



Cumann Buíon Píobaire na hÉireann

Leinster Branch

*Craobh Laighean*



## Leinster Pipe Band Championships 2026

On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026** the Leinster Pipe Band Championships, incorporating the Leinster Drum Majors Championships, will be staged in the grounds of **Newbridge House Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin.**

The Championships are organised by the Leinster Branch IPBA and held under the auspices of Cumann Buidhean Píobaire na hÉireann, the Irish Pipe Band Association.

Bands commence competing at 11.00 hrs.

Closing Date for Entries is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Music Syllabus

Grade 4b (5)	2mins 30sec – 4mins 30sec own choice in Quick March (any time signature) <b>OR</b> 4 x 2 parted Marches from the <a href="#">RSPBA list of prescribed tunes</a>
Grade 4a	1 x 4 parted Marches or 2 x 2 parted Marches, 1 x 4 Parted Strathspey or 2 x 2 parted Strathspeys and 1 x 4 Parted Reel or 2 x 2 Parted Reels from the <a href="#">RSPBA list of prescribed tunes</a>
Grades 3b & 3a	MSR
Grade 2	Medley (4 to 6 minutes)
Grade 1	Medley x 2 (5 to 7 minutes) both medleys to be played

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Drum Majors	
Novice	U 11 years
Junior	11-14 years
Juvenile	14-18 years
Senior	over 18years

Under Age Competitors: Confined to competitors who have not attained the age, on the 1<sup>st</sup> November of the previous year.

#### Entry Fees

Bands – All Grades €20/£20

Drum Majors – All Grades €10/£10

#### Entries To

Dionne Doyle [dionneos@hotmail.com](mailto:dionneos@hotmail.com) 086 1009695

#### Payment To

BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE05BOFI 9000 9252 6037 27

*(leave a narrative when lodging to verify entry) or*

by cheque, cash or card at Registration on the day of the contest

#### Prize Fund

Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Grade 4b/5	€100	€80	€60
Grade 4a	€100	€80	€60
Grade 3b	€100	€80	€60
Grade 3a	€100	€80	€60
Grade 2	€200	€150	€100
Grade 1 Medley 1	€300	€200	€150
Grade 1 Medley 2	€300	€200	€150

#### Rules:

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- Bands must register on arrival at the contest venue
- All bands can only play in the grade allotted by their association
- Grades 3a and 3b may be merged, if there are insufficient numbers entered in each grade
- To signify the end of the contest the 'The Battle's O'er' will be played by all bands.
- March past - all bands will be allocated a time to line up in front of the arena and march forward playing Scotland the Brave under the direction of the leading Drum Major on the day
- As a 'Salute to the Chieftain' the 'Minstrel Boy' will be played en-masse
- For the massed band tunes a designated Drum Corps will play lead, with all other drummers joining on the Double Forte
- Prizes: Prize Fund + Trophy 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Best Drum Corps
- All trophies are perpetual
- A full Adjudication Panel will be used

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*Bands holding trophies please return them to the Contest Secretary before entry closing date.  
Any bands returning trophies on the day please ensure they are cleaned.*

*Thank you !*

**Dionne Doyle**

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