

UIL TIMING PROCEDURES – UIL REGION 25 MARCHING CONTEST

IMPORTANT – TIMING PROCEDURES! If you study the UIL rules, you will note that your **scheduled time** is your **deadline to begin your performance.**

1. At the appropriate time, your band will be given the okay to enter the field. At that time the 5 minute clock will begin.
2. At the end of 4 minutes, the announcer will begin reading your announcement. When the announcement begins, the scoreboard clock will at that time be re-set to 8 minutes. The final one minute of your five minute warm up period will be timed on a stopwatch by the timer.
3. The 8 minute clock will be set and begin running:
 - A. At the end of 5 minutes OR
 - B. At the end of the announcement and first note of music OR
 - C. At a starting point designated by the director.

Any pre-show must fit into this time frame.

All bands will be announced.

Announcement will not start earlier than at 4 minutes into the 5 minute clock.

Judges will be instructed and reminded that any activity on the field will not be judged until they see 7:59 on the clock.

If you do not have a pre-show and feel that you only need a couple of minutes of your 5 minute warm-up, have a plan in mind so that your band is not standing at the ready position on the field waiting an unusually long amount of time for the announcement to begin. The judges need that 5 minute window to finish their comments, deliberation, and scoring of the previous band.

The following is a MARCHING BAND CONTEST TIMING RULE CLARIFICATION from the State Office:

“IT IS THE INTENT OF THE TIMING RULE THAT A MARCHING BAND’S CONTEST ROUTINE BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE 8 MINUTE TIME-LIMIT. THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE SHOULD BE CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THE DESIGN OF THE SHOW (I.E. FINAL SET, END OF THE WIND MUSIC, DRUM MAJOR BOWS, ETC.). IN THE EVENT THAT THE END OF THE SHOW IS NOT CLEARLY DEFINED, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR TO INDICATE TO THE OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER THE ENDING POINT OF THE PERFORMANCE. CONTINUED MARCHING AND PLAYING AFTER THAT POINT THAT IS NOT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CLEARING THE FIELD WILL BE INTERPRETED AS A CONTINUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE AND THE BAND SHALL BE PENALIZED ONE RATING.”