



All Ireland + JAC

SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Syllabus

Joint Association Council (JAC) Solo Piping and Drumming Championships 2026 Syllabus

The Championships are under the joint auspices of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (Northern Ireland Branch) & Cumann Buidhean Píobairí na hÉireann (Irish Pipe Band Association)

Venue
Date
Closing date for entries
Competitions will commence at

Cookstown High School
Saturday 26th September 2026
Tuesday 8th September 2026
10.00 am

Entries

Entries to be completed via the RSPBANI website at <https://rspbani.org/allirelandjac-26>

Entry Fees

All Grades

£6/€6

Competition Grades

U12 Practice Chanter/Drum Pads:

Confined to competitors who are aged under 12 as of 1st November 2025.
Competitors aged 12 or over on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter.
Evidence of age must be produced on request

A competitor in the practice chanter/drum pad category must not have competed in the ring with a band on pipes/drums

U13 Novice Piping*/Unaccompanied Snare:

Confined to competitors who are aged under 13 as of 1st November 2025. Competitors aged 13 or over on or before 1st November will not be eligible to enter. Evidence of age must be produced on request

A competitor in the Pipe Chanter/Unaccompanied Snare Grade can only remain in this grade for one competitive season and may not participate in any other grades

***Novice Piping – chanter without drones sounding**

U16 Piobaireachd:

Confined to competitors who are under 16 years of age on the 1st November 2025, as specified by RSPBA and IPBA rules. Evidence of age must be produced on request.

Playing Requirements

PRACTICE CHANTER/DRUM PAD NOVICE PIPING/UNACC. SNARE	Four parts of Quick March, in any time signature
U16 Piobaireachd	Urlár (ground) & 1st Variation

Prizes

- Medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each grade.
- Only the top three competitors will be placed in each competitive grade.
- A Certificate of Merit will be presented to participants in all grades.

Rules

- Competitors must register on arrival at the competition venue.
- Times will not be allocated for players performances, the start times of grades, if shown, are indicative only, and subject to change. Any timings taken by inference may be subject to alteration and contestants are required to be flexible to accommodate changed circumstances.
- It is each competitor's responsibility to present themselves to the adjudicator in the room provided at the allocated performance slot.
- 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.
- The maximum amount of time available for tuning bagpipes in the Piobaireachd competition room is 3 minutes.
- Practice Pad & Unaccompanied Drumming performances must start with two 3 paced introductory rolls.
- The wearing of uniform is encouraged, though not strictly necessary.