

**INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**  
**UIL REGION 3 & AREA C (5A & 6A) MARCHING**

**NOTIFICATION OF ANY DELAY, POSTPONEMENT, RESCHEDULING, ETC., WILL BE SHARED VIA TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. FOLLOW ON TWITTER USING @uilregion3, OR ON FACEBOOK (BONNIE BARTLETT). EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE INFORMATION AS DECISIONS ARE MADE THAT WILL AFFECT THE CONTEST SCHEDULE.**

**Region 3**

Region 3 schedules a “rain date” for the two Region level marching contests. If inclement weather threatens the Region contest once it has begun, Mesquite ISD safety procedures will be observed, specifically as pertaining to lightning. If it becomes unreasonable or impossible to continue/conclude the contest that day, the remaining bands will be scheduled on the established rain date. The Executive Secretary will make the final decision whether to continue to postpone/delay the contest or to reschedule on the rain date.

**Area C (5A & 6A)**

**Per UIL C&CR there are no provisions for an alternate or weather make-up date for the Finals of the Area Marching Contest.** Area C will make every effort to plan the contest schedule so that it maximizes the potential for completion of the competition in the event of weather delays.

**Priority 1** is student safety. Area C will follow the procedures that are in place for the host stadium, specifically as pertaining to lightning.

**Priority 2** is to complete preliminary competition – every effort will be made to delay the contest for as long as necessary, within reason, to allow all bands to perform in prelims on the scheduled contest day. In the event there is rain, **but no lightning detected in the area**, bands will be asked to perform (unless it can be determined with some certainty that the rain will move out of the area in a timely manner). If a director chooses not to have his/her band perform in the rain, there will be no re-scheduling and that group will forfeit the opportunity to perform.

**Priority 3** is to complete the finals competition. However, per UIL C&CR ***under extenuating circumstances such as severe weather or limited participation, the contest officials and the State Director of Music may declare the preliminary contest to be the final contest.***

***In the event that weather is too severe to complete preliminary competition, the Area may reschedule the remainder of the preliminary performances on the published inclement weather date. Those bands that did not have an opportunity to perform on Saturday IN PRELIMINARY COMPETITION will be given the opportunity to perform on the alternate date.***

Final decisions concerning delays, postponement, and rescheduling will be made by the Executive Secretary and in consultation with the State Director of Music.

## **MISD Lightning Policy**

All activities will be halted when lightning is detected within a 10 mile radius of the stadium. We are not allowed to restart activities until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike. Our official alert system for Mesquite ISD is the Pocket Perry Lightning Warning System.

If you are in the warm up area when the bad weather moves in, you will be asked to move into West Mesquite HS. If you are in the parking lot then you will have a couple of options; you can either go under the visitor's stands or go back to your buses. In case of severe weather (tornado warning for example) you will be moved into the gyms at our new middle school located next to the visitor's parking lot.