

**Exclusion of pipe bands from participation-submitted by John Eric Partanen,
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Existing text:

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7.1.1 Exclusion of pipe bands from participation: All band, mini band, quartet, and trio contests sanctioned by the WUSPBA shall be open to all members in good standing of the WUSPBA or any ANAPBA affiliated pipe band association. Contest sponsors may not limit entries, or exclude pipe bands from participation at WUSPBA sanctioned contests without prior written approval from the Executive Committee.

Rational:

All contests sanctioned by the WUSPBA should be open to WUSPBA and ANAPBA affiliated solo, instructor, and pipe band members in good standing unless there is a compelling reason for the exclusion. A contest sponsor that wants to exclude WUSPBA members and ANAPBA affiliated members from a WUSPBA sanctioned contest must present arguments for and apply for such exclusions.