

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

UIL Region 6 MARCHING CONTEST

RATLIFF STADIUM
ODESSA, TX



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DIRECTOR NOTES

ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Bands should be in the stadium lot at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled warm-up time. Guides will assist you when you arrive and someone will take your FORM 1, STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE, UIL CONTEST SCRIPT, and any outstanding ENTRY FEES. **Bands will not be permitted to perform without ALL of these items.** Inform your parents that if an earlier band has bus trouble and arrives late, you may be moved ahead in the schedule.

COMMUNICATION

All official onsite communication and event updates will be sent via Competition Suite. Please make sure that you have updated your Competition Suite account and that you access prior to the event.

RATINGS

Ratings will be announced as soon as possible after the end of each class. Critique sheets and awards may be picked up in the Press Box (P1) first floor following your band's performance.

JUDGE COMMENTS

All judges' comments will be recorded utilizing the Competition Suite judging format. Directors will need to set up an account to have access to the comments. You will have immediate access to the judges' comments following your band's performance.

CONTEST OFFICE

Located in Press Box (P2). Only contest workers and videographers will be allowed to enter.



PARKING & SEATING

BUSES

Buses will enter the stadium through the **NORTH** gate off Charles Walker Road and stop at the check-in booth. Buses will be parked in the **WEST** parking lot. All vehicles that need to park in the **WEST** lot should use the Bus Parking Sign at the end of this packet. Vehicles without this sign will not be permitted. There will be guides to direct the vehicles to their parking spots. Buses will depart the parking lot using the **SOUTH** gate.

EQUIPMENT TRUCKS & TRAILERS

Equipment trucks & trailers will be parking in the **WEST** parking lot. Please have equipment trucks & trailers enter through the **NORTH** gate off of Charles Walker Road and stop at the check-in booth. They will receive further instructions for drop-off of equipment and parking locations.

SPECTATOR VEHICLES

Spectator vehicles should enter through the **SOUTH** gate off of Yukon Rd and park on the **EAST** side of the stadium. The first two rows on the **WEST** side will be for handicapped, elderly, and contest workers. There will be volunteers to help direct traffic for parking.

SEATING

Spectators will sit on the **WEST SIDE** (home side). Bands may sit on the **EAST SIDE** (visitors) side of the stadium following their performances. Please sit in sections closer to the end and allow plenty of distance between groups.

