

As many of you may have heard, the University Interscholastic League will no longer be providing professional video recordings of performances at the State Marching Contests. Guidelines from the UIL State Music Office leave to each Region Executive Committee how to best handle any liability issues should videos be provided at the Region Marching events.

After much deliberation by the Region 20 Executive Committee, it has been decided that Region 20 will follow the policy of the UIL state office and not offer professional video recordings. Because of the complexities and expense of obtaining legal copyright and synchronization licenses and the subsequent failure to do so by some performing organizations and video recording companies, we have chosen to take actions to reduce our exposure to legal ramifications of non-compliance.

We will provide a director's viewing area, outside of the press box, where directors may be allowed to watch their group's performance. This viewing area will be reserved for the staff **only** during their band's performance. No one will be allowed to come to the press box, video deck, judges' area, etc. to video.

Please see the comment below on Section 1104, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules as it pertains to marching bands and copyright compliance.

Section 1104, Copyright Compliance, in relevant part, states the following:

(a) COMPLIANCE: Compliance with current copyright law is required of all participants in UIL music events. Violations are subject to the penalties outlined in Sections 27 and 29.

UIL expects that all participant schools comply with all applicable copyright laws at its events. It is solely a school's responsibility to determine what licenses may be required and to obtain any and all necessary licenses prior to participation in a UIL event. Such licenses may include, but are not limited to, arrangement licenses or synchronization licenses if video is to be made of music synchronized to movement. UIL recommends that a school with questions regarding its particular musical performance and associated licensing requirements contact the school's legal counsel.

Please contact the Office of the UIL State Director of Music if you have any questions.