist with parking. Please do not plan to arrive prior to 7:00 AM.
6. Cars and all other personal vehicles must enter from **Gates 1-4**.

BAND MONITORS will meet your band approximately **30 minutes** prior to your warm-up time.

1. Band monitors will assist in locating **restrooms** and **water fountains** (inside the CKD VISITORS SIDE OF THE STADIUM) prior to warm-up and lead your band to the outdoor warm-up area, field entrance, field exit and back to your buses following your performance.
2. Band monitors will provide wristbands to each participating head band director. Directors, staff, and parents assisting with sideline percussion, props or other equipment during your band's performance do not need a pass to enter at field level, but band staff and chaperones must have wristbands to enter the stadium free of charge as spectators following your band's performance.
3. Band participants will have a gate that they can enter through on the home side of the stadium. They must be dressed in a band shirt and/or accompanied by their director. The bag policy and water bottle policy are lifted for the participants entering through this gate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Please view the attached maps for directions on parking and contest flow. **When you check in at the bus entrance, the director will draw for finals performance order.** This will save all of us some time at the prelims verification meeting. That way, if you draw an early finals slot, you'll at least know way ahead of time.

2. **Warm-up is 45 minutes.** This includes moving into and out of the warm-up area.
3. Travel time to the gate is 10 minutes and the announcement to take the field for pre-placement and/or warm-up will be made 5 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.
4. Do not play while outside the warm-up area as wind and percussion instruments are audible from inside the stadium and the press box where the adjudicators are located.
5. WIRELESS DEVICES may be tested only during contest intermissions and during the 7-minute period that includes any band's 2-minute field exit and 5-minute field entrance. This includes bands in warm-up and other areas around the stadium. There will be no "restarts," "delays," or "do-overs" due to any issue related to electronics.
6. Sideline percussion will have a designated area to warm-up (near the pit entrance) and may do so only during their official warm-up time (see contest maps).
7. The current version of the UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules* will be in effect. Please take time to carefully review all rules in preparation for this event. An online version of this document can be accessed at <http://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution>.
8. The UIL contest office is located on the **4th level** of the press box.
9. If you choose to have a staff member or parent record a video of your marching band performance for educational purposes, you may do so from any available location in the home side seating area. Individuals may not video record from the press box as the adjudicators are on the 4th level video deck.
10. The **director's meeting**, following prelims and finals, will be inside the Melissa Championship Center Lounge ("Coach Kenny Deel Stadium" north endzone).
11. Monday, October 30 will serve as the *rain date* in case inclement weather delays or postpones the certification of the contest on Saturday, October 28.

SPECTATOR & CHAPERONE INFORMATION:

1. **Spectator parking is free.** Cars and all personal vehicles must enter from **Milrany LN.**
2. **Chaperone wristbands** (the number is based on what you requested in the google form) will be provided to each participating head band director. Directors, staff, and parents assisting with sideline percussion, props or other equipment during your band's performance do not need a pass to enter at field level but band staff and chaperones must have wristbands to enter the stadium free of charge as spectators following your band's performance.
3. Bus drivers, principals and fine arts administrators will be admitted at no charge with their school district ID badge. Please have these individuals enter through the main admission gate.
4. Tickets: Tickets are \$10 for Ages 11-64. Spectators may pay cash or the preferred method: Online purchases through GoFan. Here is the link to purchase Area B 5A GoFan Tickets:
<https://gofan.co/event/1153602?schoolId=TX87621>.
5. It is recommended that a director, band booster officer, or parent purchase any additional passes needed and distribute them to parent-chaperones.
6. Melissa ISD has instituted a [CLEAR BAG POLICY](#) to ensure visitor safety, along with quick and efficient entry into the Coach Kenny Deel Stadium. Please see the attached document below.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful marching event. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jerry Whorton
Director of Fine & Performing Arts
Melissa ISD

UIL Area B Marching Band Contest

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Coach Kenny Deel Stadium, Melissa, TX

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORS

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after the last band concludes its' performance in both the Preliminaries and Finals, the director, or a representative of each band is to report for the "verification period".

