



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH
PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH
MID ULSTER SECTION

Mid Ulster Pipe Band Championships 2026

Syllabus

Venue Cookstown High School, Cookstown
Date: Saturday 6th June 2026
Closing date for entries: *Monday 11th May 2026*
Competitions will commence at: 12:00 pm

Entries

Entries to be completed via the RSPBANI website at www.rspbani.org

Entry Fees

Bands (all grades)	£10
Drum Majors (all grades)	£5

Music Requirements

Grade 4b	2mins 30sec – 4mins 30sec in Quick March (any time signature) or 4 x 2 parted Marches from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes
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
Grades 3b & 3a	MSR
Grade 2	Medley (4 to 6 minutes)
Grade 1	'Big' MSR [Minimum 4-parted tunes]

Finale

Lament	For those who have passed away since our last contest
The Battle's O'er	In celebration of all gathered in music
Highland Laddie	Salute to the Chieftain

Rules

- **The Championships will be run under the general rules of RSPBA**
- 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 If a band has not registered, it will be assumed that they have withdrawn.
- Bands that do not return a trophy for the contest will be disqualified from the event.
- Minimum number of players:
Grade 2, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b: 6 pipers, 2 side drummers, and 1 bass drummer
Grade 1: 8 pipers, 3 side drummers, and 1 bass drummer
- Pipe Majors are required to carry their list of registered players to be produced on request.
- All bands in Grades 4a or above must submit a $\frac{6}{8}$ March as they will be required to play for Drum Majors. Failure to undertake this duty may result in a sanction.
- There will be a contest for Marching and Department, which will be judged from the starting time until the band leaves the Arena.
- An area will be set aside for final tuning, which must be used by all bands before entering the contest arena
- **Grand Finale:** - At the Conclusion of the competition, all the bands will form up as a massed band at the top of the Arena. Lead bands will be notified in advance & 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.