LOCATION: Ratliff Stadium; Odessa, Texas

BUS PARKING: Buses and equipment trucks will be parked in the EAST parking lot. AUTOMOBILES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE EAST PARKING LOT. Please have buses enter through the east gate off of Grandview Ave. Please let your parents and fans know that they MAY NOT park on the east side of the stadium.

SEATING: Bands will sit in the EASTSIDE stands following their performance. Spectators will sit on the WESTSIDE.

**ADMISSION:** ***There will be an admission charge of $5.00 for all spectators six and older. Participating students and sponsors will be admitted free ONLY ON THE EASTSIDE of the stadium prior to their own performance. After your performance, you may choose to sit on the east or the west side stands. If you choose to sit on the west side, you will need to be in uniform (or matching shirts) and must stay together as a group in the bleachers outside the 25 yard line. Students must be supervised at all times. For those who are interested, the UTPB Falcon Band will be marching an exhibition at the conclusion of the 4A schools and again following the 6A schools in the evening. Please announce this to your parents and fans.***

LOST AND FOUND: Located in the Ticket Office.

RATINGS: Ratings will be announced as soon as possible after the end of each class. Criticism sheets and awards may be picked up in the Press Box following the announcement of the ratings.

ARRIVAL TIME: Bands should be in the stadium area at least forty-five minutes prior to their scheduled performance time. Student guides will assist you when you arrive and someone will take your ANNOUNCEMENT FORM, FORM 1 and your UIL CONTEST SCRIPT. Inform your parents that if an earlier band has bus trouble and arrives late, you may be moved ahead in the schedule.

WARM-UP: When you arrive, you will be escorted to one of four warm-up areas on the east side of the stadium. Here at Ratliff Stadium, we use a flag system to help protect the performance of the bands on the field. There will be a RED FLAG that will go up on the top of the stands when a band is beginning their field performance. At this time, all ensemble playing needs to stop. You may tune individuals while the flag is up, but no more than three or four playing at one time, and no percussion. Pit will have an area to warm-up also, but again, no playing while a band is on the field. Once the flag goes down, you are free to warm up again until the flag is raised again. Also, the use of any kind of voice amplification equipment is not allowed while a band is on the field.

CONTEST OFFICE: Located in the Press Box. No directors will be allowed in the Press Box until after their class is complete and the results have been announced.

ASSEMBLY AREA: Bands will assemble in the East parking lot. All bands will enter through the Northeast gate and exit through the Southeast gate.

READY AREA: *A guide will instruct you when to move to the* ***READY AREA****. This area is on the track in the north end of the stadium.* ***YOU MAY NOT BEGIN MOVING FROM THE READY AREA UNTIL IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT YOUR BAND HAS FIVE MINUTES TO PREPARE.*** *Your pit equipment must also remain in the pit ready area until the announcement. Four minutes after the first announcement, your group will be officially introduced, and one minute later, the clock will be started. PLEASE REFER TO THE OFFICIAL TIMING THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE REGION MARCHING SECTION OF THE REGION 6 WEBSITE (*[*http://www.uilmusicregion6.com*](http://www.uilmusicregion6.com)*). This is very important to keep the contest running on schedule. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. ANY BAND, WHO FAILS TO FOLLOW THE LOCAL GROUNDRULES OF THE CONTEST, MAY BE DISQUALIFIED. (C&CR Section 1105, f-5)*

PIT READY AREA: Located on the Southwest side of the stadium. (THIS IS AT THE END WITH THE AMBULANCE RAMP.) A guide will instruct you when to move to the pit ready area. Please cooperate and move when told to do so. Any band that fails to follow the local ground rules of the contest may be disqualified. (C&CR Section 1105, Subsection 5)

**VIDEO TAPING: Mr. Nail has already sent out information regarding the new UIL rules regarding making videos of your bands performance. 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 will have to leave the Press Box as soon as your group has finished. YOU MUST HAVE FILLED OUT THE ONLINE FORM AND SUBMITTED 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.**

TWIRLING: Once again, the twirling contest will be held under the bleachers on the Southeast end of the stadium. Twirling times are approximate. All students who show up early will be allowed to perform early only if time permits.

AT NO TIME, OTHER THAN THE ACTUAL MARCHING PERFORMANCE, WILL BANDS BE ALLOWED ON THE MARCHING FIELD OR THE TRACK AREA.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at Odessa High School, 432-456-2026, or on my cell phone, 432-352-1607. You may also contact me via email @ billy.harden@ectorcountyisd.org.

***NO BALLOONS***

***Please remember that UIL rules prohibit balloons at any UIL event. Make sure that your parents and other supporters are aware of this policy.***

Ready area is on the track at this end of the field.



Bands exit through the stairs located at the end of the stadium on this side of the field.



