

## SYLLABUS

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Venue: Dromore High School, Co Down  
Start Time: TBC  
Closing Date For Entries: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Entries

Entries must be submitted using the following form:

<https://forms.gle/8fb75zsNnnWkgMbb6>

Entry fee: £10 per entry  
Payment details: Paypal: [codownsection@hotmail.com](mailto:codownsection@hotmail.com)  
(please select Friends & Family option)

### Playing Requirements

Grade 1 Medley (5 to 7 minutes) [submit 1]  
Grade 2 MSR [submit 1]  
Grades 3B & 3A Medley (3 to 5 minutes)  
Grade 4A 1 x 4 parted Marches or 2 x 2 parted Marches, 1 x 4 Parted Strathspey or 2 x 2 parted Strathspeys and 1 x 4 Parted Reel or 2 x 2 Parted Reels from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes  
Grade 4B 4 x 2 parted Marches from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes OR 2½ – 4½ mins in Quick March (any time signature)

## Rules

- All bands must be in membership of RSPBA or an affiliated association.
- Bands are permitted to play up.
- Bands must register on arrival.
- Dual registered Lead Drummers are permitted to compete with a Grade 4A/4B band subject to rules set out by RSPBA NI.
- This is a full band competition, and minimum player numbers are as follows:
  - Grade 1 – 8 Pipers, 3 Snare Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer
  - Grade 2 – 6 Pipers, 2 Snare Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer
  - Grade 3 – 6 Pipers, 2 Snare Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer
  - Grade 4 – 6 Pipers, 2 Snare Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer
- Adjudication Panel shall consist of 2 piping, 1 drumming and 1 ensemble judge.
- Bands will perform on the stage in concert formation.
- Bands will be required to guarantee that their practice room will be left as found. Bands will be held financially responsible for any damage caused in the classrooms.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited. A fine will be levied on any person found to contravene the No Smoking rule. This also includes the use of Vapes & E-cigarettes.
- Prizegiving will be held in the Assembly Hall after all grades have been completed.

Any queries please e-mail: [codownsection@hotmail.com](mailto:codownsection@hotmail.com)