UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Region 16 Marching Contest
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park - Lubbock, TX

CONTEST CHAIRMAN: Keith Bearden, Region 16 Executive Secretary
CONTEST HOST: Dallas Bayless, Director of Bands, Lubbock High School
Adjudicators 1A--2A: Jon Kraemer, Jesus Perez, Jim Bode
Adjudicators 3A-6A: Mike Lunney, Cody Newman, Travis Smith

PRESS BOX/ CONTEST OFFICE: Band directors will pick up comment sheets/awards in the contest office on the 3rd Floor of the press box following their performance. Please make sure your Form 1 is in Keith Bearden's possession prior to the contest or before your band performs. You will not be permitted to perform without the Form 1. The 2nd Floor hospitality room will be open to directors, retired directors, administrators, and spouses. Please do not bring others to the hospitality room.

PARKING/WARMUP: Spectators may enter and exit **Spectator Parking** via either the west or northwest entrances on 66th Street and Avenue P (see map). Any parent vehicles following buses, dropping off students, or picking up students must park in **Spectator Parking**. Parents/guardians can meet students/directors at the bus lot rope at **Gate 2** to sign out their student. Families and spectators **will not** be permitted into the **Bus Parking** lot.

Buses will enter Avenue L from the north (off 66th Street), stop at the **Check-In** station, and unload students in the **Bus Drop-off Zone** for warmup. Band members must unload their instrument and all necessary performance equipment from buses in the **Bus Drop-off Zone**. The east side restrooms will be open, but please arrive in uniform if possible. After unloading, buses will proceed south on Avenue L then west on 70th to the **Bus & Trailer Entrance**. Buses cannot remain in the **Bus Drop-off Zone** after students are unloaded. Loading crews and front ensemble members may remain on buses and access the **Trailer Lot** from the parking lot to unload. For bands with SMALL equipment trailers that need to unload equipment in the **Bus Drop-off Zone**, the trailer may stay with the buses, quickly unload, and accompany the buses to the **Bus & Trailer Entrance**. Please communicate these needs with the **Check-In** station. **Props only drop off on 66th North End.**

Equipment trucks/trailers will enter the **Trailer Lot** via the **Bus & Trailer Entrance** to unload front ensemble equipment. 70th Street will be blocked off for *west-bound only* bus and

trailer traffic. Equipment trucks/trailers may access 70th Street from the I-27 Frontage Road. After unloading, front ensemble and props will push over to the lane behind the east stands and may be staged in the **Band, Front, & Prop Holding Zone** prior to entering their designated **Warm Up** location.

* **Prop Drop-off Zones** on 66th St are available for schools with extensive props and equipment. Trailers ***MUST*** enter these zones headed ***east bound***. After unloading, trailers will proceed south down Ave L to the **Trailer Lot.** Props and equipment may be staged in the **Prop Staging** zone until the band's performance time. These zones are indicated in purple on the map.

A dedicated golf cart will transport directors driving buses or equipment vehicles back to the **Warm Up** lot. Any directors driving a bus or equipment vehicle must have someone to supervise your group in the **Warm Up** lot while you are parking. You are responsible for safeguarding any valuables left on the buses. *NO personal vehicles are allowed* in the **Warm Up** lot, **Bus Parking**, or the **Trailer Lot**. *All personal vehicles* must park in **Spectator Parking**.

Bands will enter their assigned **Warm Up** area at their designated time. Green and Red flags will be flown in the center of the **Warm Up** lot. Bands may warm up when the Green flag is up and must stop immediately when the Red flag is up to avoid interfering with the band on the field. Bands who arrive at the contest before their assigned warm up time can stage their buses in the YWCA parking lot on University Avenue just north of 66th Street. Be sure to depart the YWCA early enough to account for congestion that can occur on 66th Street at the stadium. Please refer to map for traffic flow.

EQUIPMENT: Equipment trucks/trailers may enter the **Trailer Lot** no earlier than 1 ½ hours before to your performance time. Please help protect the track by making sure all equipment is on wheels. Do not drag anything without wheels (no sled-type pieces) across the track or field. Everything that is unloaded in the **Trailer Lot** must follow the **Front & Prop Route** to the **Warm Up** lot and enter the field using the **Band/Prop Entrances.**

BAND FIELD ENTRANCE AND EXIT: Bands will move from their assigned **Warm Up** location at their "*Move To Ramp*" time and enter via the north ramps. Bands will exit the stadium via the southwest ramp and proceed to **Bus Parking** and the **Trailer Lot**. The southeast ramp may also be used *for foot traffic only (no equipment)* as an option for larger bands. Bands planning to stay following their performance to watch other bands may re-enter the stadium through **Gate 2** and sit in the designated area on the south end of the home side. Students are welcome to purchase concessions and souvenirs while in the stadium. Directors are responsible for ensuring their students are courteous to performing bands and spectators.

