

## Method to determine aggregate winners in solo competition-Erin Gunn

### Existing Text:

1.8. Solo Leets: Where a solo contest will consist of more than approximately twenty (20) entries, the contest should be divided into two or more smaller sections. The contest sponsor determines the players in each section either randomly or by age. If there is an overall trophy for the grade, there should be a playoff between the section winners. Where possible, the playoff adjudicator should not have judged any of the original grade sections. All playoff competitors must be notified of the playoff time and location no later than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the contest playoff.

### Proposed Text:

1.8. Solo Leets: Where a solo contest will consist of more than approximately twenty (20) entries, the contest should be divided into two or more smaller sections. The contest sponsor determines the players in each section either randomly or by age. **No playoff is required for split events. Prizes and WUSPBA aggregate points will be awarded for each leet. Each leet within a particular grade should contain the same players for all events. However, if there is an overall trophy for the grade, or age division, there should be a playoff between the section winners- one of the following methods should be used to determine the aggregate winner.**

### Method #1: Assignment of aggregate points:

The aggregate winner for a grade, or age division, should be determined over all events (minimum of two events). The following table details the points to be awarded for each placing. The aggregate winner for a grade, or age division, is the soloist with the highest point total.

Event Placing	Aggregate Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	56
3 <sup>rd</sup>	38
4 <sup>th</sup>	25
5 <sup>th</sup>	16
6 <sup>th</sup>	10

In the event two or more competitors have the same aggregate point total the soloist's placings in individual events shall be used to break the tie. The following table details the order events should be used to break a tie.

	Piobaireachd	MSR	Hornpipe /Jig	2/4 March	6/8 March	Slow March	Strathspey / Reel	Jig	Hornpipe	Drum Solo
<b>Open Piping</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Grade 1 Piping</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		

Grade 2 Piping	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		
Grade 3 Piping	1 <sup>st</sup>			3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Grade 4 Piping	1 <sup>st</sup>			2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>				
Open Snare		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grade 1 Snare		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grade 2 Snare		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							
Grade 3 Snare				2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup>			
Grade 4 Snare				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>					
Open Tenor		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							
Novice Tenor				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>					
Open Bass		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>							

If a tie cannot be broken the contest organizer has the option of: 1. awarding the aggregate to more than one soloist, or 2. holding a playoff between the soloists that qualify for the aggregate.

### Method #2: Playoff

The playoff method should be used for grades that only offer one (1) event, and are split into leets. The top two (2) or three (3) players from each leet will play against each other for the overall grade trophy. Where possible, the playoff adjudicator should not have judged any of the original grade sections. All playoff competitors must be notified of the playoff time and location no later than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the contest playoff.

### Rational:

Due to the large number of solo competitors (especially in grade 4 piping) contest organizers are finding it necessary to split the larger grades into leets. However, finding time in their solo schedule to hold a playoff can be challenging and a strain on human, financial, and facility resources. The ability to use aggregate points rather than a pla off to determine an overall winner gives contest organizers more options.

The British Columbia Pipers' Association, Alberta Society of Pipers & Drummers, and the Saskatchewan Pipe Band Association all use these aggregate points to determine their aggregate winners.