

WUSPBA Bylaws Proposal: Authority to exclude members.

This proposal would explicitly allow the WUSPBA to refuse membership to people with cause.

Proposed addition to Article 3 of the WUSPBA Bylaws

3. Membership:

3.1 Eligibility. Membership in the Association is open to all pipe bands and individuals who subscribe to the objectives cited in Article 2. All members, either as band members or as individual members, must abide by the Associations bylaws, contest rules, and the WUSPBA Code of Conduct.

3.2 Exclusions. *The WUSPBA shall reserve the right to exclude from membership any person whose actions shall be construed as harassment, abuse or threats to other members of the organization, including elected officers, appointed committee members, other volunteers, member bands, and participating games and sponsoring organizations, or for any other reason which shall be determined to be detrimental to the WUSPBA. The WUSPBA shall also reserve the right to reject registration of any such person to any member band, and to refuse sanctioning for any event who allows any such person to act in an official capacity.*

3.3 Determination. *All exclusions shall be solely determined by the Executive Committee whose determination shall be final, until rescinded by subsequent approval of the Executive Committee.*

3.4 Refunds. *Any exclusion that is made after an individual has paid membership fees will result in a refund of the membership fees. No band membership fees will be refunded if a registration of excluded person is rejected.*

Rationale:

The WUSPBA Executive Committee, Music Board and other groups have been subject to frequent harassment, repeated threats of legal action and abusive verbal assault from an individual, who is a member of WUSPBA.

Legal Foundation: Any private organization has the right to limit its membership to those who meet their goals and whose actions are not detrimental to their organizations.