

WUSPBA Contest Rules Proposal: Change Number of Required Pipers in grade 4.

This proposal would change the number of pipers required to compete in grade 4 in section 7.12.

Proposed Text Revision of Table 7.

	Pipers	Side Drummers	Tenor Drummers	Bass Drummers
Grade 1	6	2	1	1
Grade 2	6	2	1	1
Grade 3	6	2	1	1
Grade 4	5	2	0	1
Grade 5	5	2	0	1
Juvenile	5	2	0	1

Table 7. Band Numbers

Rationale:

Large parts of the territory of WUSPBA are sparsely populated, and many bands struggled to have 6 pipers, especially in the Great Basin and Intermountain branches. Forcing these bands to compete in grade 5 would be unfair to grade 5 bands.

Rules Comparison:

In grade 4, MWPBA, BC Pipers and PPBSO require 6 pipers, EUSPBA has a requirement of only 5.