TIME ON THE FIELD: Each band is allotted a five-minute warmup period to assume its starting position on the field in any way it deems appropriate. **The official starting line for Region 16 AND Area A will be on the track OUTSIDE the goal line for bands and on the front track at the 20-yardline for front ensemble instruments and equipment.**

Please wait for your official announcement to begin your warm-up to cross the starting line. Activities may include warm-up and/or cadence. **Each band will be announced at the end of 4 minutes and 15 seconds.** The beginning of the announcement will indicate that the performance time must begin after 45 seconds. The script may take less than 45 seconds.

The actual timing for the show will begin at the end of the five-minute warmup period. Please watch the clock to determine when your warm-up time has expired. At that time, the stadium clock will be reset to 8:00 and your contest show timing will begin. **The stadium clock will be used as the official time.** A back-up stopwatch will run as well in the event of clock malfunction. Each band must occupy the football field for no less than five minutes and no more than eight minutes. At the conclusion of the performance, each band will have two minutes to exit the field and clear the marching surface of all equipment, instruments, and props. The use of either instrumental or verbal cadence is optional. Your standard post-show script will be read during the 2-minute field exit. A band that fails to be clear of the field (outside the sidelines or end lines) or continues to use instrumental or verbal cadence at the end of the two minutes may be disqualified. A band leaving equipment or instruments on the sideline in such a manner that these items impede the movement of the next band into its starting position is subject to penalty in accordance with Subchapter F of the official UIL C&CR. We must stay on schedule – parents expect to see their children at the scheduled time. We wish to be neither behind nor ahead. Everything you can do to keep things moving will be greatly appreciated.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: Electronic equipment must be set up during the allotted five-minute warmup period. Any band using electronic equipment is responsible for providing its own extension cords. The plug at Lowrey Field is directly across the track from the 50-yard line. Please refer to the C&CR for rules regarding the RULES FOR POWER CORDS AND THE OPERATION OF ELECTRONICS. Refer to the Region 16 website link to use of electronics. Remember, only 10 students at a time can be amplified. **This does not mean you can amplify 20 students if using 2 microphones, etc.**

TMF (official UIL Logo) SOUVENIRS booth will be at the NW Concourse (same place as previous years).

STADIUM SEATING and Guests: We will pre-sell electronic tickets for spectators. ***Please see the "TICKET PURCHASE LINK" (will be SENT VIA EMAIL and posted on the Region 16***

website). Tickets are valid for the entire day. Tickets may also be purchased at the ticket booth on the day of the contest, however, please encourage your fans to purchase the presale tickets to avoid long wait times at the ticket booth. Gate fees are $5.00 for 13-and-up, free for 12-and-under. Online ticketing charges a small handling fee (.21 per ticket).

Directors, students, and official chaperones will be permitted to re-enter the stadium following your performance through **Gate 2** (west side, south end) to view the remaining bands in your classification and will ONLY be admitted with band shirt, director ID or chaperone pass. Football teams, coaches, cheerleaders will enter the spectator entrance through **Gate 1** (west side, north end). As always, they must wear identifying team clothing.

JUDGES: Judges will be located on the west side of the stadium in the press box.

BATHROOMS/CONCESSIONS: Restroom facilities are located in the buildings directly north of both home and visitor side stands. Concessions are only available on the WEST SIDE. Please remind your fans to pay attention to performances as these places cannot be noisy.

SHOW ENHANCEMENTS: Use of any material which could leave any residue of any kind on the field or in the air is prohibited.

PYROTECHNICS: NO FIREWORKS, SMOKE BOMBS, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF PYROTECHNICS ARE ALLOWED IN LOWREY STADIUM.

OTHER PROCEDURES: You should read in detail all the rules outlined in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules regarding the Region and Area marching contest.

INSTRUMENT EMERGENCIES: Tarpley's and Music and Arts will have representatives at the contest to help with emergency instrument loans.

FIRST AID: We will have an athletic trainer in the press box available for emergency situations.

LOCAL CONTEST RULES: Lubbock High Boosters and Band Staff will be available to help you during the contest, but UIL rules state clearly that every band and its director must conform to local ground rules for the operation of the contest. Please ask your students and staff to treat them with courtesy at all times.

CLEAR BAG POLICY: As part of enhancing existing safety and security measures across the district, Lubbock ISD enforces the clear bag policy for all visitors to Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park. The policy regulates the size and type of bag that may be carried into the stadium for any event at the facility. Visitors to Lowrey Field at PlainsCapital Park will be able to bring the following style and size bag or package into the facility:

- Clear plastic vinyl or PVC
- Not to exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic resealable bag
- Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

1. Procedures in place for Lowrey Field will be enforced, specifically as it pertains to lightning.
2. Inclement weather date for the Region Marching Contest is Sunday, October 18th at Lowrey Field.
3. Please remember that Marching Band is an outdoor activity and rain alone will not delay or cancel the event. However, in case of heavy or driving rain, the competition will be delayed until some relief is seen.
4. See inclement weather document online at the uilregion16music.org website.

Questions or problems in the Warm Up Lot? Notify a Lubbock High Booster in **Check In**. They have radios and will be in constant contact with the contest office.

Emergency #'s:
Keith Bearden – 806-239-8060
June Bearden – 806-239-6080
Dallas Bayless – 940-613-2700