



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

Music Board – Competition Procedures

Grade 1 Worlds Qualification

A system of qualification and pre-qualification shall be used for this event to produce a Grade 1 Championship Final.

UK Registered RSPBA Bands:

- 6 UK Registered RSPBA Bands will pre-qualify from the results of all Major Championships prior to the Worlds in the same season i.e. the 6 highest placed UK Registered RSPBA Bands in a league based on the Championships.
- Placing in the league based system shall be determined by the addition of the Bands final placing in all majors prior to the Worlds in the same season. The Bands will be ranked lowest total to highest total (as per current placing procedure). To qualify Bands must compete in all Major Championships prior to the World Championships in the same season.
- Ties - Per current procedures stated in the in the Constitution and Rules for Ties (3.84 – “In a contest where the final result shall be decided by combined performance totals”).
- The League Table will be maintained by the Music Board/Standards Convenor.
- A Template "Worlds Pre Qualification Management Tool" will be used to manage and Control this activity.
- Notification will be made as soon as possible after the last major prior to the Worlds. The Standards convenor of the Music Board shall inform the CEO of the pre-qualified Bands.

Non-UK Registered Bands:

- Non UK Registered bands will attain qualification having been placed in the first 6 of the previous year World Championships Final.
- If a non UK Registered RSPBA Band enters and plays in all majors and attains a league placing within the first 6 bands (as per the UK Registered RSPBA Band requirements) they shall be granted a place in the final. (Note: this is in addition to the 6 highest placed UK Registered RSPBA Bands).



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Bands not achieving qualification:

- Bands not achieving qualification by one of the above methods will play in a Qualifying Round on the day of the World Championships.
- Playing requirements will be as per "RSPBA Playing Requirements" set by the Music Board and ratified by National Council.

Numbers Qualifying:

- The Final shall consist of 14 Bands
- Therefore, the number achieving qualification from the Qualifying Round on the day of the championship is dependent on the number who have achieved qualification prior to the World Championship day - e.g. 9 previous qualifiers allows 5 more to qualify on the day.

The Final:

- The Final shall consist of 14 Bands
- Playing requirements will be as per "RSPBA Playing Requirements" set by the Music Board and ratified by National Council.
- Draw Format - Refer Section "Draw Procedure"
- The Draw for both contests will follow the same order of play.
- The Final shall commence a minimum of 1 hour after the draw.
- The MSR Competition will take place first.
- The Medley Competition will take place in the same arena immediately after the MSR Competition.

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Approved National Council: **18th October 2008.**