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1. Introduction

The Irish Pipe Band Association compilers are a small highly experienced team of dedicated volunteers who provide a vitally important administrative service, which includes the collation of all contest adjudication summaries for conversion to final contest prize lists.

Furthermore they gather and disseminate all the adjudication critique sheets to the individual bands and in the case of the indoor solo contests to the individual competitor at the end of the contest day.

2. Organisation and Reporting

The compiling team is led by the Chief Compiler and consists of a small number of volunteers. Normally reporting is done directly to the Event Coordinator or Secretary at a contest.

3. Role Purpose

As stated in the introduction the compilers are responsible for the correct and timely collation of all Adjudicator Placing Sheets, the allocation of 'placings' for competitors based on current rules, the return of Adjudication Critique Sheets and Contest Summary Results prior to the results sequence. Uploading of the results to social media will be undertaken in conjunction with the Chief Compiler and Web Site Manager.

It can be safely said that our compilers are of great importance in enabling the association to carry out its main objective in regard to its indoor and outdoor contests.

4. Role of the Compiler

The role of the compiler can best be defined as an administrative role which is again divided into two main types of contest outdoor and the indoor contests.

There are normally two compilers on duty at whose duties are as follows:

Upon receipt of the results of a grade from the 'runner' for a particular contest grade, the Adjudicator Placing Sheets from all adjudicators will be collected and one compiler will call out the results verbally and the second compiler will collate the data to the computer software.

When this process is complete the 'in-putter' to the computer software will recall the results to be checked by the compiler with the Adjudicator Placing Sheet.

Once satisfied that all the information is correct the results can be determined.

The Result Summary Sheet is printed to the number of competitors in the grade plus two.

Both compilers will now collate the Adjudicators' Critique Sheets for each competitor

All Ireland Bands: Piping, (making sure that Piping 1 is on top), Drumming, Ensemble

Drum Majors/Soloists/ Regional Outdoor Contests: Usually one or two Adjudication Critique Sheets

The Adjudication Critique Sheets should now be placed in the designated competitor's poly pocket together with the Results Summary Sheet for that grade.

One Result Summary Sheet will be retained by the compilers and one given to the Results Announcer.

Results for each grade should be kept separately to be disseminated to competitors at the end of the contest.

5. Special Requirements for the All Ireland Pipe Band Championships

At the end of a grade the Line Steward will forward to the compilers a list of the numbers of performers with each individual band in that grade. This information will be used by the compilers to place the correct number of All Ireland Medals in the poly pocket of the band winning the grade.

The competitor poly pockets of prize winners will be forwarded to the 'results area' for collection during the prize-giving, the remaining competitor poly pockets will be placed at the Registration Area for collection at the end of the contest.

6. Special Requirements for the All Ireland Piping & Drumming Solo Championships

For A Grade Solo Piping and A Grade Solo Drumming grades at the All Ireland Piping & Drumming Solo Championships, where two adjudicators are used, it may not be possible to sort the places in the normal manner. For such an eventuality a senior adjudicator is nominated prior to the event and she/he will then determine the outcome of a 'tied place'.

7. Training

All Compilers are requested to attend an Annual Stewards & Compilers Course organised by the Irish Pipe Band Association.

8. Fees and Expenses

Compilers are paid a nominal fee and are given expenses which will cover any reasonable costs incurred in the execution of his or her duties on behalf of a branch or the association.

9. Dress

The dress for the compiler is completely optional but should be as comfortable as possible due to the long duration of their duty which is spent sitting at a desk or table.

10. System Breakdown

In the event of a system breakdown the Manual Compiling Procedure will be followed.