OFFICIAL TIMING FOR "AREA A" MARCHING EVENTS

2026

Please read the following procedures:

The **official time will be kept on the scoreboard clock.** The 5:00 minute clock will begin when the announcer states that the next band in the class has five minutes to prepare for their contest presentation. The five minutes prior to your performance may be used in any way you deem appropriate in order to assume your starting position and prepare for the beginning of the show.

When the 5:00 minute clock shows :45 the announcement will begin. The beginning of this announcement will indicate that the performance timing will begin in 45 seconds.

When the 5:00 minute clock shows :20, the clock will be reset to 8:00 and the final :20 will be kept on a stopwatch in the press box. The 8:00 timing of your show will begin when the final minute expires. Judges will be instructed to not begin judging until the 8:00 minute performance clock shows 7:59.

If you are doing a Pre-Show, this procedure will be utilized, regardless of where you are in the pre-show.

At the conclusion of each band's performance the postscript will be read while the band will have two (2) minutes to exit the field and clear the marching surface of all equipment, instruments and props. Please make sure they do not impede the progress of the next band onto the field. The use of either instrumental or verbal cadence is optional**. All sound must cease at the end of the two-minute period.**