

Information Guide

NOTE: Competitors must enter events on-line and pay by credit card at the BCPA website www.bcpipers.org . No paper entries or cheques will be accepted.

Entries including tune names (only for Open Snare Drumming events and all band events) and full payment must be received by June 27, 2025 for entry to be accepted.

Competitors must read the “Tune Selection” section below for events where more than one tune or set is required to be submitted.

The Open grade is the highest calibre grade of the music discipline.

**** Requirements are submit one of each tune and minimum four parts each tune unless stated otherwise ****

NOTE: Please examine the List of Events table carefully.

PIPING

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements
102	Beginner	Slow Air (on Chanter)	Min. 2 parts. Observe repeats
103	Beginner	2/4 March (on Chanter)	4 parts of March. Two parted tunes permitted

111	5	2/4 March	Min 4 parts
112	5	Slow Air	Min. 2 parts. Observe repeats

121	4	2/4 March	Min 4 parts
122	4	Piobaireachd	Ground and next variation
124	4	6/8 March	Min 4 parts

132	3	Strathspey & Reel	Min 4 parts
133	3	Piobaireachd	
134	3	Jig	Min 4 parts

141	2	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 2M, 1S & 1R, each tune min 4 parts each
142	2	Piobaireachd	Submit 2 tunes
144	2	Jig	Submit 2 tunes, each tune min 4 parts

151	1	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 2 of each tune, each tune min 4 parts
152	1	Piobaireachd	Submit 3 tunes
153	1	Hornpipe & Jig	Submit 2 of each tune, each tune min 4 parts

161	Open	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 4 of each tune, each tune min 4 parts
162	Open	Piobaireachd	Submit 4 tunes
163	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Submit 3 of each tune, each tune min 4 parts

SNARE DRUMMING

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements
202	Beginner	2/4 March (on Drum Pad)	4 parts from BCPA Massed Band settings
203	Beginner	6/8 March (on Drum Pad)	4 parts from BCPA Massed Band settings

221	4	2/4 March	4 parts only
222	4	6/8 March	4 parts only

231	3	2/4 March	min 4 parts
232	3	6/8 March	min 4 parts

241	2	March, Strathspey & Reel	each tune min 4 parts
242	2	Hornpipe & Jig	each tune min 4 parts

251	1	March, Strathspey & Reel	each tune min 4 parts
252	1	Hornpipe & Jig	each tune min 4 parts

261	Open	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts
262	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts

TENOR DRUMMING

301	Beginner	2/4 March (on practice pad)	4 parts of BCPA Massed Band Cadence, 75 bpm metronome acc.
302	Beginner	6/8 March (on practice pad)	4 parts of BCPA Massed Band Cadence, 80 bpm metronome acc.
341	Novice	2/4 March	min 4 parts, playing and flourishing req , piper optional

171	Adult	2/4 March	Min 4 parts
172	Adult	Slow Air	Min. 2 parts. Observe repeats
174	Adult	Piobaireachd	Ground and next variation, singling

342	Novice	6/8 March	min 4 parts, playing and flourishing req , piper optional
351	Intermediate	March, Strathspey & Reel	each tune min 4 parts
353	Intermediate	6/8 March	min 4 parts
361	Open	March, Strathspey & Reel	each tune min 4 parts
362	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	each tune min 4 parts

BANDS

812	5	Quick Marches Set	8 parts of Quick Marches in simple time
821	4	Medley	3 - 5 minutes
822	4	March, Strathspey & Reel	1 x 4 parted or 2 x 2 parted Ms, Ss, & Rs. RSPBA prescribed tunes list recommended but not required.
831	3	Medley	3 - 5 minutes
832	3	March, Strathspey & Reel	each tune min 4 parts
841	2	Medley	4 - 6 minutes
842	2	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts
851	1	Medley	Submit 2 medleys, each 5 - 7 minutes
852	1	March, Strathspey & Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts

GENERAL INFORMATION

Step 1: Competitors must enter events on-line and pay by credit card at www.bcpipers.org . No paper entries or cheques will be accepted. If you do not have a credit card, you may use a Visa® Gift Card purchased at any of the following locations. In Canada: Vancity credit unions, Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmasave, 7-Eleven, and other retail outlets. In the USA: Wells Fargo, PNC Bank, US Bank, and other retail outlets.

Step 2: You should print this information document in order to read the information, music and rules requirements on both pages.

Step 3: You must complete all fields of the competitor information section online. Your BCPA Membership # is on your membership card.

Step 4: Where tune submissions are required in advance, (Open Snare Drumming and Bands), tunes must be entered online or submitted to entries@bcpipers.org before the entry deadline of June 27, 2025.

