

The RSPBA County Antrim Annual Pipe Band & Drum Major Championships

sponsored by

Ballymena Borough Council

Sat 4th June 2011

Ballymena Showgrounds

commencing at 12.00 noon. (CC)

**Grades: 4B, 4A, 3B, 3A, 2 & 1,
Drum Majors: Novice, Junior, Juvenile and Senior .**

The contest will be in the main arena and the Tuning Park is in close proximity to the arena. There will also be a Final Tuning Area which must be used by all bands prior to entering the Contest Arena.

Enclosed is Map and plan of contest arena, and parking arrangements **MUST BE** adhered to.

The playing requirements for each table are listed in the table below, in addition as a condition of entry all bands in Grades 1, 2, 3A, 3B & 4A must submit a 6/8 March to play for the Drum Major Competition on request.

Grade	Playing Requirements
1	March, Strathspey, & Reel (at least 4 parts each)
2	Medley Selection (3-5 Minutes)
3A	March, Strathspey, & Reel (at least 4 parts each)
3B	March, Strathspey, & Reel (at least 4 parts each)
4A	2 x 2 Part March, 2 Part Strathspey & 2 Part Reel from approved list.
4B	Selection in Quick March Rhythm (2 ½ - 4 ½ Minutes)

Trophies will be awarded for 1st-4th place bands along with Best Corps. of Drums, Best Pipes, Best Bass Section and Marching and Department. The prize money for each band placing is listed below.

Place	Grade					
	1	2	3A	3B	4A	4B
1 st	£200	£150	£110	£95	£80	£80
2 nd	£150	£120	£80	£70	£60	£60
3 rd	£100	£80	£60	£60	£55	£55
4 th	£70	£70	£50	£50	£45	£45

Minimum number of players:

Grades 4, 3 & 2 - 6 Pipers, 2 Side Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer
Grade 1 - 8 Pipers, 3 Side Drummers, 1 Bass Drummer

Marching & Deportment:

There will be a contest for Marching and Deportment, which will be judged from the starting line until the band leaves the arena.

Please Note:

Pipe Majors are requested to carry their list of registered players to be produced on request. Also their Band's own steward is responsible for seeing that their band is on the starting line at the required time. Local Rules. Any Band or member of a Band, who by physical or verbal abuse on parade behaves in such a manner as to bring the good name of the Association into disrepute, will be disciplined by the Executive Committee and may be suspended for a period as decided by the said committee.

Drum Majors Contest

Grades: Novice, Junior, Juvenile and Senior

Trophies and/or medals will be awarded for 1st - 5th place in each grade. The contest will take place in a separate arena from the Bands. All competing Drum Majors must be registered.

Grand Finale:

At the conclusion of the Competition a selected number of Bands will play for the "March Past". They will be notified after the draw, as will the six Bands who will lead the parade. An assembly point and time to report will appear on the programme. Bands must fall in, in order of play to form a hollow square. All Bands will play "Battle is O'er" followed by the Salute to the Chieftain "Highland Laddie". All Bands must take part in the Grand Finale.

Entries:

*There is no entry fee for the Co. Antrim Championships. All entries to be returned to alistair39@tiscali.co.uk by **Saturday 14th May 2011**.*

Any Band that has entered the contest and is unable to take part must notify the Section by Friday 4th June 2010.

Contact Alistair McCleery Tel No: 07517 032 811

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Draw:

The Draw will take place on Tuesday 16th May 2011. The draw will be posted on the Branch website www.rspbani.org.

Family Fun Day

There will be a range of activities for all the family running in parallel with the competition.