

West Midlands
BRASS BANDS
Association

ANNUAL BRASS BAND CONTEST

RULES & CONDITIONS

ENTRY FORM

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2013

**Pershore High School, Station Road,
Pershore, Worcs WR10 2BX**

WEST MIDLANDS BRASS BANDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BRASS BAND CONTEST - RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. Bands may consist of not more than 28 brass players plus percussion as required.
2. Bands will be permitted **FOUR** borrowed players from any band of the same or lower grading, with the permission of the band(s) to which the borrowed player/s belong by way a letter of consent (*see also Rule 3*). Of the four borrowed players, Fourth Section registered bands may borrow a maximum of two players from Third Section Bands. The names of all borrowed players must be entered on the WMBBA Contest Signature Form (*see Rule 7*) together with the name of the band from which the player/s are borrowed. Registration Cards for borrowed players must be produced on the day of the Contest (*see also Rule 4*).
3. In cases of sudden illness (supported by a medical certificate - not self certification) or misfortune and at the discretion of the Contest Controller, bands will be permitted one borrowed player from any band of the same or lower grading. This is in addition to players borrowed under Rule 2 above.
4. For all sections, players must be registered with any recognised brass band registry and cards must be franked for the current year. Players must be registered with competing bands on the day of the contest. If the registration card is not available to the contest organisers on the day of the contest it must be produced within three weeks after the contest date. In the absence of such evidence on the day of the contest, prizes will be withheld until the necessary proof is produced.
5. Protests concerning the Contest must be made in writing to the Contest Controller before the results are announced and should be accompanied by a deposit of £25 which is returnable only if the protest is upheld.
6. Order of play will be decided by a Draw on the day of the Contest except Fourth Section which will be pre-drawn. Times of the Draws will be notified to Band Secretaries as soon as possible after the closing date for entries.
7. A WMBBA Contest Signature Form will be issued to each competing band in advance of the contest which must be completed by the band and handed in to the contest organisers before the commencement of the section entered together with letters from borrowed player's bands. Borrowed players for the day must be added to the signature form.
8. Bands must provide an unmarked score of the music to be played. The score must be handed to the contest organisers prior to the commencement of each Section and will be returned after the contest. (Pre-draw: Fourth Section - See note on Schedule).
9. Cups and Trophies must be signed for by a responsible Officer of the band, and must be returned at least one month before the date of the next Contest. Bands are responsible for the insurance of trophies.
10. Bands may enter a maximum of TWO SECTIONS. Bands will be informed of acceptance or otherwise to the additional Section within 10 days of the closing date. Acceptance will be dependent on the total number of bands in the sections and in the overall contest. If accepted, they must play in the Section to which they are nationally graded and one higher Section. Bands playing in more than one Section must play different test pieces.
11. If only four bands **enter** any Section, the contest for that Section will be cancelled. If four bands **play** in any Section, only the 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded. If three bands or less **play** in any Section, only the 1st prize will be awarded.
12. The West Midlands Brass Bands Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to instruments or property in or around the Contest venue.
13. The interpretation of these Rules rests with the West Midlands Brass Bands Association Contest Management.

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