



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

Music Board – Competition Procedures

MAP Activity

MAP format applies to Grade 4A, Grade 4B and Novice Juvenile Pipe Bands.

The main objectives of the project are to:

- Improve the performance of Pipe Bands at the lower levels and to prepare them better for progression to higher grades.
- Focus more on the musical impact of the collective "Pipe Band" rather than on the standard of performance of individual units of the Pipe Band (i.e. Pipe Corps, Drum Corps or Bass Section within the Drum Corps).
- Make adjudication more objective and more accurate by introducing a two-stage approach comprising heats and a final, each with no more than 12-16 bands.
- Increase the opportunities for bands to achieve top placing, through the more flexible two-stage approach.

Playing Requirements:

- The Music Board, in liaison with the Academy of Musicianship, will determine the "Style and Interpretation" / "Melodic Structure" and number of tunes applying to MAP competitions.
- The Academy of Musicianship will determine the tunes to be included in the MAP requirements of Tunes.
- The Academy will provide to the CEO the next seasons MAP Tunes list enabling communication on or before the current seasons World Championships.
- The Academy will provide to the CEO by mid September in any year the appropriate music for new MAP tunes for issue to the Bands.
- The CEO is responsible for ensuring that all UK Registered Bands affected by MAP are issued the official list and Music by end September each year.
- The CEO is responsible for ensuring that all Affiliated Organisations, Music Board Members and Adjudicators receive the same pack as UK Registered Bands by end September.



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Playing Requirements (continued):

- For current season requirements Refer to Procedure “**Error! Reference source not found.**” and to MAP Tune Lists for the appropriate competition year.

Competitions where the MAP process will be in place:

All Major Championships:

- World Championships
- European Championships
- British Championships
- Scottish Championships
- Cowal Championships

Other Competitions:

- English Championships
- Ulster Championships

Approved Music Board: **4th October 2008.**

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