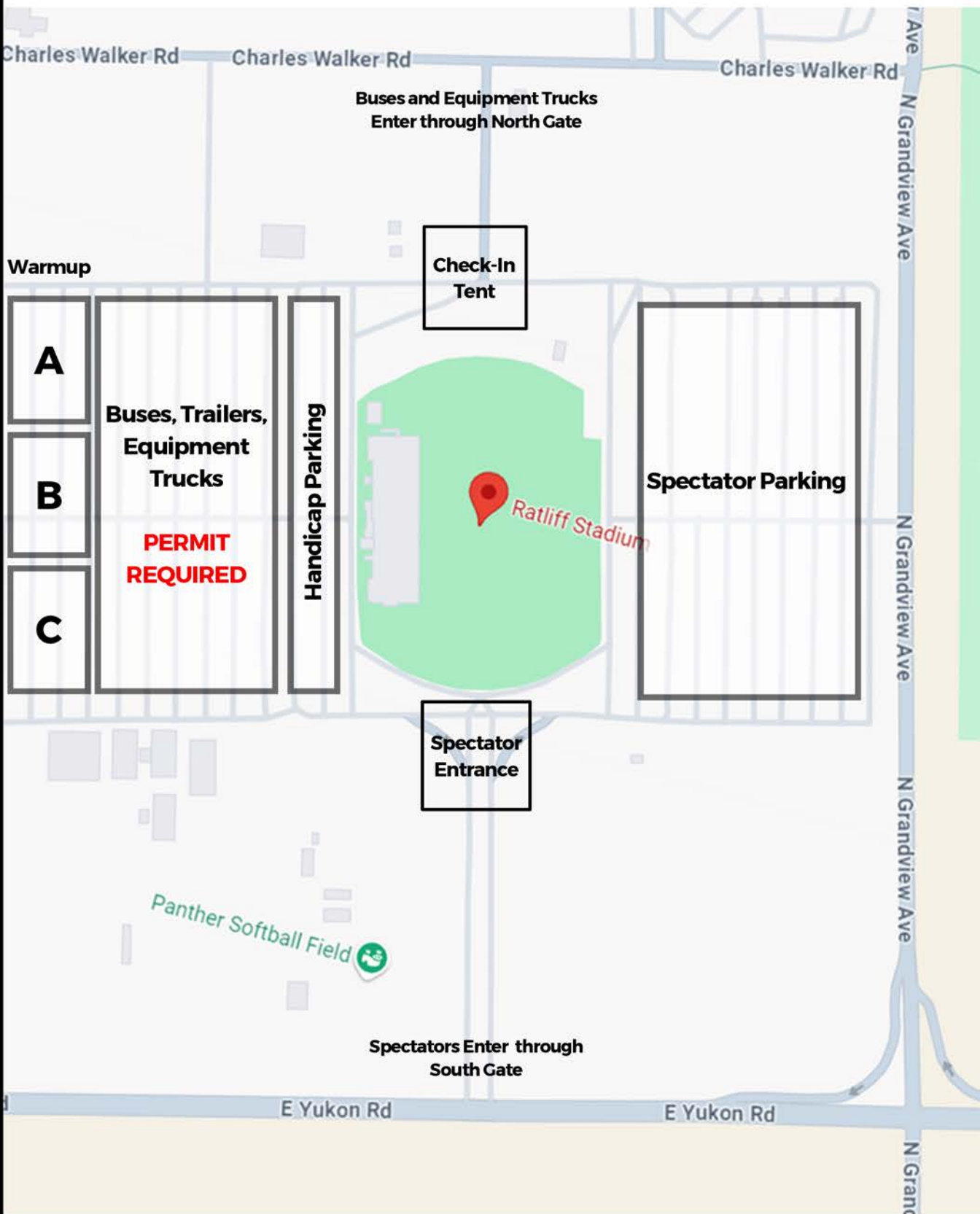
ADMISSION

The entrance gate for spectators will open at 12:00pm. There will be an admission charge of \$8 for all spectators six and older.



PARKING MAP

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OFFICIAL PROCEDURES

WARM-UP

When you arrive, you will be escorted to one of 3 warm-up areas on the west side of the stadium. All bands should face **WEST** (toward houses).

Front Ensemble (Pit) will have an area to warm-up as well next to the equipment trucks & trailers. Small voice amplification devices may be used in the warm-up area, as long as they do not interfere with the contest. In addition, you must adhere to the wireless devices policy listed below.

WRISTBANDS

When you arrive, your guide will have wristbands for your volunteers who move equipment (front ensemble, props, etc...) onto the field. Only those with these wristbands will be allowed onto the track and field. This wristband will also get them back into the contest, once they have exited the top of the ramp. They must, however, go through the main entrance gate to go up into the stands.

WIRELESS FREQUENCY

The wireless system at Ratliff Stadium will be TURNED OFF for this contest. There shouldn't be any problems with frequency crossover.

Bands are only permitted to access/test their wireless devices during contest intermissions and during the seven-minute period that includes a band's 2-minute exit and a band's 5-minute field entrance. This includes bands in warm-up and other areas around the stadium.



OFFICIAL PROCEDURES

AFTER WARM-UP

Your guide will escort you to the stadium's **NORTHWEST** gate, where you will enter to perform. Once you are there. If the tunnel is empty, you will be guided down the ramp to the field entrance. (Ready Area). All Front Ensemble and Prop instruments/equipment must enter through the **SOUTHWEST** gate of the stadium. A guide will be there to assist you down the ramp to the ready area.

CLOCK PROCEDURES

The clock procedures will be as follows. Official time will be kept on the Ratliff clock. By UIL rule the announcement for each band's performance will begin with :45 remaining on the 5:00 clock. Please plan accordingly.

- During the two-minute exit period for the previous performing band, the next band will move to the goal line. Keyboard percussion and front ensemble equipment may move to the 20-yard line.
- **YOU MUST WAIT AT THE GOAL LINE UNTIL YOU HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOUR BAND HAS FIVE MINUTES TO PREPARE.** The **5:00** minute clock will begin when this announcement has been made.
- When the 5:00 minute clock shows **:45** the announcement will begin.
- When the 5:00 minute clock shows **:20** the clock will be reset to show 8:00. The remainder of the 5:00 set-up time will be kept on a stopwatch in the press box.
- The **8:00** minute clock will begin when the full 5:00 minutes of set-up time expires.
- Judges will be instructed to not begin judging until the 8:00 minute performance clock shows 7:59.
- The **2:00** minute field exit clock will start when it is apparent to the clock operator that the show is over.

