



## The All Ireland Solo Piping and Drumming Championships 2018 Syllabus

*The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (Northern Ireland Branch)*

Venue: Lisnagarvey High School, Lisburn  
Date: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Closing date for entries: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at 12 Noon  
  
Competitions will commence at: 10.00 am

### ENTRIES

- Entries to be completed via the RSPBANI website at [www.rspbani.org](http://www.rspbani.org)
- Instructions on how to enter will be posted on the website

### ENTRY FEES

Juvenile Grades	£6 (€7)
Junior (C)/Intermediate (B)/Senior (A)	£12 (€14)
Piobaireachd (U16/U18)	£6 (€7)
Piobaireachd (A/B)	£15 (€17)

### COMPETITION GRADES

**Juvenile U14:** Confined to competitors who are aged under 14 as of 1<sup>st</sup> November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 14 or over, on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request.

**Juvenile U16:** Confined to competitors who are aged under 16 as of 1<sup>st</sup> November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 16 or over, on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request.

**Juvenile U18:** Confined to competitors who are aged under 18 as of 1<sup>st</sup> November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 18 or over, on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request.

**C2 Grade / Junior B** Confined to:  
Competitors over 18 who have hitherto not been graded as (Intermediate) C1 by the JAC,  
Confined to competitors from members of Grades 4B, 4A, 3B, 3A and Grade 2 bands.  
Competitors who have been graded C or below by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)

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**C1 Grade / Junior A** Confined to:  
Competitors over 18 who have hitherto been graded as (Junior A) C1 by the JAC,  
Competitors who have been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in (Junior B) / C2 at an All Ireland Piping & Drumming Solos and entrants from members of Grade 1 bands  
Competitors who have been graded C or below by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)

**B Grade / Intermediate** Confined to:  
Competitors who have hitherto been graded as (Intermediate) B by the JAC  
Competitors who have won a C1 Grade All Ireland 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Competitors who have been graded B- by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)

**Note:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed players in the Junior A Grade (All Ireland 2017) have the option of upgrading to B Grade and must remain in the B Grade if this option is taken up

**A Grade / Senior** Confined to:  
Competitors who have hitherto been graded as (Senior) A by the JAC  
Competitors who have won a (Intermediate) B Grade All Ireland 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Competitors who have been graded B, B+ or A by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)  
Competitors who competed in the Final of the World Drumming Solos

**Note:** 2<sup>nd</sup> placed players in Intermediate (All Ireland 2017) have the option of upgrading to A Grade and must remain in the A Grade if this option is taken up.

### Piobaireachd

**B** Confined to:  
Competitors over 18 who have hitherto not been graded as Piobaireachd B by the JAC (up to 2017)  
Competitors who have not won 1<sup>st</sup> place in a Piobaireachd B All Ireland contest  
Competitors who have been graded C (Piobaireachd) or below by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)

**A** Confined to:  
Competitors who have hitherto been graded as Piobaireachd A (up to 2017) by the JAC  
Competitors who have won 1<sup>st</sup> place in a Piobaireachd B All Ireland contest up to 2017  
Competitors who have been graded B- (Piobaireachd) or above by the CPA (Competing Pipers Association)

### Tenor Drumming

**U14** Confined to:  
Competitors who are aged under 14 as of 1<sup>st</sup> November on the year prior to the competition

**U16** Confined to:  
Competitors who are aged under 16 as of 1<sup>st</sup> November on the year prior to the competition

**C Grade/ Junior** Confined to:  
Competitors over 16 who have hitherto not been graded as Intermediate by the JAC

**B Grade/ Intermediate** Confined to:  
Competitors who have hitherto been graded as Intermediate by the JAC  
Competitors who have won a C Grade All Irelands 1<sup>st</sup> Place\*

**A Grade/ Senior** Confined to:  
Competitors who have hitherto been graded as Senior by the JAC  
Competitors who have won a B Grade All Irelands 1<sup>st</sup> Place\*

\*See Playing Requirements for exceptions to these rules for 2018 and 2019

## PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

### *New format for 2018*

Tenors will be split in Juvenile/Adult categories, for the inaugural year, all Adult competitors will be placed in 'C Grade/Junior'.

The change in format has been made to align our competition with the International Tenor Drumming Solos.

