

UIL Marching Band Update and Reminders 2024-25

1. 2024-25 UIL C & CR Updates (Marching)

Section 1105(d)(1): DIRECTOR'S COMPLIANCE STATEMENT. This amendment increases the cumulative hours a marching band can spend on visual fundamentals prior to August 1st from TEN hours to FIFTEEN hours.

2. Region Marching Band Statement of Compliance - C&CR Section 1105: To be submitted by email to the RES when the Region Marching Band Contest entry is completed: [Directors Compliance Update 2024.pdf \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

3. Region Marching Band Contest Entry on TX Music Forms: Requires that an intent to advance be declared, as well as declaring either open class or military class. Area contests will be held for all conferences. Note: no band may participate in both the military and open class state contest in the same year. Any band declaring military track may not participate in the area contest.

4. Competition Suite will be used at the Region Marching Contest for judge's comments.

5. Marching Band Director Safety Training: State Law requires that everyone teaching marching band annually complete a safety training course (Everyone who is teaching students). This course is available on the state website: [Marching Band Safety Training — Music — University Interscholastic League \(UIL\) \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

6. Marching Band Physical Exams are required by UIL prior to any physical activity. [Athletic and Marching Band Pre-participation Physical Evaluation — University Interscholastic League \(UIL\) \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

7. Marching Band Contest Inclement Weather Plans and Date: Each Region and Area is to follow local ground rules for events held at a venue. Each Region and Area is to have an inclement weather date in the event the contest must be rescheduled. Judge arrangements for any inclement date should also be made in advance.

8. NEW!! Every UIL contest site – marching band and athletics – is now required to have a Rapid Cooling Zone onsite if the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer reading is 80 degrees or higher. For more information see: [Heat Stress and Athletic Participation Recommended Plan — Health & Safety — University Interscholastic League \(UIL\) \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

9. Wireless Frequencies at Marching Band Contests:

- The RES and the contest host should make every effort possible to ensure non-essential wireless frequencies in a venue are turned off and any active frequencies are communicated to the participating bands in advance of the contest. There will be no “restarts”, “delays” or “do overs” due to any issue related to electronics. In Waller ISD and CFISD, the wireless is turned off for marching contest. Thus, you will not see any wireless frequencies in the contest packet. However, you should make sure you have that information when you go to other stadiums.
- **Wireless** devices may only be tested 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.
- Bluetooth devices are allowed in the warm-up area.
- Metronomes must be kept at a reasonable volume, as to not interfere with the performances in the stadium.

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10. 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.
11. **Marching Band Video Educational Use Agreement:** Once annually, schools participating in UIL marching band contests wishing to make an educational use video of their performance at a UIL contest are to complete the Educational Use Agreement found on the state website. The contest host should designate an area for videographers at each contest venue. This designated area may be in the press box or any other appropriate area determined by host.
<https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=388184>
12. **Adjudication Rubrics:** Each region will distribute and emphasize use of rubrics at all marching band contests and concert and sight-reading evaluations. All rubrics are to be taken from www.uiltexas.org/music to ensure the most current versions are being used. Note that the region marching band rubric is included on the back of the adjudication sheet.
https://www.uiltexas.org/files/music/Region_Marching_Adjudication_Sheets.pdf
13. **ELECTRONICS**

[Marching_Band_Electronics_FAQ.pdf \(uiltexas.org\)](#)

Reminders:

- 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