

Please read and communicate the following information to properly prepare athletes, coaches, spectators and event personnel for the UIL Spirit State Championships to be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Jan. 13-15, 2021.

COACHES

- Only one coach will be allowed to check-in at registration.
- Two coaches per team will be allowed full access in the warm-up and backstage areas. Each team will receive two “full-access” coaches’ wristbands and two other wristbands for additional coaches and/or school personnel. Additional wristbands are not for sale.
- Designated times for each on-site check-in for coaches are listed on the performance order.

TEAMS

- All teams have a designated time at which they may arrive at the facility. Please respect the assigned times as you will not be permitted in the team holding area (Exhibit Hall A) prior to that assigned time. Teams will also have a designated time by which they are required to exit the venue. Teams will keep their personal items with them in the warm-up and performance areas as they will be guided to the exit following performance. Teams will not watch other teams and will not be allowed in the designated spectator areas. Teams advancing to the State Championships will be assigned times to report back, which will be communicated through the BAND app.
- If your team is arriving only with enough time to walk to practice check-in, we encourage you to use the entrance at the intersection of Houston St and 11th Street. If you arrive 20 minutes prior to your check-in time, we encourage you to enter at the intersection of Houston and 13th Street, where you can wait in the holding area until your practice check-in time.
- Warm-Up: Teams will report to warm up check in at the designated time
- Teams will have 9 minutes in the warm-up “holding” area followed by 9 minutes on the first set of “stretching” mats, followed by 9 minutes on the full floor for warm-ups. There will be no other designated warm up times or areas other than the assigned times.
- All athletes need to bring their own water bottle labeled with their name. There will not be hydration stations provided.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Finals) and AWARDS:

- As Finalists are determined, posts will be made in the UIL SPIRIT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BAND group. Additionally, throughout the competition posts will be made regarding teams that have the “POTENTIAL TO ADVANCE” which should eliminate “waiting time” for some teams. PLEASE make sure you have joined the BAND group: <https://band.us/n/a5ab4281x1M4s> You may also share this link (or invite with QR code) with PARENTS and SPECTATORS. **This BAND group will be the only source of all contest information once the Championships begin.**
- There WILL NOT be a draw for the State Championship Order of Performance. Teams that advance will be randomly assigned order of performance and designated warm up and performance times will be posted on Band. Only advancing teams will be allowed in the venues during the State Championships sessions.
- LIVE AWARDS CEREMONIES are being planned. The entire teams will NOT be on the floor—only designated persons will come to floor to accept awards.
 - Due to COVID-19 social distancing and limited capacity requirements, there will be no SPECTATORS for the live awards ceremonies. Coaches and athletes are encouraged to video awards ceremonies to share. The NFHS Network will live stream the awards ceremonies.

SPECTATORS

- Spectators will always be required to wear face coverings and are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We recommend limiting spectators to two per athlete. Clearly designated entry and exits will be marked for spectators.
- Spectator viewing for the Qualifying and State Championships will be managed by rotation, meaning designated spectator groups will be allowed to report to the venue at a DESIGNATED TIME (see Order of Performance), will then be organized in groups by team, then rotated through a line, then the viewing area to watch the designated team’s performance only. Following the performance, the group will be guided to the venue exit. There will be no seating for viewers, so please consider this when determining who will be coming to watch. (A very limited number of seats will be available for those with medical needs preventing standing.) See bullets below pertaining to HALL and ARENA performances and [Competition COVID Rules](#).

- Spectators will purchase online tickets through HomeTown Ticketing. There will be no on-site ticket sales, so tickets must be purchased in advance. Those purchasing tickets will be asked to associate with a team during the purchase process. It is essential purchaser associate with the correct team. Official UIL School names are listed, please reference the [ORDER OF PERFORMANCE](#) for official team name.
- Tickets will be \$15 per person and can be purchased [HERE](#). Processing fees, which are non-refundable, will apply. Each purchase will generate TWO Tickets with individual QR codes. ONLY, if your designated team advances from the Qualifying Round, the second ticket issued at purchase will allow entrance into the final. Otherwise, the second ticket issued becomes null and void.
- In order to manage the flow of spectators, entrances to the ARENA and HALL will be only through the doors indicated in the below descriptions. **Absolutely no spectators will be allowed to enter on Houston Street.** Please see the FWCC diagram for more information.
- It is extremely important that you understand where your team is competing—either in the HALL or in the ARENA. You may reference the [ORDER OF PERFORMANCE](#) as well as your ticket for that information.
- **ARENA Performances:** Spectators will enter the cue line via the 9th Street Lobby. Groups of spectators will be physically distanced and moved through the cue line to watch their team’s performance only. Once the performance is complete, spectators will be guided to exit the venue out of the 9th Street Lobby.
- **HALL Performances:** Spectators will enter the cue line via the Grand Lobby, adjacent to the Water Gardens. Groups of spectators will be physically distanced and moved through the cue line holding area in the A Hall to watch their team’s performance only. Once the performance is complete, spectators will be guided to exit the venue out of the 12th Street doors onto Houston Street.
- For **Live Stream** information and other spectator information, please visit the [SPECTATOR INFORMATION](#) page on the UIL website.
- Due to COVID-19 social distancing and limited capacity requirements, spectators will not be allowed for live awards ceremonies.

The final details and schedule for the competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted if necessary. All guidelines are subject to change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed. Baseline safety standards for 2020-2021 include:

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced.
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces.
- Increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas.
- Face coverings will be required at all times for every person except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. Adults and children two and older will be required to wear masks. Face shields may be worn in addition to a mask but not as a substitute for a mask.
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators and event staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others.
- Coaches will be asked to review the [Competition COVID Rules](#) with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators).

We will adhere to restrictions on mass gatherings and capacity limitations based on local and venue guidelines. Because health, safety and distancing requirements vary across the country, the below may also vary by competition:

- Merchandise will be allowed onsite, and safety measures and precautions will apply. Customers will not be able to touch or try on clothing before purchasing. There will be a location to purchase items located as you exit each venue. *A preview of available merchandise and pricing will be available prior to the event.
- Food Vendors will be allowed onsite. For example, food may be limited to "grab and go" only and may only be eaten in designated areas.
- Catering (pre-arranged boxed lunches) will NOT be available this year.
- Managed traffic flow measures and signs will be implemented where required.

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