



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

Secretary: Mrs Linda Niven, Inveroyne, Kirkton of Oyne, Inch AB52 6QU.

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Piping Quartet Contest - Saturday 22nd March 2025 **General Contest Rules**

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

1. Date of the Contest is **22nd March 2025**
2. Closing Date for Entries is Saturday **1st March 2025** at 5:00 pm
Late Entries **will not** be accepted.
3. Completed Entry forms must be returned to the Secretary (details below) by the Closing Date. All entry forms to be filled in by the band. Branch secretary will not fill in any entry forms.
4. Entry Fees are as per the Entry Form. Payment in full **must** accompany the Entry Form or pay by Bank Transfer and email entry form to linda@scottniven.co.uk
Bank Details
RSPBA North of Scotland Branch
Sort Code 80-05-17
Account Number - 00432222

Cheques only, must be made payable to: **RSPBA North of Scotland Branch**

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Order of play will be Grade 4B, 4A, 3, 2 and 1 at the times stipulated in the Draw.

8. **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.

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.

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 any Accommodation Rules of Let

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 the secretary (details below).

Contest Specific rules

14. This Contest is confined to Bands from the North of Scotland Branch.

15. A Quartet will consist of 4 Pipers

16. Only the registered Pipe Major, or the nominated Pipe Major on the day, may play in more than one Quartet, and then only as Pipe Major

17. In the event of a Band withdrawing a Quartet after the draw date, the Quartet withdrawn will be that which is latest in the draw.

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Trophy Convenor:

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Or by other mutual arrangement through contacting her by telephone or by e-mail

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Gordon Schools, Huntly AB54 4SE

Band Grade.....

Contact name on day

Tel No..... Band No.....

Grade 4B & Novice Juvenile B:

Entry Fee £10

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

Tunes: 1

2.

3.

4.

Grade 4A & Novice Juvenile A:

Entry Fee £10

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

Grade 3 March. Strathspey & Reel (min. 4 parts each).

Entry Fee £10

Tunes: March:

Strathspey

Reel

Grade 2: MSR No1

Entry Fee £10

Tunes:March.....

Strathspey:.....

Reel :.....

Grade 1: MSR No2

Entry Fee £10

Tunes: March:

Strathspey

Reel