

# Irish Pipe Band Association

## Pan Celtic Solo Piping and Drumming Championships

Date: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. April 2023

Start: 11.00am

Venue: Carlow College, St. Patrick's , R93 A3K1 (Carparking is Near the Visual Arts Centre adjacent to the College)

### Entry Fees

€ 10 - £ 10 /competitor/ grade

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Entries Close: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. April

The Pan Celtic Championships is a stand-alone solo competition but it will also function as the final of Irish Pipe Band Association Solo Piping & Drumming League 2023.

## Music Syllabus

Grade	Piping	Snare Drumming
U 12 Practice Chanter / Pad	2pts. Quick March Tempo	2pts. Quick March Tempo
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U 13 Practice Piping (no drones) & Unaccompanied Snare Drumming	2pts. Quick March Tempo	2pts. Quick March Tempo
Under 14	4pts. Quick March Tempo	4pts. Quick March Tempo
Under 16	4pt March	4pt March
D Grade (Novice)	4pts. Quick March Tempo	4pts. Quick March Tempo
C Grade	March, Strathspey & Reel	March, Strathspey & Reel
B Grade	March, Strathspey and Reel <i>(2 Marches, 2 Strathspeys, &amp; 2 Reels to be submitted, adjudicator will select the combination to be played)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel
A Grade	March, Strathspey and Reel <i>(3 Marches, 3 Strathspeys, &amp; 3 Reels to be submitted, adjudicator will select the combination to be played)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel

Open	Slow Air, Hornpipe & Jig <i>(min. 10 parts)</i>	Hornpipe & Jig <i>(min. 8 parts)</i>
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### Tenor Drumming

Under 14		4pts. Quick March Tempo
Under 16		4pt March
C Grade		March, Strathspey & Reel

### Bass Drumming

Open		March, Strathspey & Reel
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### Piobaireachd

Piobaireachd <i>(combined all grades)</i>	One Piobaireachd
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### General Rules Governing Solo Contests

- Competitors must register on arrival at the competition venue.
  - Competitors will play in their own grade and the Open Grade if so desired. No 'playing – up' a grade.
  - It is each competitor's responsibility to present themselves to the adjudicator in the allocated room at the determined performance slot.
  - Competitors will be required to guarantee that their practice room will be left as found. Competitors will be held financially responsible for any damage caused in the classrooms.
  - Smoking in all government buildings, including schools, is strictly illegal and forbidden.
  - Under Age Competitors: Confined to competitors who have not attained the age, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2022.
  - D Grade (Novice) is open to pipers and drummers over 16 years of age and who have not won at U 16 Solo level and those who have not been otherwise graded by the NEC.
  - Pipers are allowed a 3 minute tuning slot prior to their performance.
  - Uniform must be worn by all competitors at the presentation of prizes.
  - In all competitions where a March, Strathspey and Reel is to be played each tune should be a minimum of 4 parts.
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- Competitors in the B & A Grades piping (Intermediate & Senior) must submit two sets. The adjudicator will determine which set is to be played.
  - In Drumming contests the number of accompanying pipers is limited to two.
  - Bass/Tenor drummers must be accompanied by at least one piper and one snare drummer.
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- Bass/Tenors drummers must start with two 3 paced introduction rolls.
  - In the C Grade Tenor Drumming an MSR will qualify as a Medley Selection

- The Bass Drumming competition is confined to players who are registered Bass Drummers with RSPBA or IPBA bands.
- Late entries will attract a penalty of €5 added to the entry fee.
- Adjudicators will provide individual placings for all competitors.
- 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.