



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (North of Scotland Branch)

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Mintlaw Contest Aden Park - Sunday 3rd August 2025

General Contest Rules

The contest will be conducted under the rules of the RSPBA.

1. Date of the Contest is **3rd August 2025**
2. Closing Date for Entries is Monday **14th July 2025** at 12 Noon.
Late Entries **will not** be accepted.
3. Completed Entry forms must be returned to the Secretary (details below) by the **Closing Date**.
4. Entry Fees are as per the Entry Form. Payment in full **must** accompany the Entry Form.
Cheques must be made payable to: "**RSPBA North of Scotland Branch** "
or a Bank Transfer : RSPBA North of Scotland Branch
Sort Code – 80-05-17 Account Number – 00432222
5. **TROPHIES:** Branch rules stipulate that all trophies from the previous competition **must be returned to the Trophy Convenor** (details below) **before the Closing Date**, (or exceptionally to the Branch Secretary by prior arrangement). Please make contact by telephone or by e-mail to confirm arrangements.

It is the member Band's responsibility to ensure trophies are returned clean and in good condition as stipulated above. The member Band shall bear the cost of any repair, and, in the case of any loss, the replacement value as determined by the Management Committee.

Failure to comply means that any entry will be excluded from the contest draw. Also, in accordance with the rules of The Company, the Directors may levy a fine for late return of trophies of £50 per trophy capped at £250 per member Band. All amounts shall be notified in writing and recovery made from the member Band. Until such time as all monies due are paid to the Treasurer, the member Band will be suspended and unable to participate in any RSPBA activities. Thank you for your full cooperation.

6. The Playing requirements are as per the Entry Form. Any changes to playing requirements are subject to Director's approval in advance of the competition.
7. Subject to Director's approval, if time permits, all Bands may play up one Grade.
Grade 4B and Novice Juvenile B Bands are permitted to play into the Grade 4A MSR competition. Grade 4A & Novice Juvenile A bands are permitted to play into Grade 3.
8. Order of play will be Grade 4B March, Grade 4A MSR, 3, 2 and 1 at the times stipulated in the draw.
9. Draw for order of play will take place at a time and venue to be advised after the Closing date. **All competing Bands are entitled to have 1 representative present at the draw.** No draw number or starting time will be given by telephone. The Draw will be published on Branch media.



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- 10 Each Band will have a Band Representative, who must register the Band on arrival, and will be responsible for their Band's compliance with these Rules. Drum Majors must also register on arrival.
11. Each Band will be given a time to play. The Band Representative will be responsible for the Band's arrival at the designated performance area ready to play at the allocated time.
12. Bands not ready to play at the allocated time may be disqualified.
13. **All** withdrawals or non-attendances from the competition must be notified to the Branch Secretary at least one hour prior to the competition starting time for that Grade. In case of transport breakdown, please contact Secretary (details below).

Contest Specific rules

| 14. | Prizes for All Grades | Prizes for Drum Majors |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 st | £250 | £90 |
| 2 nd | £200 | £70 |
| 3 rd | £150 | £50 |
| 4 th | £85 | £30 |
| Best N/J Band* | Trophy | Best Juv D/M Trophy |

(not in Grade 4 March Prize List)

15. All Bands to take part in Massed Bands (Weather permitting)
16. Any Band may be asked to play for the Drum Majors Contest
17. Entrance to the Games Field for Band competing members is Free, but they must be in Full uniform. Two entry tickets will be given to each band for Secretary / Band Steward

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Trophies to be returned to:

Malcolm Whyte, Ollaberry, Mintlaw Station, Mintlaw, Peterhead. AB42 4JL

Tel: 01771622654 / 07961523408 email: mrwhyte1806@aol.com



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BAND GRADE.....
 Tartan Band No.....
 Pipe Major
 Contact name on day Tel No.....
 Email address
 Band Number

Grade 4B March:

Entry Fee £20

4 x 2 parted Marches from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes

Tunes: 1
 2.
 3.
 4.

Grade 4A MSR:

Entry Fee £20

March : 1 x 4 parted or 2 x 2 parted Tunes,

Strathspey: 1 x 4 parted or 2 x 2 parted Tunes

Reel: 1 x 4 parted or 2 x 2 parted Tunes, all from the RSPBA list of prescribed tunes.

Tunes: March:
 Strathspey
 Reel



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| <u>Grade 3</u> | MSR | <u>Entry Fee £20</u> |
| Tunes: March | | |
| Strathspey | | |
| Reel | | |

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| <u>Grade 2:</u> Medley 4 -6 mins | <u>Entry Fee £20</u> |
| Tunes: : | |
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Grade 1: MSR Submit two sets (drawn on the line) Entry Fee £20

Tunes:

1 March.....

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Strathspey.....

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Reel

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2 March.....

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Strathspey.....

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Reel.....

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DRUM MAJOR

Entry Fee: Adult £5.00

Juvenile Free

Name Date of Birth

Band Tartan

Address

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Contact/Tel no.....

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