

## WUSPBA Solo Piping Quick Reference Guide

**Order of Play:** Solo competitors will play in the order determined by the contest organizer. (CR 1.6.)

**Tuning:** Pipers shall be limited to a five-minute tuning time for all solo events. (CR 2.2.)

**Marching:** Pipers in Grades 3 and above shall be required to march during the March portion of any contest unless physically disabled and unable to do so. (CR 2.3.)

**Competitor Performance Level:** All competitors should be judged based on evaluating each player's performance against the standard for the grade. It is **very** important to mark the performance level at the bottom of the judging sheet: Above grade level; In the upper quartile of this grade level; At grade level; In the lower quartile of this grade level; or Below grade level. (CR 1.10.)

**Summary Form:** Please rank the top six competitors from 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> with no ties. (CR 1.9.) Please note if, in your opinion based on this performance only, the competitor should be moved up or down in grade. Competitors are evaluated based on season-wide performances using both the Competitor Performance Level and this information.

**Dress Requirements:** WUSPBA has no strict competition rules regarding dress for solo competitions. The Code of Conduct encourages all participants to wear appropriate Highland dress while on the field.

**Tune Requirements:** In light music, tunes must be minimum four parts except where noted. For events specifically requiring two-parted tune(s), the first two parts only of a longer tune is acceptable. (CR 2.4.)

### GRADE 5 Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
2/4 March	1 <u>two-parted</u> tune	1 tune	-
Slow March/Air	1 <u>two-parted</u> tune, minimum 32 bars	1 tune	-

### GRADE 4 Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
2/4 March	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
Strathspey & Reel	1 <u>two-parted</u> strath. & 1 <u>two-parted</u> reel	1 set (1 strath. & 1 reel)	-
6/8 March	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
Piobaireachd	Ground and next numbered section only	1 piobaireachd	-

### GRADE 3 Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
2/4 March	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
Strathspey & Reel	1 strath. (min. 4 parts) & 1 reel (min. 4 parts)	1 set (1 strath. & 1 reel)	-
Hornpipe	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
Jig	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
6/8 March	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
Piobaireachd	1 piobaireachd	1 piobaireachd	-

## GRADE 2 Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
<b>MSR</b>	1 2/4 march (min. 4 pts), 1 strath. (min. 4 pts), & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	2 marches, 1 strath., & 1 reel	1 march
<b>Hornpipe &amp; Jig</b>	1 hornpipe (min. 4 pts) & 1 jig (min. 4 pts)	1 set (1 hornpipe & 1 jig)	-
<b>2/4 March</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	2 tunes	1 tune
<b>6/8 March</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	1 tune	-
<b>Strathspey &amp; Reel</b>	1 strath. (min. 4 pts) & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	1 set (1 strath. & 1 reel)	-
<b>Jig</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	2 tunes	1 tune
<b>Piobaireachd</b>	1 piobaireachd	2 piobaireachd	1 piobaireachd

## GRADE 1 Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
<b>MSR</b>	1 2/4 march (min. 4 pts), 1 strath. (min. 4 pts), & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	2 marches, 2 straths., & 2 reels	1 march, 1 strath., & 1 reel
<b>Hornpipe &amp; Jig</b>	1 hornpipe (min. 4 pts) & 1 jig (min. 4 pts)	2 hornpipes & 2 jigs	1 hornpipe & 1 jig
<b>2/4 March</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	2 tunes	1 tune
<b>6/8 March</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	2 tunes	1 tune
<b>Strathspey &amp; Reel</b>	1 strath. (min. 4 pts), & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	2 straths. & 2 reels	1 strath. & 1 reel
<b>Jig</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts) - <i>at contest organizer's option, may be required to play it 2x</i>	2 tunes	1 tune
<b>Piobaireachd</b>	1 piobaireachd	3 piobaireachd	1 piobaireachd

## OPEN Solo Piping

Event	Playing Req.	Competitor Submits	Judge Selects
<b>MSR</b>	1 2/4 march (min. 4 pts), 1 strath. (min. 4 pts), & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	4 marches, 4 straths., & 4 reels	1 march, 1 strath., & 1 reel
<b>Hornpipe &amp; Jig</b>	1 hornpipe (min. 4 pts) & 1 jig (min. 4 pts)	3 hornpipes & 3 jigs	1 hornpipe & 1 jig
<b>2/4 March</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts)	4 tunes	1 tune
<b>6/8 March</b>	2 tunes (min. 4 parts)	3 tunes	2 tunes
<b>Strathspey &amp; Reel</b>	1 strath. (min. 4 pts), & 1 reel (min. 4 pts)	4 straths. & 4 reels	1 strath. & 1 reel
<b>Jig</b>	1 tune (min. 4 parts) - <i>at contest organizer's option, may be required to play it 2x</i>	4 tunes	1 tune
<b>Piobaireachd</b>	1 piobaireachd	4 piobaireachd	1 piobaireachd