Step 5: Before the entry deadline, updated band rosters must be submitted to the Membership Chair at membership@bcpipers.org

No telephone, email or late entries accepted.
NO REFUNDS. For questions regarding entries, contact 604-882-0953 or entries@bcpipers.org

NON-MEMBER FEE

* **Solo competitors and bands who are not current members of the BC Pipers Association (BCPA) or an officially recognized piping/pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA (associations in the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations), must pay an additional \$12.00 CDN per soloist or \$60.00 CDN per band to entry fee total. Non-BCPA members, please submit a picture or scan of your current membership card, or similar proof, to entries@bcpipers.org**

VENUE

Albert McGowan Park, 2025 Summit Drive, Kamloops, BC. Gates open at 7:30 am (General Public) and Competitor Numbers will be available at 8:00 am.

SCHEDULE

Solo competitions begin at 8:30 am. Opening Ceremonies at 12:45 pm. Pipe Band competitions begin in early afternoon. Closing Ceremonies and Massed Bands are directly after the final band event.

Depending on the number of entries, events may start earlier. All events subject to time change.

ADMISSION

Solo Competitor	Name on Competitors List
Band Member	Name on registered band roster

No gate passes will be issued. Solo competitors gain entry with name on competitors list at gate. Band members gain entry with name on submitted band rosters at gate.

The band player roster will be the one officially registered with the BCPA Membership Chair (membership@bcpipers.org) as of June 27, 2025.

Competitors who are not present on the competitors list or band rosters will have to pay admission, which is not refundable.

Information on general admission tickets (for people who are not solo competitors or performing band members) is at www.kamloopshighlandgames.ca

RULES

Kamloops Highland Games events in solo piping, solo drumming, and pipe bands are conducted under the rules of the BC Pipers Association.

CHALLENGING UP

Only Grade 5 pipe bands may challenge up one grade. Bands desiring to challenge up must enter for their Grade 5 event and the Grade 4 Medley event they are challenging up. Prize money for only one grade will be awarded (whichever is highest).

ORDER OF PLAY

Orders of play for Open Piping, Snare, and Tenor Drumming, and Bands will be determined by random draw. The random draw will take place at 7 pm June 28 at the BCPA Competition Secretary's address. All other events are *first to enter, last to play*, however all "early bird" entries received by 11:59 pm May 20 will be considered to be randomly received on May 20.

All orders of play will be posted one week before the Games in the Orders of Play section of the BC Pipers' Association web site (www.bcpipers.org) and at 8 am at the Competition Secretary's area on Games day. **Competitors not ready to play in the posted order may be disqualified.**

TUNE SELECTION

For events where more than one tune or set is required to be submitted, tune selection for solo events will be conducted by the adjudicator at the time the competitor presents to perform, except for Open Snare Drumming events.

For Open Snare Drumming events, tunes and sets shall be submitted online or to entries@bcpipers.org by June 27, 2025. For Open Snare Drumming events, the selected set for each competitor in each event will be posted at the time the Games solo competitions start at the Competition Secretary's area.

If the Open Snare Drumming competitor does not submit their tunes or sets by the entry deadline, the competitor shall inform the adjudicator of the tunes or sets for the event at his/her scheduled competition time and the adjudicator shall indicate which tune or set is to be performed.

For band events, selection of MSR (Grades 1 & 2) will be conducted by Chief Steward when band is at the starting line.

PRIZES

For solo events other than Open, prizes are medals. For solo Open and Band events, monetary prizes are awarded. The aggregate winner in each grade receives a perpetual trophy.

For Open solo events, the total purse for Open Piping is over \$770, for Open Snare Drumming is over \$500,

and for Open Tenor Drumming is over \$500. For band events, the total purse is over \$6,300. The value of prizes will be provided on written request of the Competition Secretary.

All bands are required to perform in Closing Massed Bands to be eligible for prize monies.

HOTELS

The Kamloops Highland Games website has information about parking and hotels near the Games site, some of which offer special rates for attendees of the Kamloops Highland Games. Please visit www.kamloopshighlandgames.org for further details.

WAIVER STATEMENT

(To be agreed to by competitor, or parent/guardian if under age 18)

I desire to enter the events identified, and in consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and relieve any and all claims I may have against the Kamloops Highland Games (KHG) competitions for injuries which may be suffered by me while in attendance. I agree to release any photo images & video that may be taken during my participation in the KHG competitions by a photographer authorized by the KHG. I have read and understand the Competitor Code of Conduct on the BCPA website. I have read and understand the information in this information document.

PERFORMING RIGHTS STATEMENT

(To be agreed to by competitor or band representative)

The player or band referenced on this entry has permission to publicly perform all of the music he/she/it will perform at Kamloops Highland Games (KHG) competitions and consents to the KHG recording, storing, reproducing and broadcasting any performances publicly through whatever means it deems appropriate. The representative of the band completing this entry has consent from all individual performers in the band to act on their behalf in providing consent to the KHG to record, store, reproduce and broadcast performances by those performers.