

WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN for Area F

Dear Band Directors and Administrators,

Currently, there is a **chance of rain in the Conroe area for Saturday, October 31, 2026 and on our alternate weather date, Monday, November 2**. Several individuals have asked about contingency plans should inclement weather affect the UIL 6A Area F Marching Band Contest.

Please review the following weather contingency plan and important considerations.

Weather Contingency Plan

UIL Area F officials will continue monitoring weather conditions and forecasts throughout the week and on contest day.

Should weather conditions warrant, the contest will be paused until officials determine that it is safe to resume. If a delay occurs, participating bands will be notified of any necessary adjustments to the performance schedule. Please see the bottom section of this letter for details about communication procedures

Please be aware that **if weather-related delays are significant enough to prevent both the preliminary and final rounds from being completed by approximately midnight, UIL rules allow the preliminary round to be declared the final round.**

Unless contest officials determine that conditions are unsafe, the contest will proceed as scheduled. **This includes the possibility of bands performing in the rain.**

The safety of our students, directors, spectators, and contest personnel remains our highest priority.

Every reasonable effort will be made to conduct the contest as scheduled while maintaining a safe environment for all participants.

Factors Considered Before Delaying, Suspending, or Canceling the Contest

Area F officials will consider several factors when making decisions regarding weather-related interruptions:

1. **Safety:** Thunderstorms, lightning, high winds, or other hazardous conditions that could jeopardize the safety of students, directors, spectators, adjudicators, and contest personnel.
2. **Travel Logistics:** Travel distances for participating schools and the availability of buses and equipment trucks.
3. **Parent and Volunteer Support:** Availability of parents and volunteers to assist with equipment movement, loading, unloading, and other logistical needs.

4. **Personnel Availability:** Availability of stadium personnel, contest staff, adjudicators, and other essential event personnel.

Important Reminders for Participating Bands

UIL Area F does **not** provide Rain ponchos or other personal rain protection, nor Protective covers for electronic instruments, sound systems, amplification equipment, or other electronic devices.

Schools are responsible for protecting their own equipment. Electronic equipment is used at the school's own risk. Directors are encouraged to prepare accordingly and communicate their school's rain procedures to students, parents, and support personnel before contest day.

Lightning Safety Procedures

UIL Area F follows the UIL Lightning Safety Guidelines when determining whether weather conditions require suspending or resuming contest activities.

Please review the official guidelines: [UIL Lightning Safety Guidelines](#)

Important Communication Procedure

We will communicate weather conditions that may cause delays, adjustments to the performance schedule or other pertinent information **through Competition Suite**.

From Ken Labonski: To make sure we all have access to results and weather-related communication through Competition Suite, we will send a test message through the app at noon on Friday the 30th. Please make sure that you have navigated your profile on the App and have set your notification preferences by then. If you are experiencing issues, please look at the FAQs for access and then reach out to me so we can make sure we see your organization correctly in the system.

We appreciate your flexibility, cooperation, and understanding as we monitor the forecast and prepare for Saturday's event.

Thank you for your continued support of UIL Music and the Area F Marching Band Contest.

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