

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1106, *Area Marching Band Contest*, would reduce the number of bands necessary to have a second round at the area contest from fourteen to ten.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current rule requires that an area contest have at least fourteen bands to have a second round of competition, eliminating the opportunity for bands at smaller contests to have a preliminary round and final round to determine results. The marching band rules advisory committee has recommended a proposal to reduce the number of bands required to have two rounds to provide more bands the opportunity at a smaller contest to have two performances, which would create more competitive equity across all area sites.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1106(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1106: AREA MARCHING BAND CONTEST.

(h) PRELIMINARY ROUND AND FINAL ROUND.

- (1) ~~13~~ 9 or Fewer Bands. If there are ~~13~~ 9 or fewer bands, the preliminary round will stand as the final round. The top 50% of the competing bands will be recognized as finalists and will receive a finalist award, while the remaining bands will receive a participant award. There will be a drum major retreat held at the end of the competition to announce the results. The names of those bands advancing to the state marching band contest will be announced.
- (2) ~~14~~ 10 to 19 Bands. If there are ~~14~~ 10 to 19 bands, the top 7 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below seventh place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round. The marching judges and two of the music judges will change captions. There will be a drum major retreat at the end of the preliminary round to announce the results. Bands not advancing to the final round will receive a participant award. At the end of the final round there will be a drum major retreat where each band will receive a finalist award and the names of those bands advancing to the state marching band contest will be announced. Under extenuating circumstances such as severe weather or limited participation, the contest officials in consultation with the state director of music may declare the preliminary round to be the final 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, 2023.