

UIL Area B Marching Band Contest
Saturday, October 30, 2021
Pennington Field

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 will be held in the locker room on the north side of the stadium just east of the ticket booth.** A sign will be posted on the door indicating this location.

The purpose of these meetings is to check for possible errors and to go over the rankings of the bands. Comment sheets, etc. will be given to the directors at that time. **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 (or to State) 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 the Executive Secretary. Following the meeting after the Finals, the band directors whose bands will be advancing to the State Contest will remain for a brief meeting with the Executive Secretary. At that time, these directors will be given all the necessary information needed for the Finals (or State) Contests. All others will be excused.

The announcement of who is advancing to the Finals (or State) contest will not be made until this meeting is concluded.

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT

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 bands advancing to State.

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING PENNINGTON FIELD AND AREA B MARCHING CONTEST

- **Travel Information into the Pennington Field Area:**

The physical address for Pennington Field is: 1501 Central Dr. Bedford 76022

From the Dallas Area: make your way to the 183/Airport Freeway as if you were taking the South Entrance to DFW Airport. Continue westbound on 183/Airport Freeway through Euless and you are looking for the CENTRAL DRIVE exit. This exit is back further to the east from where it used to be, so be looking for the exit. Take the Central Drive exit and you will turn left (south) onto Central Drive. You will immediately see the HEB Administration Complex on your right and the drive for your buses and trucks will be the on your right. Be looking for the Bus/Truck Entry signs and there will be a parking team there to assist you.

From the Tarrant County Area: you can take Loop 820 around to the 183/Airport Freeway and continue coming east through Hurst. Take the CENTRAL DRIVE exit on your right. While the road construction is complete, the exits are different than what they used to be so just keep heads up for the Central Drive exit. Come down the ramp all the way to Central Drive. Turn right (south) onto Central Drive and you will immediately see the HEB Administration Complex on your right and the drive for your buses and trucks will be the on your right. Be looking for the Bus/Truck Entry signs and there will be a parking team there to assist you.

- **Electrical power** will not be available for you in the WARMUP AREAS.

Electrical power will be available at the 50-Yard line on the stadium wall inside the stadium. You are responsible for bringing your own power cords.

- **Check in DESK:** At the check in desk,(indicated on your map) you will receive wrist bands for directors and those parents that help you with props, etc. during your show. Please only use them for these people.
- **There will be attendants in the parking lot** to assist your bus and truck drivers with parking. Road construction is complete, and you should have no problems getting in and out of the Pennington Field complex. Contact Mark Chandler at 817-875-4876 or markchandler@hebid.edu if you have any questions concerning this.
- **Director Viewing Area:** The P1 level of the Pressbox at Pennington Field is designated for your administrators. Directors may view from this level but large congregation of people is discouraged
- **There will be a minimal First-Aid station** available at this contest located at the front entrance of Pennington Field in what is labeled as the TRAINER ROOM. If you need assistance and cannot find anyone at the First-Aid station, call Mark Chandler at 817-875-4876 or go to the ticket booth and they will contact him.
- **PERFORMANCE TIMING:**
 1. When given the OK to enter the field, the 5-minute clock will begin, and timing will be displayed on the stadium clock.
 2. With 45 seconds remaining on the 5-minute clock, the announcer will begin reading your announcement.
 3. With 20 seconds remaining on the 5-minute clock, the next statement which begins with “Drum Majors” will be read. As the “Drum Majors” statement is read, the stadium clock will be reset to 8 minutes. The official time in the pressbox will start the 8-minute clock at the end of the 5-minute warm-up period.
 4. Warm-up or Pre-show is permitted during the 5-minute warm-up period. However, judges will be reminded that any activity on the field will not be judged until they see the 7:59 on the field clock. If you do not wish to utilize the entire 5-minute period, you may hold your band at the field entrance to coordinate your ready time with the beginning of the announcement.

- **Parking at Pennington Field Complex is free.** Please follow the directions of the traffic & parking staff to find the spectator entrance to the complex.
- **A concession stand** will be available at the stadium for snacks and drinks. There are several restaurants located in the immediate area of the stadium.
- **No cooking with open flames is allowed in the parking areas around Pennington Field.** If you wish to feed your group, you may distribute any food items that do not require an open flame cooker, gas grill or charcoal grill. There is a small city park, Central Park, which is located at the southeast corner of the Pennington Field complex that would be a great place to gather the kids for a meal. Please be sure to bag up your trash and you may put trash bags in the dumpsters located in the west parking area of Pennington Field.
- **VIDEOS:** You are welcome to bring your own video camera and shoot from the seating area or the two film porches at each end of the lower level of the Pressbox. **UIL WILL NOT VIDEO TAPE THIS CONTEST**
- **ADMISSION:** Admission to the UIL AREA B 5A Marching Contest is \$5.00 for 11 years and up; Seniors 65 and over free. **(CASH ONLY, NO CREDIT CARDS)**
- **CONDUCT:** The need for good concert etiquette at all festivals is readily apparent. *Students should not move in the stands while a band is performing on the field.* Instruments should not be played except in the warm-up area and in performance.
- **INSTRUMENT REPAIR:** An instrument repairman from Music & Arts will be available as indicated on the map. **The repair person will not be available for Finals.**

Mr. Chandler and I both wish each of you a GREAT performance at this AREA B 6A Contest. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please give us a call.

Best,

Mark

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