

Solo & Ensemble Competition 2019

Dear Secretary,

Please find enclosed details for our upcoming Solo & Ensemble Competition.

Changes to the Senior Section Solos

The BBL NI is always looking for ways to encourage players. In order to try and facilitate this, the following changes are being trialled in the 2019 Senior Solo and Ensemble classes

- The introduction of a 19 and under section. This section is for players Grade 5 standard and above who are aged 19 and Under.
- The B Solo class will now be restricted for players aged 20 and over.
- The A Solo class and Slow Melody class will remain open classes.
- Players aged 19 and Under may enter ONE SECTION ONLY in the Youth class, BUT MAY ALSO enter the A or C or 19 and Under section and the Slow Melody section.
- A, B, C and 19 and Under Solo sections carry a time limit of 12 ½ minutes.

Changes to the Senior Section Ensembles

- The 10 Piece A and B sections are being retired and incorporated into three Senior Ensemble classes: Senior Ensemble A section, Senior Ensemble B section and Senior Ensemble C section .
- The Senior Ensemble A and B sections will be for duets, trios, quintets, sextets, septets, octets and dectets.
- The Senior Ensemble A section will remain an open class.
- Senior Ensemble B section will be for 2nd Section Bands and below only.
- The Senior Ensemble C section will be for be for duets, trios, quartets, quintets, sextets, septets, octets and dectets and will be restricted to 4th and 5th Section Bands.
- As previous, Competitors can play in a duet or trio and one other larger ensemble (four /five to ten players).

No changes are being made to the Youth Sections.

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Please also note the following:-

- In order to reduce processing effort and possibility of error, the preferred method of submitting entries is via the supplied Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. If Excel is not available, a google sheet can be provided on request which can be used on PCs and mobile phones without requiring additional software. A paper entry may be submitted using the supplied form (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) if other options have been exhausted.
- Entries must be received by the closing date stated in the syllabus.
- Entries will be accepted for one week after this date with payment of a double entry fee. No entries will be accepted after this date or on the day of the competition.
- With regards to the entry form please ensure that you double-check names are spelt correctly and that players are eligible to compete in the selected class (particularly junior classes where age limits apply). Please check thoroughly before submitting the entry.
- All competitors are requested to play only one piece.
- All junior classes will be subject to open adjudication. All competitors in the 10, 12, 15 and under solo classes must use the books specified in the syllabus. Repeats are optional.
- Entries will be accepted from unaffiliated bands and individuals at a double entry fee.
- In sections where age is relevant, proof of age must be provided, and competitors must have been within the age limit on the 1st February 2019.
- The BBL will not provide an accompanist. A list of accompanists to assist bands is available on the BBL website. It is the responsibility of each performer to engage their own accompanist.

In order to allow inspection and any necessary repairs to be carried out, **ALL PERPETUAL TROPHIES** must be returned to a member of the Executive on or before the February council meeting, held in the Laganvale Bandroom, Wansbeck Street, Stranmillis, Belfast @ 3.00PM.