

RSPBANI Playing Requirements 2026 Season

Date	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4A	Grade 4B
Co. Down Indoors Dromore High School Sat. 25 th April	Medley (5-7 mins)	MSR	Medley (3-5 mins)		
Co. Fermanagh Championships Irvinstown Sat 23 rd May	Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	MSR (Submit 2*)	Medley (3-5 mins)		
Mid Ulster Championships Cookstown High School Sat 6 th June	'Big' MSR (Minimum 4-parted tunes)	Medley (4-6 mins)	MSR		
Branch Championships TBA Sat 20 th June	Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	MSR (Submit 2*)	Medley (3-5 mins)		
All Ireland Championships <i>Lucan, Co. Dublin</i> Sat 4 th July	'Small' MSR (Maximum 4-parted tunes) Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	Medley (4-6 mins)	MSR		
Branch Championships TBA Sat 19 th July	'Small' MSR (Maximum 4-parted tunes)	Medley (4-6 mins)	MSR		
72nd Ulster Championships TBA Sat 1 st August	'Big' MSR (Minimum 4-parted tunes) Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	MSR (Submit 2*)	Medley (3-5 mins)		
Branch Championships TBA Sat 8 th August	'Small' MSR (Maximum 4-parted tunes) Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	MSR (Submit 2*)	MSR** Medley** (3-5 mins)		
Champion of Champions TBA Sat 22 nd August	Medley (5-7 mins) (Submit 2*)	Medley (4-6 mins)	Medley (3-5 mins)		

Prescribed

MSR:

1×4-parted
March or
2×2-parted
Marches

1×4-parted
Strathspey or
2×2-parted
Strathspeys

1×4-parted
Reel or
2×2-parted
Reels

All tunes to
be from the
[RSPBA list of
prescribed
tunes.](#)

**Prescribed
Marches:**

4×2-parted
Marches

All tunes to
be from the
[RSPBA list of
prescribed
tunes.](#)

OR

Selection in
March
rhythm 2.5 –
4.5 minutes
duration

- **Subject to change depending on circumstances**
- ***Band chooses the set to play**
- ****If Grade 3a or Grade 3b have a straight final at the worlds, the 8th August contest will be MSR only for the relevant grade**