The **director's meeting**, following prelims and finals, will be inside the Melissa Championship Center Lounge ("Coach Kenny Deel Stadium" north endzone).

The purpose of these meetings is to check for possible errors and to go over the rankings of the bands. Please don't be late. We don't want to start the meetings without you, but remember, we can't announce which bands are advancing to Finals until this meeting is concluded! THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS OR COMPLAINTS ACCEPTED AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD! NOTE: The verification period is a time to verify tabulation, not a time to question the decision or ranking that a judge has given a particular band.

Following the meeting after the Preliminaries, the band directors whose bands will be in the Finals will remain for a very brief meeting with Ex. Secretary. After the Finals, directors should return to the meeting area for a verification period with the Executive Secretary

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT (BOTH PRELIMS & FINALS)

The drum majors of all participating bands will assemble at the entry gate of the field, immediately after the last competing band finishes. The bands that will be advancing to the Finals (later that evening) will be announced during this presentation. At the end of the Finals, the drum majors of these bands will assemble on the sidelines for the introduction, salute, and the announcement of the results of Finals.

2023 Area Marching Contest

Coach Kenny Deel Stadium - Melissa, TX

Saturday 10/28/23



Bus & Semi Parking
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Spectator Parking

Spectator Parking

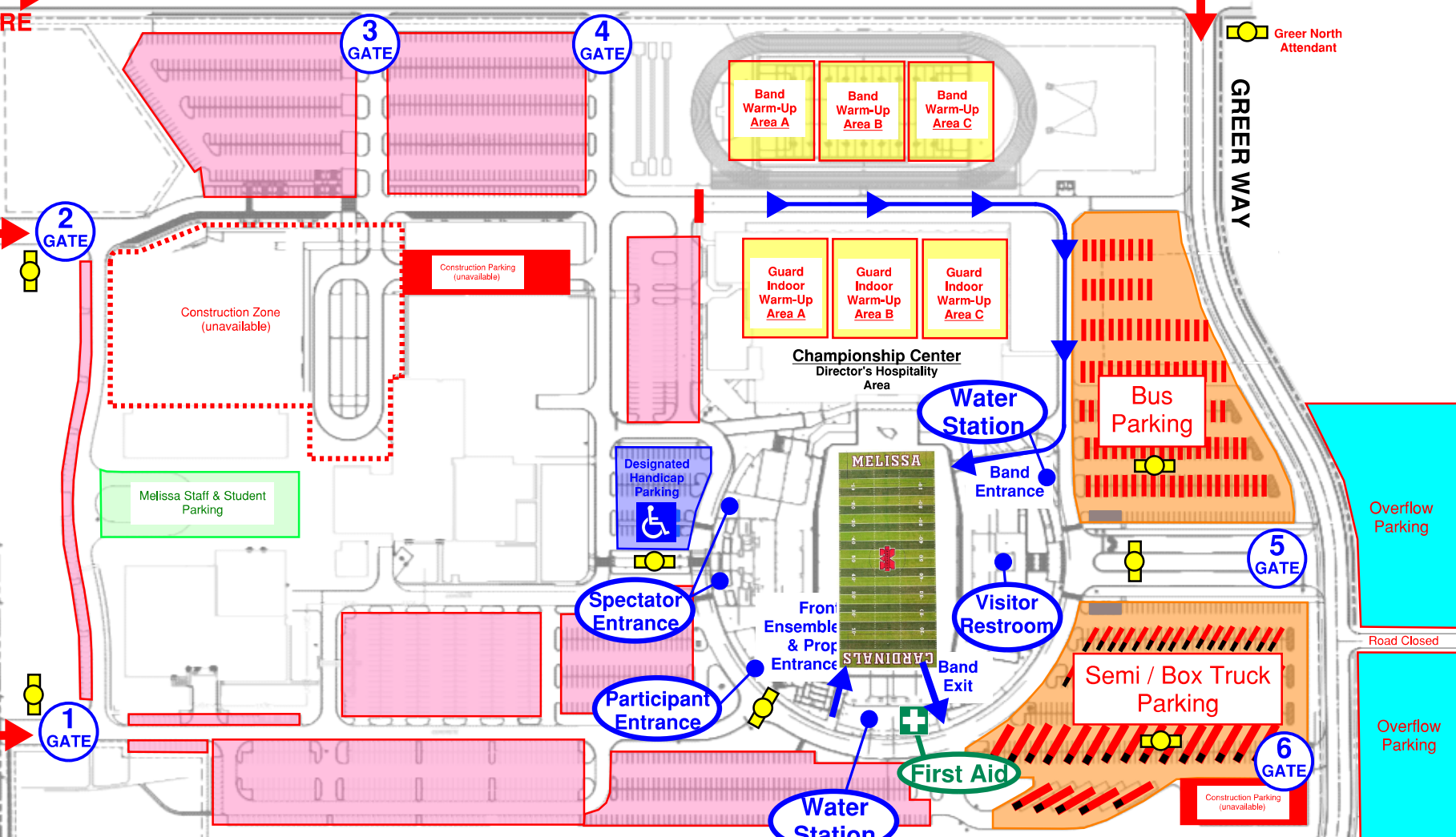
GLEASON AVE.

