

ADDENDUM TO GROUND RULES
REGION 3/AREA C MARCHING CONTESTS
MESQUITE MEMORIAL STADIUM

In addition to the information contained in the Region/Area Marching Packet, please become familiar with the following ground rules. Any questions should be directed to Michael Stringer, 972- 882-7300. Please note these rules have evolved after years of hosting multiple marching events, and were developed to provide consistency and fairness to all participants.

1. Band, color guard and percussion need to stay together in the same warm-up area. Auxiliaries' warm-ups should not begin before the band's designated warm-up time.

FRONT ENSEMBLE WARM-UP AREA: There will be a designated area behind the visitors' stands to be used as a front ensemble warm-up area. We ask that you face away from the stadium and do not play cymbals or test electronics at full volume. This area is optional; you are welcome to have your front ensemble warm up with the band if you desire. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS OPTION AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY SHOULD IT BECOME A DISTRACTION TO THE PERFORMING BANDS.**

2. Percussion in warm-up area "A" should not be in the line of sight to the stadium...get far enough south and close to the school so that you can't see the stadium. This lessens the possibility of spectators and performing bands in the stadium hearing warm-ups.

3. Due to the increased use of wireless equipment during field shows, please limit the use of wireless equipment within the Memorial Stadium complex to **performances** only. This includes the warm up area, front ensemble warm up area, parking lots, etc. This rule is in place to prevent crossover of frequencies that could be detrimental to the performing group on the field. **WE WILL BE TURNING OFF ALL MEMORIAL STADIUM WIRELESS MICROPHONES. THIS SHOULD ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR SOLOISTS BEING BROADCAST THROUGH THE STADIUM PA.**

4. No rehearsing in the bus parking lot - no cadences, no organized marching.... Save that for your official warm- up time in the designated areas. Bands may do physical warm-ups (stretching, etc.) in the area behind the east stands (out of the line of sight of the press box). No other warm-up is allowed outside of the designated warm- up areas except for Front Ensemble Warm-Up (see above). ***THIS INCLUDES COLOR GUARD AND ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE BAND! Please stay out of the way of bands that are headed to the warm-up area.***

5. There is a staging area for props in the loading area on the north side of the stadium. You will not be allowed to assemble or disassemble props on the field while another band is performing.

6. The area of the field just outside of the north end zone (close to the scoreboard) is typically used for staging percussion. If this is going to be in the way of lining up your band in the 5-minute period, notify Michael Stringer **BEFORE** the contest. (Historically at the many contests hosted at this stadium, this is usually not a problem.)

7. **Please pay close attention to the enclosed parking diagram for buses and equipment trucks. Buses must park in the south end of the east parking lot. The north end of the east lot is for equipment trucks only! Please make sure your drivers know where to park before they arrive. The parking lots by the West Mesquite HS tennis courts will be used for overflow bus parking.**

8. As stated in the information letter, seating on the west side (press box) of the stadium is generally reserved for spectators. However, as room allows, bands may be seated in the outside sections before and after performing. As the day/evening progresses and spectator crowds increase, bands may be asked to sit in the east stands after performing. At least one director should be with the band at all times.

9. **ALL parent and spectator vehicles should be parked on the west side of the stadium; this includes parents who are helping with props or other equipment. Police officers will be on duty to enforce this. Please note that any vehicle delivering food will not be allowed to stay in the bus parking lot. The parking lot is not large enough to accommodate personal vehicles in addition to the large number of buses and equipment trucks.**

10. **Water Station – *Water will NOT be provided by Mesquite ISD.* You will need to make your own arrangements if you want water for your students before and/or after you perform.**

11. **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR FIELD EXIT!! BAND MEMBERS WILL EXIT VIA THE STAIRS ON THE NORTH END OF THE VISITOR'S SIDE!! BANDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXIT DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE EXIT, OR AT LEAST EXIT BACK FIELD AND THEN TURN LEFT AND HEAD UP THE STAIRS. PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED MAP FOR DETAILS!! BAND MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXIT THROUGH THE NORTH END ZONE UNLESS THEY ARE MOVING PROPS!!**