

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

Similar to what is in rule for the other five conferences, this amendment to Section 1105, *Region Marching Band Contest*, would add a ranking process to the ratings process that is already in rule for 1A marching bands to advance to the state contest.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Unlike the other five conferences, current rule advances any 1A varsity marching band receiving a division 1 rating at the region contest directly to the state contest. The other five conferences have ranked contests to determine the bands that will advance to state. Designed to account for the small number of 1A bands in the state compared to the other conferences, the current 1A advancement structure began in the fall of 2015 after UIL expanded to six conferences. Under current rule, the number of 1A bands at the state contest has grown almost fifty percent in four years from thirteen bands in 2015 to nineteen bands in 2019. And, the nineteen bands at the 2019 1A state contest comprised almost fifty percent of the forty-one total 1A bands in the state. In contrast, the seventeen 2A bands at their last state contest were selected from one hundred thirty-eight 2A bands in the state.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1105(k) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(k) REGION CERTIFICATION TO STATE.

- (1) *Advancement*. Conference 1A bands will advance to state in odd numbered years.
- (2) *Certification for Advancement*. ON ELIGIBLE YEARS 1A REGION CONTESTS MAY NOT BE ZONED AND EACH MUSIC REGION SHALL CERTIFY BANDS UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:
 - (A) SHOULD THREE OR FEWER 1A VARSITY BANDS IN A REGION RECEIVE A DIVISION 1 RATING, any conference 1A varsity band that has followed the procedures established by the Region Executive Committee to indicate to the Region Executive Secretary the intent to advance to state and that receives a Division 1 rating at the region contest shall be certified for advancement to the state contest.
 - (B) SHOULD FOUR OR MORE 1A VARSITY BANDS IN A REGION RECEIVE A DIVISION 1 RATING, ALL 1A VARSITY BANDS IN THE REGION RECEIVING A DIVISION 1 RATING SHALL BE RANKED USING THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED ON THE UIL WEBSITE AND THE THREE 1A VARSITY BANDS RECEIVING THE HIGHEST RANKING SHALL BE CERTIFIED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE STATE CONTEST. IN ADDITION, ONE BAND FOR EACH TWO BANDS RECEIVING A DIVISION 1 RATING RANKED BELOW THIRD PLACE SHALL BE CERTIFIED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE STATE CONTEST.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2021.

1A Band Region Contest Ranking Process - as referenced in this rule proposal and to be placed on the website

- (1) In contests with three or fewer bands receiving an overall division one rating, each band receiving an overall division one rating shall be certified to advance to the state contest. For other scenarios, proceed to (2).
- (2) In contests with four or more bands receiving an overall division one rating any band receiving ratings of 1-1-1 shall be ranked first, followed by any band receiving ratings of 1-1-2, 1-1-3, 1-1-4, and 1-1-5 – in that order. Should ratings ties need to be broken to determine advancement, proceed to (3).
- (3) At the end of the contest each judge shall rank all bands receiving ratings of 1-1-1 by using the numbers 1, 2, 3, etc. and adding the rankings of all three judges for each band. The band with the lowest sum total shall be ranked first within this group. The band with the second lowest sum total shall be ranked second within this group, etc. Exception: Any band receiving two first place rankings within a group will be ranked first within that group. Second place within this group shall then be determined according to next lowest sum total. If necessary to determine advancement, each judge shall then use the same process to rank all bands receiving ratings of 1-1-2 and those bands will then be ranked behind the bands receiving ratings of 1-1-1. Should more ratings ties need to be broken to determine advancement, each judge shall then rank all bands receiving ratings of 1-1-3 and those bands will be ranked behind the bands receiving ratings of 1-1-2. If necessary, this process continues with bands receiving ratings of 1-1-4 and 1-1-5.
- (4) Ranking sum total ties shall be broken by judges' preference. For example, if Band A has rankings of 1, 3, 4 (Sum total of 8) and Band B has rankings of 4, 1, 3 (Sum Total of 8) Band B would rank ahead of Band A due to judge 2 and 3 having that band ranked higher out of the two. Should more than two bands tie for a place that determines advancement, the procedures found at the following link shall be followed: <http://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band/marching-band-scoring-and-advancement-procedure>