Irish Pipe Band Association

Pan Celtic 2024 (Solo) Piping and Drumming Championships

Date: Saturday 6th. April

Start: 11.00am

Venue: Carlow College, St. Patrick’s, R93 A3K1 (Carparking is near the Visual Arts Centre adjacent to the College)

Entry Fees  
€ 10 - £ 10 /competitor/ grade

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Entries Close: Tuesday 2nd. April

**The Pan Celtic Championships is a stand-alone solo competition but it will also function as part of the Irish Pipe Band Association Solo Piping & Drumming League 2024.**

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| Grade | Piping | Snare Drumming |
| U 12 Practice  Chanter / Pad | 4pts. Quick March Time | 4pts. Quick March Time |
| Practice  Chanter / Pad | 4pts. Quick March Time | 4pts. Quick March Time |
| U 13 Practice Piping *(no drones) &* Unaccompanied Snare Drumming | 4pts. Quick March Time | 4pts. Quick March Time |
| Under 14 | 4pts. Quick March Time | 4pts. Quick March Time |
| Under 16 | 4pt March | 4pt March |
| Under 18 | 4pt March | March, Strathspey & Reel |
| D Grade (Novice) | 4pts. Quick March Time | 4pts. Quick March Time |
| C Grade | March, Strathspey & Reel | March, Strathspey & Reel |
| B Grade | March, Strathspey and Reel  *(2 Marches, 2 Strathspeys, & 2 Reels to be submitted, adjudicator will select the combination to be played)* | March, Strathspey & Reel |
| A Grade | March, Strathspey and Reel  *(3 Marches, 3 Strathspeys, & 3 Reels to be submitted, adjudicator will select the combination to be played)* | March, Strathspey & Reel |
| Open | Slow Air, Hornpipe & Jig  *(min. 10 parts)* | Hornpipe & Jig  *(min. 8 parts)* |
| **Tenor Drumming** | | |
| Under 14 |  | 4pts. Quick March Tempo |
| Under 16 |  | 4pt March |
| C Grade |  | March, Strathspey & Reel |
| Open Bass Drumming : March, Strathspey & Reel | | |
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**General Rules Governing Solo Contests**

* Competitors must register on arrival at the competition venue.
* Competitors will play in their own grade and the Open Grade if so desired. No ‘playing – up’ a grade.
* It is each competitor’s responsibility to present themselves to the adjudicator in the allocated room at the determined performance slot.
* Competitors will be required to guarantee that their practice room will be left as found. Competitors will be held financially responsible for any damage caused in the classrooms.
* Smoking in all government buildings, including schools, is strictly illegal and forbidden.
* Under Age Competitors: Confined to competitors who have not attained the age, on the 1st of November, 2022.
* D Grade (Novice) is open to pipers and drummers over 16 years of age and who have not won at U 16 Solo level and those who have not been otherwise graded by the NEC.
* Pipers are allowed a 3 minute tuning slot prior to their performance.
* Uniform must be worn by all competitors at the presentation of prizes.
* In all competitions where a March, Strathspey and Reel is to be played each tune should be a minimum of 4 parts.
* Competitors in the B & A Grades piping (Intermediate & Senior) must submit two sets. The adjudicator will determine which set is to be played.
* In Drumming contests the number of accompanying pipers is limited to two.
* Bass/Tenor drummers must be accompanied by at least one piper and one snare drummer.
* Bass/Tenors drummers must start with two 3 paced introduction rolls.
* In the C Grade Tenor Drumming an MSR will qualify as a Medley Selection
* The Bass Drumming competition is confined to players who are registered Bass Drummers with RSPBA or IPBA bands.
* Late entries will attract a penalty of €5 added to the entry fee.
* Adjudicators will provide individual placings for all competitors.
* A competitor having cause to protest must lodge same with a deposit of €10.00 with the contest secretary before the presentation of prizes. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.