

2023-24 AREA C OPEN MARCHING CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

UIL Regions 4, 9, 10, 19, 21, 33

The following information is for **2A, 3A, and 4A** band directors who have selected "INTENT to participate" in the OPEN CLASS Area C Marching Contest. Bands that have chosen "Military Class" are not eligible for this "Open Class" contest.

2A/4A OPEN CONTEST

DATE: The Area C 2A/4A Contest is scheduled to be on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Lindale High School. The bad weather option is to move the contest to the indoor facility at Lindale High School using the same schedule as much as possible.

WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS: The weather will be monitored with a lightning detector during the contest. The field and stands might have to be vacated. Additionally, there could be a thirty-minute delay, or the contest could be postponed. If we continue to have unsafe weather, we will move the contest to the indoor facility at Lindale HS. The field is 100 yards long with about four feet past each goal. It is full width. More info will be available from host director Steven Moore if needed.

2A ESTIMATES: I estimate we'll have about seven 2A Open Class bands compete out of the twelve 2A bands that should certify (including military). 2a prelim performances should start about 11am and end about 12:30pm. If prelims serve as final rankings, 2A results will probably be announced at 12:45pm. It is possible that we may start earlier or later and have finals if enough bands qualify and certify. Last year, the 2A directors decided to forgo finals and let prelims serve as final rankings.

4A ESTIMATES: I estimate about fifteen 4A Open Class bands compete out of the twenty-five 4A bands that should certify (including military). 4A prelims should start about 2pm and end about 5:45. 4A finals should start about 7:30 and results announced at 10:30.

Remember, this is an ESTIMATE.

3A OPEN CONTEST

DATE: The Area C 3A Contest is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Stephen F Austin State University. The bad weather option has not been announced yet.

WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS: The weather will be monitored with a lightning detector during the contest. The field and stands might have to be vacated. Additionally, there could be a thirty-minute delay, or the contest could be postponed.

3A ESTIMATES: I estimate we'll have about twenty 3A Open Class bands compete out of the thirty-five 3A bands that should certify (including military). Prelims will probably start about 11:30am and end about 5:30pm. 3A finals should start about 7pm and results announced about 10:30pm.

Again, these are ESTIMATES.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED (MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 24 HOURS, OR THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY IF 24 HRS FALLS ON SUNDAY OR A HOLIDAY):

- Text or email me immediately after your contest whether or not your band will be coming to Area.
- Signed AREA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM This form also serves as invoice. (available on Region 21/Area C web site)
- AREA (ANNOUNCER'S) UIL MARCHING BAND SCRIPT (available on Region 21/Area C web site)
- UIL MARCHING BAND EDUCATIONAL USE VIDEO AGREEMENT (email receipt)
- Additionally, please bring a school check made out to **UIL AREA C MUSIC EVENTS c/o Mike Bullock** (The fee is stated on the Invoice [Entry Form]. A W-9, should you need it, is attached to the Invoice. [on Region 21 Area C web site])

Documents can be sent via:

- Scan and email to mikebullock@me.com (This is the preferred method)
- Or take pictures and text to 903 258-0832 (when photographing, forms must be on a flat dark surface, showing all 4 corners)
- US Mail is not an option because of the delivery time

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1. The contest will be conducted according to the rules of the *UIL Constitution & Contest Rules*. Please read and understand the rules prior to attending the contest. Directors should review Section 1106: Area Marching Band Contest, as posted on the UIL State web site.
2. After making a first division (certification) at Region, directors must immediately text or otherwise notify Mike Bullock whether or not they plan to attend Area, and submit official entries within 24 hours or by the following school day in case 24 hour falls on Sunday or a holiday.
3. The contest schedule should be posted the third day after the final Region Contest (if timely notification by directors of all certified bands is made.) The order of bands is determined by a combination of the FileMaker Pro randomize tool and distance.
4. Admission for all spectators is \$8.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the gate with cash. Bus drivers & school administrators will be admitted free with presentation of school ID. UIL Athletic passes are not accepted. Children 6 and under are also free. However, band chaperones must have chaperone passes. Passes (hand stamps) will available when you arrive at contest. Please limit these complimentary passes to your bus chaperones. Each band student and departing spectator may have his/her hand stamped for reentry into the stadium.
5. Contest Timing is where bands will be most vulnerable for a mandated disqualification. Please review the C&CR rules regarding timing. Details of the timing procedures are included in Local Ground Rules (posted on Region 21 Area C web site). We will operate on a 15-minute schedule.
6. Video will be provided by MEDIA SERVICES of Lufkin. All bands will receive a video.
7. Prelim comments, recordings, and results will be available to directors as UIL rules governing contest software dictates. Video might be on a jump drive, so bring proper equipment if you would like to watch video.
8. Prelim Verification: There will be a break at the end of Prelims. At this time, one director from each band will meet to review the ranking of the bands. All protests must be made prior to the announcement of the results. Finalist directors will draw for order.
9. After Prelims, the Drum Majors of all bands will assemble on the press box side of the field during this tabulation time. Drum Majors should be in full uniform. All bands will be introduced and presented a participation plaque, then bands that will be advancing to the Finals will be announced.
10. At the end of Finals, we will have a RETREAT of finalist bands. During retreat, one director from each band will meet to review the ranking of the bands. That director will not be able to be with their band during retreat. More info will posted as soon as it is available. All protests must be made prior to the announcement of results. Finals ranking and those bands advancing to State will then be announced.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, contact your Region Executive Secretary or Mike Bullock, e-mail: mikebullock@me.com During the contest, you may text or call me on my cell phone; (903) 258-0832.

Best Wishes and Good Luck!
Mike Bullock, Exec Sec,
UIL Area C 2A-4A