ANY BAND WHO FAILS TO FOLLOW THE LOCAL GROUND RULES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED

(C&CR SECTION 1105)



OFFICIAL PROCEDURES

BAND EXIT

Following your performance, your band will exit through the **SOUTHEAST** gate (up the stairs). Following your performance, bands are invited to wait in the EAST (visitor) stands for results.

VIDEO TAPING

You are welcome to provide ONE parent or representative to come to the P2 level of the Press Box to record your own bands performance. They will be allowed to set up their equipment to record during the band immediately preceding your group, but must leave the Press Box as soon as your group has finished. **YOU MUST HAVE FILLED OUT THE ONLINE FORM AND SUBMITTED IT TO UIL CONCERNING COPYRIGHT CLEARANCE. NO VIDEOS MAY BE RECORDED AND REPLICATED FOR SALE AFTER THE EVENT, AND NO RECORDINGS SHOULD BE POSTED TO ONLINE PLATFORMS.**

AT NO TIME, OTHER THAN THE ACTUAL MARCHING PERFORMANCE, WILL BANDS BE ALLOWED ON THE MARCHING FIELD. IF YOU HAVE BIG PROPS THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING THEM TO THE TRACK IN THE TIME ALLOWED, PLEASE EMAIL MICHAEL.HAWLEY@ECTORCOUNTYISD.ORG AND WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO STORE YOUR PROPS ALONG THE WALL AT EITHER END OF THE FIELD.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me on my cell phone, 432-238-1424. You may also contact me via email sonia.campos@ectorcounttyisd.org.

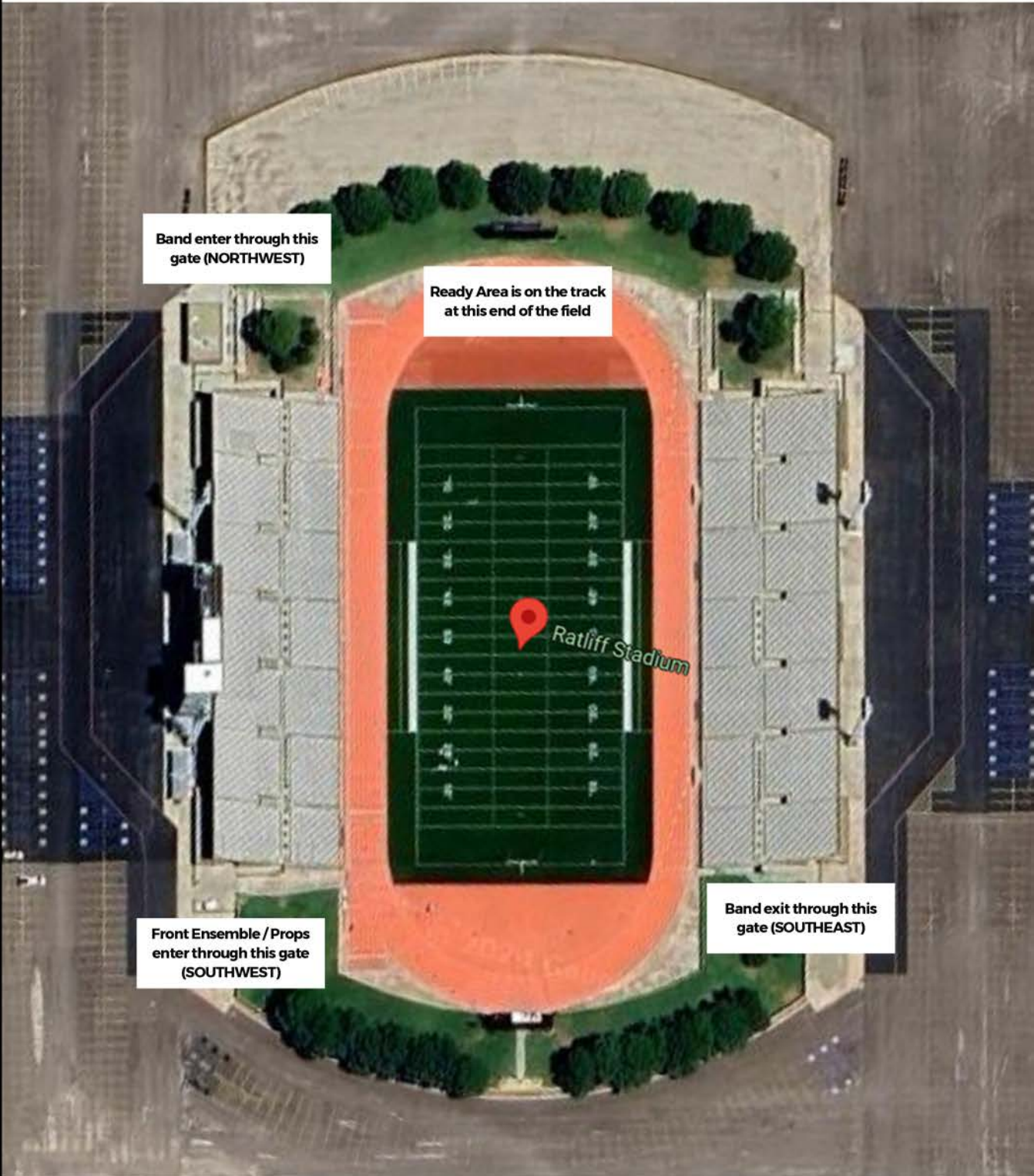
NO BALLOONS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT UIL RULES PROHIBIT BALLOONS AT ANY UIL EVENT. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PARENTS AND OTHER SUPPORTS ARE AWARE OF THIS POLICY.



