



Cumann Buíon Píobaire na hÉireann

Leinster Branch IPBA

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St Lawrence PB Howth



On Sunday 28th June 2026, the East of Ireland Pipe Band Championships and Drum Majors Championships, will be staged on the Promenade, Howth, Co Dublin.

The Championships are promoted by St Lawrence PB, Howth and the Leinster Branch IPBA.

The contest is held under the rules of Cumann Buíon Píobaire na hÉireann, the Irish Pipe Band Association.

The Promenade has been the historic venue for the event and the contest takes place the week before the All-Ireland Pipe Band Championships.

Music Syllabus

Grade 4b (5)	2mins 30sec – 4mins 30sec in Quick March (any time signature) or 4 x 2 parted Marches from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes
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 RSPBA list of prescribed tunes
Grade 3	MSR
Grade 2	Medley (4 to 6 minutes)

Rules:

- Bands must register on arrival at the contest venue
- All bands can play in the grade allotted by their association and **one** grade above
- Grades 3a and 3b will be merged

- To signify the end of the contest the 'The Battle's O'er' will be played by all bands.
- As a 'Salute to the Chieftain' the 'Minstrel Boy' will be played .
- For the massed band tunes a designated Drum Corps will play lead, with all other drummers joining on the Double Forte
- Grades 3A and 3B will be merged
- Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best Drum Corps, in each grade, will be awarded
- All trophies are perpetual
- A full Adjudication Panel will be used
- Closing Date for Entry: Friday 19th. June 2026

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

Thank you !

Entries to Noel Kelly: howthpiper@gmail.com Telephone : 083 1520816



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