

CR6 - Proposal To Add a Regimental Drum Major Division to Sanctioned Solo Competition

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1) EXISTING TEXT

6.1. Grade Designations: Solo drum major competition is organized into three (3) categories: Adult Open – 18 years or older with more than three (3) years of experience competition in any other grade of Drum Majors.

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Regimental: Open to all ages, this grade focuses on military-style dress, drill movements, and words of command. Judging criteria will adhere to the Royal Regiment of Scotland Dress Regulations, the Regimental Drum Major Association (“RDMA”) Drill Manual, the RDMA Dress Manual, and the RDMA Mace Manual.

3) RATIONALE

The Regimental Drum Major Contest was introduced at Pleasanton in 2009. This unsanctioned contest has continued annually as a local option event with WUSPBA support. Support and interest have expanded to other WUSPBA games, as well as events in the BC Pipers’ Association and EUSPBA.

Sanctioning the Regimental Drum Major Contest will facilitate a consistent contest format, judging, and awards for the event. In addition, sanctioning will provide credibility and potential acceptance of the Regimental Drum Major contest within other Pipe Band Associations.

The Regimental Drum Major Association, a separate entity of WUSPBA, was developed to comport Drum Major dress, drill, and deportment to a military standard, encouraging pipe band Drum Majors to follow the Scottish Division military standard.

To preserve and memorialize the original military heritage and origination of the Drum Major position, the Regimental Drum Major contest was developed. As with Scottish Military Drum Majors, the emphasis is dress, drill, and deportment, with no emphasis on flourishing outside of prescribed and accepted military mace signals.

By-products of the Regimental Drum Major contest provide an event that allows older Drum Majors to participate and be viably competitive; and to display the traditional military uniforms of a Scottish Drum Major.

4) RESOURCES REQUIRED

Time allocation and judging is shared with the standard Drum Major event.

Course dimensions:

- The competition field shall be 76 paces long, boundaries identified by orange cones or other landmarks
- The competition course will be 2.5 lengths within the set course.

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Awards have been inconsistent. It is recommended that cash awards for the Regimental Drum Major Contest align with those provided to Adult Professional grade winners.

Regimental Drum Majors would be members of WUSPBA and pay the requisite member and contest entry fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drum Major Paul Olson, Silicon Valley Pipe Band and the WUSPBA Drum Major Committee