

# Pan Celtic

## Solo Piping & Drumming Solos

### Carlow College

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April



The Pan Celtic Piping & Drumming Solos 2026 will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

#### **VENUE**

Gaelcholáiste Ceatharlach,  
Askea,  
Carlow R93 HY89

#### **NOTE:**

- The Pan Celtic Competition is not part of the IPBA Solo Piping and Drumming League 2026.
- The IPBA is trialling a new **Jig Competition** for juvenile and novice players. Where a juvenile/novice piper or drummer pays the entry fee for his/her relevant juvenile grade, the entry to the new jig competition is FREE of charge.

#### **Entry Fees**

€ 10 - £ 10 /competitor/ grade

Payment can be made on the day of the contest via card or cash

#### **Entries to:**

Brian Mac Mahon  
[ipba@icloud.com](mailto:ipba@icloud.com)  
086-8326316

**Closing date for entries is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. April.**

Contest Begins at 11.00 am

## Pan Celtic Piping & Drumming Solos Music Syllabus

Grade	Piping	Snare Drumming
U 12 Practice Chanter / Pad	2 parts Quick March Time	2 parts Quick March Time
Chanter / Pad (Novice)	4 parts Quick March Time	4 parts. Quick March Time
U 13 Practice Piping Unaccompanied Snare Drumming	4 parts Quick March Time 4 parts Quick March Time	4 parts Quick March Time 4 parts Quick March Time
Under 14 Under 14 Jig	4 parts Quick March Time 2 parts Jig time	4 parts Quick March Time 2 parts Jig time
Under 16 Under 16 Jig Under 18	4 parts Quick March Time 2 parts in Jig time March, Strathspey & Reel <i>(minimum of 4 parts each)</i>	4 parts Quick March Time 4 parts in Jig time March, Strathspey & Reel <i>(minimum of 4 parts each)</i>
Under 18 Jig D Grade (Novice) D Grade (Novice) Jig	4 parts in Jig time 4 parts Quick March Time 2 parts Jig	4 parts in Jig time 4 parts Quick March Time 2 parts Jig
C 2 Grade	Medley of 3 to 5 minutes <i>(Must include at least 4 parts in jig time &amp; 4 parts in hornpipe)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel
C 1 Grade	Medley of 3 to 5 minutes <i>(Must include at least 4 parts in jig time &amp; 4 parts in hornpipe)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel
B Grade	Medley of 4 to 6 minutes <i>(Must include at least 4 parts in jig time &amp; 4 parts in hornpipe)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel
A Grade	Medley of 4 to 6 minutes <i>(Must include at least 4 parts in jig time &amp; 4 parts in hornpipe)</i>	March, Strathspey & Reel
Adult Open	March, Strathspey & Reel <i>(Minimum of 4 parts each)</i>	Hornpipe & Jig <i>(min. 8 parts)</i>
<b>Juveniles entering the jig competition can only play in their appropriate age grade.</b>		
<b><u>Tenor Drumming</u></b>		
Under 14		4pts. Quick March Tempo
Under 16		4pt March
C Grade		March, Strathspey & Reel
Open		March, Strathspey & Reel
<b>Piobaireachd</b> <i>(combined all grades)</i>		One Piobaireachd <i>(Each Competitor must submit a copy of the piobaireachd that he/she intends to play to the adjudicator prior to performance)</i>
<b>Juvenile Piobaireachd (U 16)</b>		Piobaireachd <i>(Ground only)</i>

## General Rules Governing Solo Contests

- Competitors must register on arrival at the competition venue.
- Adult 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.

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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*