Bus & Semi Parking
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Greer North Attendant

GREER WAY

MILRANY LANE



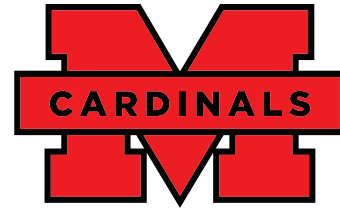
Legend

- = Spectator Parking
- = Designated Handicap Parking
- = Construction Parking (unavailable)
- = Band / Guard Warm-Up Area
- = Bus & Semi-truck Parking
- = Overflow Parking
- = Parking Attendants

E MELISSA ROAD
(not shown on map)

Event Road Closure
(@ E Melissa Rd.)

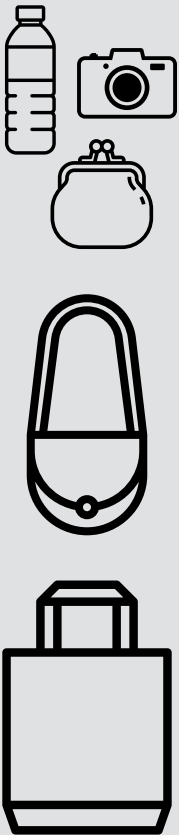
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MELISSA ISD CLEAR BAG POLICY

Permitted Items:

- ✓ Clear tote bags (*must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and not exceed 12"x 6" x 12"H*)
- ✓ Clear zip-top bags (*must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and not exceed one gallon*)
- ✓ Small clutch bags (*no larger than hand or 4.5"W x 6"D x 6.5"H*)
- ✓ Diaper bags (*only if accompanied by a small child*)
- ✓ Unopened bottled water
- ✓ Phones
- ✓ Cameras (*no bags*)
- ✓ Binoculars (*no cases*)
- ✓ Seat cushions (*no pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers*)



Prohibited Items:

- ✗ Outside food and drink (*with the exception of unopened bottled water*)
- ✗ Purses, totes, or bags larger than a small clutch
- ✗ Umbrellas
- ✗ Fanny packs
- ✗ Camera bags
- ✗ Cinch bags
- ✗ Computer bags
- ✗ Backpacks
- ✗ Coolers
- ✗ Briefcases
- ✗ Duffle bags
- ✗ Luggage bags



Exceptions can be made for medically-necessary items.



The Melissa ISD Clear Bag Policy applies to **all events and athletic contests hosted at Melissa ISD facilities** and must be adhered to by all attendees.

For all events and athletic contests hosted at Coach Kenny Deel Stadium, there will be a security check at the gate upon entry: please plan for waiting time at the security check.