

# Munster Piping and Drumming Solos 2025

The Munster Piping & Drumming Solos 2024 will be held in the Redemptorist School of Music, Island Road, Limerick V94POA9 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The Munster Solos also forms the third and final leg of the IPBA Solo League and the league winners will be determined on the day.

## Entry Fees

€ 10 - £ 10 /competitor/ grade

**Closing date for entries is Monday 31<sup>st</sup>. March**

Entries to: paddyinmonard306@gmail.com 087-2937040 Patrick C. Cronin

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## Munster Piping & Drumming Solos Music Syllabus

Grade	Piping	Snare Drumming
Adult Practice		
Chanter (Beginners)	4pts. Quick March Time	
U 12 Practice	4pts. Quick March Time	4pts. Quick March Time
Chanter / Pad (Novice)	4pts. Quick March Time	4pts. Quick March Time
Practice Piping ( <i>no drones</i> ) & Unaccompanied Snare Drumming	4pts. Quick March Time	4pts. Quick March Time
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Under 14		
Under 16	4pt March	4pt March
Under 18	March, Strathspey & Reel	March, Strathspey & Reel
D Grade (Novice)	4pts. Quick March Time	4pts. Quick March Time

C 2 Grade	March, Strathspey & Reel	March, Strathspey & Reel
C 1 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>

### 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

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*(combined all grades)*

#### 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.
- Times will not be allocated for players performances and the start times of grades, if shown, are indicative only and subject to change. Any timings taken by inference may be subject to alteration and contestants are required to be flexible to accommodate changed circumstances.
- 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 and after 1<sup>st</sup> November of the previous year.
- D Grade is open to pipers and drummers over 16 years of age and who have not won at U16 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.
- In the Drumming Contests, the number of accompanying pipers is limited to two.
- Bass/Tenor drummers may be accompanied by at least one piper and one snare drummer, alternatively Bass/Tenor drummers may use pre-recorded accompaniment, but if doing so, the performer is responsible for the transmission of the music and must ensure that the rendition is of an acceptable auditory amplitude and quality.
- Bass/Tenors drummers must start with two 3 paced introduction rolls.
- 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.

### Complaints or Protests

- Any individual or band wishing to lodge a complaint/protest must do so before the distribution of prizes.
- Such complaint/protest must in writing to the Contest Officer and accompanied by a deposit of €50.
- The deposit will be refunded if the complaint/protest is justified but will be retained by the N.E.C. if unjustified, trivial, groundless or malicious.
- The Contest Committee will, within its empowerment, deal with such protests/complaints but if unable to reach a decision, shall refer it to the Branch.
- If an aggrieved party disagrees with the findings of a Contest Committee they may appeal to the N.E.C. whose decision shall be binding on all parties.
- Notwithstanding the above the N.E.C. will have the power to investigate and adjudicate any errors or any breach of the rules.

## Munster Solos Entry Form

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*Please state whether Piping/Snare Drumming/Tenor Drumming/Piobaireachd when completing the 'Grade' section of the form*

*Copy form as required*