

Step 1: Competitors must enter Annual Gathering events online and pay by credit card at www.bcpipers.org . No paper entries or cheques will be accepted

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 and in your Profile in the BCPA Wild Apricot System. Select events, check the required confirmations, and complete payment.

Step 4: Where tune submissions are required, (Grade 2 & 1 Piping, Open Piping & Drumming, and Bands), tunes must be entered online or submitted to entries@bcpipers.org with the entry deadline of April 26, 2023.

Step 5 : Updated band rosters must be submitted to the BCPA Membership Chair (membership@bcpipers.org) no later than 14 days before the competition

No telephone, email or late entries accepted. NO REFUNDS. For questions regarding entries, contact 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 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

The Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival is held at Topaz Park located at the corner of Finlayson Street and Blanshard Street in Victoria.

- For the safety of our furry friends, dogs are not allowed at the park/on the field during the Games weekend
- Following CRD BYLAW 3962, the games are a SMOKE FREE EVENT

Gates open one hour before competition starts. Competition begins 8:30 am for solo piping and drumming, 1:30 pm for band contest. These times are subject to change, dependent upon number of entries received.

No Gate passes will be issued. You will be granted entry to the games if you are in uniform or with your instrument. All public health orders at the time of the Games will be strictly followed.

ORDERS OF PLAY

Orders of play for Open Piping, Open Drumming, and Bands will be determined by random draw. The random draw will take place at 7 pm April 30 at the Competition Secretary's address. All other events are first to enter, last to play, with all entries received by 11:59 pm March 20 considered to be randomly received on March 20

All orders of play will be posted one week before of the competition and schedules three days before the competition on the BCPA web site (www.bcpipers.org)

Competitors must check in with the registration desk and with the individual event steward at the start of each of their events. Competitors not ready to play in the posted order may be disqualified. Competitors are required to report any event performance time conflicts to the applicable stewards.

TUNE SELECTION

Tune selection for solo events conducted by the adjudicator at time competitor presents to perform except Open Piping Piobaireachd (in final tuning area) and Open Snare Drumming (at 8 am on competition day). If the Open Piping Piobaireachd or 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.

HIGHLAND DRESS

Refer to the BCPA competition rules for appropriate highland dress.

TUNING TIME

Tuning time is a maximum three minutes, except for Piobaireachd which is a maximum five minutes.

PRIZES

For solo events other than Open, prizes are medals. For solo Open and Band events, monetary prizes are awarded. The Band monetary prizes will be awarded as an aggregate. For Pipe Bands, Open Solo and Drum Major events, the total purses are over \$5000, \$2500 and \$1175, respectively. The value of prizes will be provided on written request of the BCPA Competition Secretary at entries@bcpipers.org

Be advised that the performance fees may be capped at the discretion of the VHGA Piping and Drumming Chair depending upon number of entrants.

To be eligible for the performance fee, the FULL BAND MUST PLAY IN BOTH THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES FOR BOTH DAYS.

NOTE: During the opening and closing ceremonies, solo competitors must not play or warm-up their instruments.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

During the competition days of the games, in case of an emergency please contact Chief Steward Lynn Bullis at (C) 604-970-7783.

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 Victoria Highland Games Association (VHGA) competitions for injuries which may be suffered by me while in attendance. I also authorize the VHGA to use for promotional purposes any audio, pictures, or videos of me or the organization I represent taken during the Victoria Highland Games by an official Games photographer. 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 VHGA events and consents to the VHGA 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 VHGA to record, store, reproduce and broadcast performances by those performers.

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