

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

North of Scotland Branch

North of Scotland Piping Quartets

Contest Rules

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

A Quartet will consist of 4 pipers.

Only the registered Pipe Major or the nominated Pipe Major on the day, may play in more than one quartet and then only as Pipe Major.

The contest will run on the following requirements:

Grade 4 March: 2 min 30 sec – 4min 30sec March tempo

Grade 4 MSR: March, Strathspey & Reel (2x2 parts each)

Grade 3: March, Strathspey & Reel (Min 4 parts each)

Grade 2: March, Strathspey & Reel (Min 4 parts each)

Grade 1: March, Strathspey & Reel (Min 4 parts each)

Bands in Grades 2, 3 and 4 may, if entries permit, be allowed to enter up to two Quartets in the Grade above, playing the requirement for that Grade.

Grade 4A - Branch Indoor Mini Band Contest

At the recent Branch AGM 2011 it was agreed that the competition format at our indoor contests should be exactly the same as those presently required at our outdoor contests. To that end there will be a March, Strathspey and Reel competition (open to Grade 4B bands wishing to play up). Only Grade 4A bands can play up to Grade 3.

In the event of a band withdrawing a quartet after the draw, the quartet withdrawn will be that which is latest placed in the draw.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 Quartets being ready to compete and presented on time. They are also expected to **ensure compliance with Rules or Restrictions laid down by the host venue** and to assist the Management Committee with any reasonable request on the day.

To be strictly regulated, as per AGM 2009 decision, each band will be given a time to play. It is the individual responsibility of each band to arrive at the designated Hall or Classroom at their allocated time. Any band failing to arrive on time may be asked to withdraw.

A trophy will be awarded to the Novice Juvenile Band, placed highest in the Grade 4 contest.

Note; All trophies from last year's competition **MUST** be returned **on or before the closing date** to the Trophy Convener, Mr Allie Skinner, at 44 Ives Road, Peterhead or by other mutual arrangement through contacting him by telephone on 01779 476784 or by e-mail at allieskinner@buchanpipeband.freemove.co.uk

Unfortunately failure to do so could mean that any entry may be excluded from the actual draw. Thank you for your full cooperation.