

Proposed Change to the Registered Instructor Policy.

1) EXISTING TEXT: Pipe Band Contest Rules 7.2.2.1. Registered Instructor Policy: Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Juvenile bands may register, for the competition season, at most one (1) piping instructor and one (1) drumming instructor who are also registered with another, higher-graded band. An instructor is defined as an individual from a higher-graded band who provides piping/drumming instruction on an ongoing basis to the lower-graded band in which the instructor is registered, i.e., an instructor is a registered member who regularly attends that band's practices and provides instruction at those practices. The instructor(s) shall not be permitted to make up the minimum number of pipers or drummers required for competition. Instructors for Grade 2 bands may not act as the Pipe Major or lead drummer. A higher-grade band may have more than one piper or drummer who serves as instructors of Grade II, III, IV, V, and Juvenile bands.

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3) RATIONALE: An instructors playing / teaching ability is not always representative of a band grade level he / she chooses to play in. For example, sometimes Grade 1 players enjoy playing in Grade 4 bands, but like helping out with a Grade 2 band.

Under the current language, a Grade 1 level player playing in a Grade 4 band can not be the Registered Instructor of a Grade 3 or 2 band.

But, technically, a Grade 3 level player could play in a Grade 1 band, and at the same time be the Registered Instructor of a Grade 4, 3 or 2 band.

This proposal removes the "band grade level tag" associated with it, and simply let's bands register one piping instructor and one drumming instructor.

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