



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

North of Scotland Branch

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North of Scotland Mini Bands

Contest Rules

Held under R.S.P.B.A. rules, subject to the following Local rules.

- Grade 4 and Grade 3 will consist of 4 Pipers, 2 Side Drummers and a Bass Drummer (maximum 2 Tenor Drummers optional).
- Grade 2 and Grade 1 contest will consist of 6 Pipers, 2 Side Drummers and a Bass Drummer (maximum 2 Tenor Drummers optional).

Grade 3 bands playing up into Grade 2 must have 6 pipers.

- All must be registered players of the North of Scotland Branch, except the guest band.
- Only the registered Pipe Major/Leading Drummer or the nominated Pipe Major/Leading Drummer on the day, may play in more than one Mini Band and then only as Pipe Major/Leading Drummer.
- Bass and Tenor Drummers may play in more than one Mini Band, but are restricted to the Bass Section.



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- The contest will run on the following requirements:
 - Grade 4: 2 min 45 sec – 4 min 30 sec March tempo
 - Grade 3: 3 – 5 min Selection
 - Grade 2: 4 – 6 min Selection
 - Grade 1: 5 – 7 min Selection
- Bands in Grades 2, 3 and 4 may, if entries permit, be allowed to enter two Mini Bands in the Grade above, playing the required selection for that Grade.
- In the event of a band withdrawing a Mini Band after the draw, the Mini Band withdrawn will be that which is latest placed in the draw.
- All entries to be with the Branch Secretary, **no later than 21 days prior to the contest date. Late entries will not be accepted.**
- Bands should have a Band Rep, who will be responsible for their Mini Bands being ready to compete on time and ensure compliance with Local Education Rules of Let. As per AGM2009, each band will be given a time to play. Arrival at the Hall or Classroom shall be for each Band to arrive at their allocated time.
- A trophy will be awarded to the Novice Juvenile Band, placed highest in the Grade 4 contest.