

The Ulster Solo Piping and Drumming Championships 2017 Syllabus

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (Northern Ireland Branch)

Venue: Lisnagarvey High School, Lisburn
Date: Saturday 22nd April 2017
Closing date for entries: Sunday 9th April 2017

Competitions will commence at: 10.00 am

RULES

- Competitors must register on arrival
- Only registered members of bands in membership of Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association and affiliated organisations are eligible to take part.
- Solo players outside RSPBANI wishing to enter the Ulster 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 Ulster Solo Championships
- Competitors in Novice sections must never have competed with a band in a competition
- 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 Solo Advisory Committee of the RSPBANI
- Any Grade may be split depending on entry numbers.
- Uniforms must be worn by all competitors, except in the Novice categories
- It is each competitor's responsibility to present themselves to the adjudicator in the room provided at the allocated performance slot.
- Pipers will have a maximum 3 minutes for tuning in the competition hall.
- Competitors will be required to guarantee that their practice room will be left as found. Competitors/Bands will be held financially responsible for any damage caused in the classrooms.
- In drumming contests the number of accompanying pipers is limited to two.
- Drummers and accompanying pipers must wear uniform.
- Smoking is strictly illegal and forbidden. This rule will be strictly enforced and a fine of £30 will be levied on any person found to contravene the No Smoking rule.
- 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.
- All Adjudicators will be selected by RSPBA NI.

ENTRIES

- Entries to be completed via the RSPBANI website at www.rspbani.org
- Instructions on how to enter will be posted on the website

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

COMPETITION GRADES

Practice Chanter/Drum Pads

Novice and Advanced sections are confined to competitors who have never competed with a band in a competition

Novice: Confined to competitors who are aged under 12 as of 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 12 or over, on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request

Advanced: Confined to competitors who are aged under 13 as of 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 13 or over, on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request

Novice Piping/Unaccompanied Snare:

Confined to competitors who have never competed with a band in a competition

Confined to competitors who are aged under 13 as of 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 13 or over, on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request

Juvenile U14: Confined to competitors who are aged under 14 as of 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 14 or over, on or before 1st 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 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 16 or over, on or before 1st 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 1st November on the year prior to the competition. Competitors who are aged 18 or over, on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request.

Junior: Confined to competitors over 18 who have hitherto not been graded as Intermediate by the RSPBANI

Intermediate: Confined to players who have hitherto been graded as Intermediate by the RSPBANI and players who have won a Junior A All Ireland 1st Place. Note: 2nd placed players in the Junior A Grade (All Ireland 2016) have the option of upgrading to Intermediate Grade and must remain in the Intermediate Grade if this option is taken up.

Senior: Confined to players who have hitherto been graded as senior by the RSPBANI and players who have won an Intermediate All Ireland 1st Place. Note: 2nd placed players in Intermediate Grade (All Ireland 2016) have the option of upgrading to Senior Grade and must remain in the Senior Grade if this option is taken up.

PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

- 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
- In all competitions where a Hornpipe and Jig are to be played, each tune should be a minimum of 4 parts and should be played without stopping between tunes
- Drones are optional in the Novice Piping – Pipe Chanter competition
- Competitors in the Senior Piping March, Strathspey and Reel competition must submit three Marches, three Strathspeys and three Reels.
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
- Competitors in the Intermediate Piping March, Strathspey and Reel competition must submit two Marches, two Strathspeys and two Reels
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
- Competitors in the Open Piobaireachd competition must submit two Piobaireachd. The Piobaireachd to play will be chosen by the Adjudicator prior to the performance.
- Competitors in the 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
- Please note the changes in the requirements for juvenile drumming i.e. they now mirror the requirements for the world solo drumming championships.

BASS/TENOR DRUMMING RULES

- Tenor drummers must be accompanied by at least one piper and one snare drummer.
- Tenors must start with two 3 paced introduction rolls.
- Competitors will be split into their respective band grades
- Grades may be combined depending on entries
- Pilot Bass Drumming competition will be subject to entry numbers

Tenor Drumming

Grade 4b	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature
Grade 4a	March, Strathspey and Reel (1 x 4 Part or 2 x 2 Part of each time signature)
Grade 3	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
Grade 2	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
Grade 1	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)

Bass Drumming

Open Grade	March, Strathspey and Reel (each tune to be at least 4 parts)
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Entry Fees

All Grades	£4 (€6)
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Novice Drumming

Novice Drum Pad	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature
Advanced Drum Pad	Four part 2/4 March
Unaccompanied Snare Drum	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature

Drumming

U14	Four part 2/4 March
U16	March, Strathspey and Reel
U18	March, Strathspey and Reel
Junior	March, Strathspey and Reel
Intermediate	March, Strathspey and Reel
Senior MSR	March, Strathspey and Reel (2 sets to be submitted)
Senior Hornpipe & Jig	Hornpipe & Jig (at least 4 parts each)

Novice Piping

Novice Chanter	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature
Advanced Chanter	Four part 2/4 March
Pipe Chanter	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature

Piping

U14	Four part 2/4 March
U16	March, Strathspey and Reel
U18	March, Strathspey and Reel
Junior	March, Strathspey and Reel
Intermediate	March, Strathspey and Reel (2 of each to be submitted)
Senior MSR	March, Strathspey and Reel (3 of each to be submitted)
Senior Hornpipe & Jig	Hornpipe & Jig (at least 4 parts each)

Piobaireachd B	Piobaireachd
Open Piobaireachd	Piobaireachd (2 tunes to be submitted)

Entry Fees

Novice/Juvenile Grades	£4 (€6)
Junior/Intermediate/Senior Grades	£4 (€6)
Piobaireachd	£10 (€15)