



**CLOSKELT INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**  
**\*\* EVENT CANCELLED \*\***

28 April 2019

It is with regret and disappointment that we have had to make the decision to cancel this event planned for 4 May for this year. As this competition was running with the full support & endorsement of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association Northern Ireland Branch, the local rule exists that there must be a minimum of nine performances for a competition to run, and with a shockingly low entry to this first year of return to the Banbridge indoor format, it is not practical nor economically viable to proceed.

The RSPBANI has cooperated fully with our requests and provided support to the band in helping to plan this competition and whilst the Executive was discussing whether it could allow the event to proceed with only eight confirmed performances, we felt that it was unfair to put the Directors in a position to amend rules on our behalf. This coupled with the underlying fact of only a small entry, we felt that this could maybe diminish the number of spectators to the event, which would have not only made it uneconomical to run, but would have been disappointing for the bands themselves. We fully plan to run this competition next year, and when a date is selected that is agreed with RSPBANI we will publish details on our social media as before.

Our gratitude to Banbridge High School for its support with this event planning and to Danielle McCartney and Ian Burrows at the RSPBANI for their guidance. We also extend our special thanks to The Big Rab Show and other social media platforms for their continued support in publicising this event as with our past events.

We would like to thank all bands who did enter, and we offer our apologies for this late notice of cancellation. All bands will be fully refunded in the next week. We wish all bands and officials the very best for the 2019 season.

Yours, in music

**Mr Samuel Ervine**  
Chairperson