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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Ector County ISD recognizes the needs of persons with disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and continues to make every effort to comply with ADA accessibility mandates. In 2008, the ECISD added a significant number of wheelchair and companion seating for our fans with mobility impairments, along with improvements in the accessibility of concessions, and ticket booths. The ECISD strives to accommodate the individual needs of guests with disabilities and has adopted the following ticket policies.

Seats Reserved Exclusively for Individuals Who Use Mobility Equipment and Companions:

- Use of this seating is limited to individuals who have mobility equipment and their companions. No season ticket or individual game ticket will be sold or exchanged to customers without disabilities (other than non-disabled companions of wheelchair users) in any wheelchair or mobility impaired location or companion seat. Persons who purchase (season or individual) or exchange tickets in the wheelchair or mobility impaired and companion seats will be subject to verification of the need for a wheelchair accessible or mobility impaired seating location.
- Wheelchair seating is reserved for the exclusive use of wheelchair users and their guests and the purchase or use of these seating locations by non-wheelchair users is strictly prohibited and can result in ejection and/or forfeiture of ticket price. These seats are colored **BLUE**. Patrons who are not confined to wheelchairs and are mobility impaired are accommodated individually in areas with easy access as availability permits.
- Mobility impaired seating is reserved for the exclusive use of mobility impaired users and their companions and the purchase or use of these seating locations by non-mobility impaired users is strictly prohibited and can result in ejection and/or forfeiture of ticket price.



SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

Weather is consistently monitored during all games and events at the stadium. On active weather days, the Ratliff Stadium event crew will begin monitoring 3 hours before each event and 1 hour after. Ratliff Stadium will utilize our very own dedicated PERRY WEATHER STATION to monitor weather, provide advisories, warnings, and real-time lightning information. <https://perryweather.com/>

ECISD Police, Odessa Police, and Ratliff Stadium Ushers may be pre-positioned when a 30-minute advisory is received so that if a decision is made to relocate they will be properly stationed before the Public Address announcement is made. This script may be amended based on actual circumstances. The Command Post will ensure that the Public Address announcer receives the proper script. The relocation announcement will be repeated as necessary to ensure that all stadium attendees are informed of what to do.

When lightning or severe weather is detected within (15) miles of the stadium:

- UIL Official will notify the judges and head directors.
- The Command Post will communicate via radio with the stadium's severe weather policy to all other police officers and inform them of any possible relocation plans. ECISD Police and UIL staff will ensure that access is provided to the lightning/severe weather relocation points.
- Police officers will be stationed to direct the crowd to the proper lightning/severe weather relocation points.
- The ushers will be informed of the relocation points and will be positioned to assist in directing the crowd. The ushers will assist any persons needing assistance (*such as disabled persons*).

When lightning or severe weather is detected within (12) miles of the stadium:

- A public address announcement will be made to inform those in attendance that the inclement weather is within (12) miles of the stadium and if patrons wish to vacate for safe shelter, they will be allowed to re-enter once it has been deemed safe to do so.
- UIL Official will notify the judges and head directors that lightning is within (12) miles and that patrons are being allowed to vacate the facility for safe shelter, and they will be allowed to re-enter once it has been deemed safe to do so.



SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

When lightning or severe weather is detected within (10) miles of the stadium:

- The competition/event shall be suspended. Public Address will supply information on where to seek shelter.
- All patrons will evacuate the stadium to a safe relocation area or their vehicles.
- In the case of a **TORNADO WARNING**, patrons will be asked to seek shelter in the stadium bathrooms and NOT return to their vehicles.
- The press box will be evacuated by a stairway to the lowest level of the stadium and relocated to tornado safe areas.
- All band members, directors, and chaperones will be evacuated to their buses. In the case of a **TORNADO WARNING**, these groups will be moved to the locker rooms, other tornado safe areas and the stadium bathrooms.

Resuming Normal Operations

- Competition or an event may be resumed after 30 minutes of no severe weather or detected lightning strikes within a (10) mile radius AND by the approval of the UIL Official, Contest Host, and the ECISD Police Department. Patrons will be allowed to re-enter the stadium once it has been deemed safe. Along with PA announcements, competition suite announcements will help share the news of the resumption of stadium activities.



CLEAR BAG POLICY

To enhance and more efficiently process spectator entry at the Ratliff Athletic Complex, Ector County ISD Athletics has implemented a clear bag policy. This policy regulates the size and type of bags that may be carried into the Ratliff Athletic Complex. This aligns with other large high school, college, and professional venues across the state and nation. The Clear Bag Policy has been in effect since August 1, 2020, and we are proud to continue to provide safety precautions for students, coaches, and fans.

Applicable Areas

The "LET'S BE CLEAR" policy includes the following facilities:

- Ratliff Stadium
- Ratliff South Fields
- Ratliff Softball Complex
- Ratliff Tennis Complex

Permitted Items

- Clear Bags: Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12". These bags may have one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5" tall x 3.4" wide.
- Storage Bags: One-gallon clear plastic freezer/storage bags.
- Clutch Bags: Small clutch bags or purses do not have to be clear but can't exceed 4.4" x 6.5".

Prohibited Items (Non-Clear)

- Backpacks
- Diaper bags
- Printed pattern plastic bags
- Fanny packs
- Purses
- Reusable grocery totes/bags
- Mesh or straw bags
- Large totes
- Camera bags*
- Video bags*
- Binocular cases

**Exceptions may be made for members of the news media upon prior arrangement and inspection by an ECISD Athletic Game Administrator.*

Special Notes

- Medical Bags: Although not clear, medical bags may be allowed entry after inspection by an event administrator.
- Blankets: Blankets will be allowed to be carried over the arm during cold weather.
- Propane Heaters: Propane heaters are not allowed inside the stadium.
- Outside Food and Drink: Pre-purchased or pre-made outside food and drink are not allowed.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact the ECISD Athletic Department or review the complete policy with bag examples on the ECISD website: ectorcountysid.org



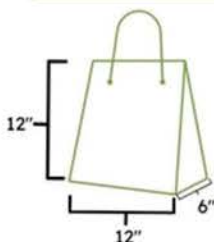
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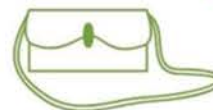
✓ Permitted



CLEAR PLASTIC BAG
can not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"



ONE-GALLON FREEZER BAG



SMALL CLUTCH BAGS (DO NOT HAVE TO BE CLEAR)
cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5"

>Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and have no more than one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5" tall x 3.4" wide

OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS PROHIBITED AT ALL VENUES WITHIN THE RATLIFF ATHLETIC COMPLEX

✗ Not Permitted (Non-Clear)



BACKPACKS



DIAPER BAGS



PRINTED PATTERN PLASTIC BAGS



FANNY PACKS



PURSES



REUSABLE GROCERY TOTES/BAGS



MESH OR STRAW BAGS



DUFFLE BAGS



LARGE TOTES



***CAMERA OR VIDEO BAGS**



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CLEAR BAG POLICY



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NO UMBRELLAS

WHILE AT THE STADIUM PLEASE OBEY THE BELOW RULES AND REGULATIONS



NO RE-ENTRY



NO OUTSIDE FOOD / DRINK



NO SMOKING



NO ALCOHOL



NO FIREARMS / KNIVES



NO PETS



NO AIR HORNS / WHISTLES / SIRENS



NO PORTABLE HEATERS

CLEAR BAG POLICY IN EFFECT

LET'S ENJOY WITH FULL ECISD SPIRIT

Scan Below For Stadium Policy





HOW TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

HOMETOWN TICKETS



GET YOUR

TICKETS ONLINE

**SCAN QR CODE
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TICKETS NOW**



THANK YOU FOR VISITING ODESSA





**UIL REGION 6
BUS PARKING
PASS**