For 2018 only, the top 5 competitors from C Grade/Junior will be promoted to B Grade/Intermediate

In 2019, the top 3 competitors from C Grade/Junior will be promoted to B Grade/Intermediate, the top 3 competitors from B Grade/Intermediate will be promoted to A Grade/Senior

In 2020, the winner of C Grade/Junior and B Grade/Intermediate will be promoted to B Grade/Intermediate and A Grade/Senior respectively

**Note** In the future, the JAC may take the decision to upgrade more players than stated above or to downgrade players depending on grade sizes – players will be notified of such decisions

	DRUMMING	PIPING
<b>Juvenile U14</b>	Four part 2/4 March	Four part 2/4 March
<b>Juvenile U16</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel	Four part 2/4 March
<b>Juvenile U18</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel	March, Strathspey and Reel
<b>C2 Grade (Junior B)</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel	March, Strathspey and Reel
<b>C1 Grade (Junior A)</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel	March, Strathspey and Reel
<b>B Grade (Intermediate)</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel	March, Strathspey and Reel (2 of each to be submitted)
<b>A Grade (Senior)</b>	March, Strathspey and Reel (2 sets to be submitted)	March, Strathspey and Reel (3 of each to be submitted)

PLAYING REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

PIOBAIREACHD	
Piobaireachd B	Piobaireachd (1 tune to be submitted)
Piobaireachd A	Piobaireachd (2 tunes to be submitted)

TENOR DRUMMING – Sponsored by Proline	
Juvenile U14	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature
Juvenile U16	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
C Grade / Junior	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
B Grade / Intermediate	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
A Grade / Senior	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)

BASS DRUMMING – Sponsored by Proline	
Open Grade	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)

PRIZES

- Medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each grade.
- A Perpetual trophy will accompany the medals for 1st prize in each grade

RULES

*Drumming*

- Competitors in the A Grade/Senior Drumming March, Strathspey and Reel competition must submit two sets. A draw for the set to play will take place approximately one hour before the start of the grade
- In drumming contests the number of accompanying pipers is limited to two.
- Tenor drummers must be accompanied by at least one piper and one snare drummer.
- Tenors must start with two 3 paced introduction rolls.
- Bass Drumming competition is confined to players who are registered Bass Drummers **only**

## RULES CONTINUED

### *Piping*

- Overall All Ireland Piping Champion will be decided by combining the A Grade Piping and the Piobaireachd A results, in the event of a tie, Piobaireachd placing will take preference
- Competitors in the A Grade/Senior Piping March, Strathspey and Reel competition must submit three Marches, three Strathspeys and three Reels.\*
- Competitors in the B Grade/Intermediate Piping March, Strathspey and Reel competition must submit two Marches, two Strathspeys and two Reels.\*
- Competitors in the Piobaireachd A competition must submit two Piobaireachd. The Piobaireachd to play will be chosen by the Adjudicator prior to the performance.
- Pipers will have a maximum 3 minutes for tuning in the competition hall.

\* The Adjudicator will chose one March, one Strathspey and one Reel prior to the performance to be played as an MSR without stopping between tunes

### *General*

- Only registered members of bands in membership of Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, the Irish Pipe Band Association and affiliated organisations are eligible to take part.
- Solo players outside RSPBANI and IPBA wishing to enter the All Ireland Solos should submit a short resume of their contest achievements and their current grading position (if any) in their native association. The organising committee will endeavour to place the contestant in an equivalent grade/level in the All Ireland Solo Championships
- A player may appeal such a placing if he/she feels it is not the correct level. Final arbitration will be made after consultation with the Advisory bodies of the RSPBANI and IPBA
- Competitors must register on arrival
- Uniforms must be worn by all competitors (and accompanying performers) for performance and prize-giving
- In all competitions where a March, Strathspey and Reel are to be played, each tune should be a minimum of 4 parts and should be played without stopping between tunes
- It is each competitor's responsibility to present themselves to the adjudicator in the room provided at the allocated performance slot.
- Competitors will be required to guarantee that their practice room will be left as found. Competitors will be held financially responsible for any damage caused in the classrooms.
- Smoking in all government buildings, including schools, is strictly illegal and forbidden.
- A competitor having cause to protest must lodge same with a deposit of £10.00 with the contest secretary before the presentation of prizes. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Adjudicators will provide individual placings for all competitors
- Critique sheets will **not** be provided for A Grade (Senior) Piping and Drumming