

## **AREA C (2A/3A/4A) MARCHING CONTEST INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

NOTIFICATION OF ANY DELAY, CANCELLATION, OR RESCHEDULING, WILL BE SHARED THROUGH THE AREA E-MAIL LIST PROVIDED BY TexasMusicForms.COM.

Every effort will be made to complete both Prelims and Finals (if applicable), but marching band is an outdoor activity, and dangerous weather cannot be ignored. Light precipitation alone won't cause a delay or cancellation of a performance. However, lightning, heavy rain, or high winds could cause a contest to be postponed or rescheduled. The priorities will be as follows:

**PRIORITY ONE** is student and audience safety. Weather and lighting will be electronically monitored, and in case of danger, the Contest Director will evacuate the field and stands. It is possible the delay could be 30 minutes or longer. The event will not continue until conditions are safe. The decision of the Contest Director is final.

**PRIORITY TWO** is to complete Prelims competition. In case of weather delay, every effort will be made to allow all bands to perform in Prelims on the scheduled contest day. In the event there is mist or drizzle, but no lightning detected in the area, bands will be asked to perform. A weather delay may be announced if it can be determined (with some certainty) that the precipitation will move out of the area in a timely manner. If a director chooses not to have his/her band perform under these conditions, there will be no re-scheduling, and that group will forfeit the opportunity to perform.

If weather is too severe to complete Prelims, the alternate contest date will be used. The posted schedule will be followed as closely as possible.

**PRIORITY THREE** is to complete Finals competition. However, according to the UIL C&CR, under extenuating circumstances such as severe weather that prevents completion of Finals performances, the Contest Director may declare Prelim results to be the final contest and certification to the State Marching Contest.

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