

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.

MESQUITE ISD LIGHTNING SAFETY POLICIES

Contest Chair, Contest Host, and Contest Staff will monitor local weather forecasts.

Safe Locations

Safe locations are:

1. West Mesquite High School
2. Underneath the Bleachers
3. Buses
4. Locker Rooms-North End of Stadium

Bands and individuals in the warm up areas at the time of shelter should go into West Mesquite High School.

Spectators and groups seated in the stands should seek shelter underneath the bleachers.

Groups in the bus parking lot should return to their buses and remain on the buses until notified of “all clear” or should seek shelter under the east bleachers.

Bands and individuals at the field entry position at the north end of the field should go to the Locker Rooms at the North end of the stadium.

Lightning Safety

Lightning detectors will be used by Contest Officials. Contest will be suspended if lightning strikes are detected within 6 miles. Contest staff will be available to assist in directing bands to safe locations.

The weather must be free of lightning for 30 minutes after the last lightning strike before competition can resume.

Directors of groups will be responsible for monitoring students sheltering in West Mesquite High School and in the North End Locker Rooms.

Announcements will be made when it is necessary to seek shelter and to give updates on contest status.