

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would move 2A area and state marching band advancement from odd numbered years to even numbered years.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current rule states that 2A, 3A, and 5A schools are eligible to advance to area and state in odd numbered years; and, 4A and 6A schools are eligible to advance to area and state in even numbered years. In 2014 when UIL expanded to six conferences a state championship pilot contest was added for 1A marching bands, enabling 1A to compete separate from 2A. Due to the small number of 1A schools who have a band program (approximately 35 statewide) this contest was added to the odd numbered years, creating an imbalance of four conference state championships in odd numbered years (1A/2A/3A/5A) and two conference state championships in even numbered years (4A/6A). Moving 2A to the even numbered years would create a more balanced state contest schedule of 1A/3A/5A (held over two days) in the odd numbered years and 2A/4A/6A (held over three days) in the even numbered years. This change would make 2A schools eligible for advancement in consecutive years (fall 2017 and fall 2018).

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 1105(h), 1106(a), and 1107(a) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(h) REGION CERTIFICATION TO AREA.

(1) *Advancement.* Bands will advance to area according to the following schedule:

- (A) Odd numbered years: Conferences 5A AND 3A. ~~and 2A (Conference A competes in Conference 2A).~~
- (B) Even numbered years: Conferences 6A, ~~and 4A,~~ AND 2A (CONFERENCE A COMPETES IN CONFERENCE 2A).

Section 1106: AREA MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. The area marching band contest will be held on the following schedule:

- (1) *Odd numbered years:* Conferences 5A AND 3A. ~~and 2A (Conference A competes in Conference 2A).~~
- (2) *Even numbered years:* Conferences 6A, ~~and 4A,~~ AND 2A (CONFERENCE A COMPETES IN CONFERENCE 2A).

Section 1107: STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. The state marching band contest will be held on the following schedule:

- (1) *Odd numbered years:* Conferences 5A AND 3A. ~~and 2A (Conference A competes in Conference 2A).~~
- (2) *Even numbered years:* Conferences 6A, ~~and 4A,~~ AND 2A (CONFERENCE 1A COMPETES IN CONFERENCE 2A).

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

2A schools that advance would incur related expenses in consecutive years, rather than what is currently every other year. However, the expense in consecutive years would only occur once.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2018.