



COUNTY FERMANAGH SECTION FERMANAGH PIPE BAND AND DRUM MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SYLLABUS

The County Fermanagh Section of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (Northern Ireland Branch) are delighted to host the return of their Annual Pipe Band and Drum Major Championships.

DATE: **Saturday 23rd May 2026**

VENUE: **Necarne Estate, Irvinestown County Fermanagh**

TIME: **11:00am**

ENTRY FEES

Entry will be FREE for all Grades and Drum Major competitors.

The Championships will be run under the general rules of the R.S.P.B.A.

- Bands and Drum Majors must report to the registration point on arrival. If a band has not registered, it will be assumed that they have withdrawn.
- **Grand Finale:** - At the Conclusion of the competition, all the bands will form up as a massed band at the top of the Arena. These lead bands will be named in the programme. No band shall leave the arena until the presentation of trophies is complete unless prior authority has been granted by the Contest Secretary.
- All bands, except those competing in Grade 4B, must submit a 6/8 March that may be used in the Drum Majors Competition. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- There will be a contest for Marching and Department, which will be judged from the starting time until the band leaves the Arena.
- Pipe Majors are requested to carry their list of registered players to be produced on request.
- An area will be set aside for final tuning, which must be used by all bands before entering the contest arena.

PLAYING CRITERIA

The Piping Championships will consist of six grades, namely 4B, 4A, 3B, 3A, 2, and Grade 1 (Open).

Grade 1	Medley (5-7 mins)
Grade 2	MSR
Grade 3A / 3B	Medley (3-5 mins)
Grade 4A	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 from the list of RSPBA prescribed tunes
Grade 4B	4 x 2 parted Marches from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes OR Selection in March Rhythm (2 ½ - 4 ½ mins)

The minimum number of players in each grade are as follows:

Grade 2/3B/3A/4A/4B	6 Pipers	2 Side Drummers	1 Bass Drummer
Grade 1 (Open)	8 Pipers	2 Side Drummers	1 Bass Drummer

Prizes	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3a	Grade 3b	Grade 4a	Grade 4b
1 st	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100
2 nd	£75	£75	£75	£75	£75	£75
3 rd			£50	£50	£50	£50
4 th			£30	£30	£30	£30

DRUM MAJOR'S COMPETITION

The Drum Major's Competition will consist of four categories: Novice Juvenile, Juvenile, Junior, and Senior.

Drum Major Competitors are requested to report to the secretary's office at 11:30 a.m. to be judged for Dress. The Contest will take place in a separate arena from the bands at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Thursday 7th May 2026