



May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - TOPAZ PARK, Victoria, BC

**Victoria Highland Games Association hosts the 156<sup>th</sup> Victoria Highland Games  
and  
The Invitational Drum Major Championship  
on May 18 and 19, 2019**

**PIPING, DRUMMING AND PIPE BANDS EVENTS INFORMATION GUIDE**

NOTE: Competitors must enter the highland games events on-line and pay by credit card at the BCPA website [www.bcpipers.org](http://www.bcpipers.org). No paper entries or cheques will be accepted

Entries including full payment and tune names (where tune submissions are required and for all band events) must be received by **April 27, 2019** for entry to be accepted.

All events are conducted under the rules of the BC Pipers Association.

The Open grade is the highest calibre grade of the music discipline.

In the list of events table below, a WHITE filled box means that the event is offered on that day.

**PIPING**

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Sat May 18	Sun May 19
102	Beginner	Slow Air (on Chanter)	Min. 2 parts, repeats to be observed		
103	Beginner	2/4 March (on Chanter)	4 parts of March 2 parted tunes permitted		
111	5	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
112	5	Slow Air	Min 2 parts, repeats to observed		
121	4	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
122	4	Piobaireachd	Ground and next variation		
123	4	Strathspey & Reel	2 parts each played twice or 4 parts each		
131	3	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
132	3	Strathspey & Reel	Min. 4 parts each		
133	3	Piobaireachd	Submit 1		
142	2	Piobaireachd	Submit 2 tunes		
146	2	2/4 March	Submit 2 tunes, each tunes min. 4 parts		
147	2	Strathspey & Reel	Min. 4 parts each		
151	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 of each tune, min. 4 parts each		
152	1	Piobaireachd	Submit 3 tunes		
154	1	Jig	Submit 2 tunes, play 1 twice, min 4 parts ea		
161	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 4 of each tune, min 4 parts ea		
162	Open	Piobaireachd	Submit 4 tunes		
164	Open	Jig	Submit 4 tunes, play 1 twice, min 4 parts ea		
171	Adult	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
172	Adult	Slow Air	Min. 2 parts, repeats to be observed		
174	Adult	Piobaireachd	Ground and next variation		

**DRUM MAJORING**

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Sat May 18	Sun May 19
551	Grade 1	Dress, Deport, Flourish	Regimental - Marching and Department		

Drum Major Clinic - Saturday 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Minimum of 6 registrants required for the clinic

**SNARE DRUMMING**

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Sat May 18	Sun May 19
202	Beginner	2/4 March (on drum pad)	4 parts BCPA Massed Band setting		
203	Beginner	6/8 March (on drum pad)	4 parts BCPA Massed Band setting		
221	4	2/4 March	4 parts only		
222	4	6/8 March	4 parts only		
231	3	2/4 March	Min. 4 parts		
232	3	6/8 March	Min. 4 parts		
241	2	March, Strathspey, Reel	Each tune min. 4 parts each		
242	2	Hornpipe & Jig	Each tune min. 4 parts each		
251	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Each tune min. 4 parts each		
252	1	Hornpipe & Jig	Each tune min. 4 parts each		
261	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min. 4 parts		
262	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Submit 2 sets, each tune min. 4 parts		

**TENOR DRUMMING**

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Sat May 18	Sun May 19
301	Beginner	2/4 March	4 parts BCPA Massed Band setting		
302	Beginner	6/8 March	4 parts BCPA Massed Band setting		
341	2	2/4 March	4 parts only		
342	2	6/8 March	4 parts only		
351	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Each tune minimum 4 parts		
352	1	Hornpipe & Jig	Each tune minimum 4 parts		
361	Open	March, Strathspey, Reel	Each tune minimum 4 parts		
362	Open	Hornpipe & Jig	Each tune minimum 4 parts		

**BANDS**

Event	Grade	Music	Requirements	Sat May 18	Sun May 19
812	5	Quick Marches Set	8 parts of Quick Marches simple time		
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821	4	Medley	3-5 minutes		
822	4	March, Strathspey, Reel	1X4 parted or 2X2 parted Ms, Ss, Rs, RSPBA prescribed tunes list recommended but not required		
831	3	Medley	3-5 minutes		
832	3	March, Strathspey, Reel	Each tune min 4 parts		
841	2	Medley	4-6 minutes		
842	2	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts		
851	1	Medley	Submit one, 5-7 minutes		
852	1	March, Strathspey, Reel	Submit 2 sets, each tune min 4 parts		

Bands challenging up is not being offered at this games, except for Grade 5 bands which can challenge up in only the Grade 4 Medley event

Sunday, May 19, 2019  
Open Piobaireachd sponsored by



MacMhaol-onfhaidh ('Macaloney') Distillers Ltd - Piobaireachd (pibroch) Competition



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Step 1: Competitors must enter the highland games events on-line and pay by credit card at [www.bcpipers.org](http://www.bcpipers.org). No paper entries or cheques will be accepted.** If you do not have a credit card, you may use a Visa® Gift Card purchased at any of the following locations. In Canada: Vancity credit unions, Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmasave, 7-Eleven, and other retail outlets. In the USA: Wells Fargo, PNC Bank, US Bank, and other retail outlets.

**Step 2:** You should print this information document in order to read the information, music and rules requirements on both pages.

**Step 3:** You must complete all fields of the competitor information section online. Your BCPA Membership # is on your membership card.

**Step 4: Where tune submissions are required, (Open Piping Piobaireachd, Open Snare Drumming, and Bands),** tunes must be entered online or submitted to [entries@bcpipers.org](mailto:entries@bcpipers.org) before the entry deadline of April 27, 2019.

**Step 5:** Before the entry deadline, updated band rosters must be submitted to the Membership Chair at [membership@bcpipers.org](mailto:membership@bcpipers.org)

**No telephone, email or late entries accepted. NO REFUNDS.** For questions regarding entries, contact 604-882-0953 or [entries@bcpipers.org](mailto:entries@bcpipers.org)

### NON-MEMBER FEE

\* Solo competitors and bands who are not current members of the BC Pipers Association (BCPA) or an officially recognized piping/pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA (associations in the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations), must pay an additional \$12.00 CDN (\$10.00 US) per soloist or \$60 CDN (\$50 US) per band to entry fee total. Non-BCPA members, please submit a picture or scan of your current membership card, or similar proof, to [entries@bcpipers.org](mailto:entries@bcpipers.org)

### VENUE

The Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival is held at Topaz Park located at the corner of Finlayson Street and Blanshard Street in Victoria.

- For the safety of our furry friends, dogs are not allowed at the park/on the field during the Games weekend
- Following CRD BYLAW 3962, the games are a SMOKE FREE EVENT

Gates open one hour before competition starts. Competition begins 9:00 am for solo piping and drumming, 1:30 pm for band contest. These times are subject to change, dependent upon number of entries received. (Piobaireachd events may start earlier)

No Gate passes will be issued. You will be granted entry to the games if you are in uniform.

### ORDERS OF PLAY

Orders of play for Open Piping, Open Drumming, and Bands will be determined by random draw. The random draw will take place at 7 pm April 30 at the Competition Secretary's address. All other events are first to enter, last to play, with all entries received by 11:59 pm March 15 considered to be randomly received on March 15.

All orders of play will be posted one week before of the competition and schedules three days before the competition on the BCPA web site ([www.bcpipers.org](http://www.bcpipers.org))

Competitors must check in with the registration desk and with the individual event steward at the start of each of their events. Competitors not ready to play in the posted order may be disqualified. Competitors are required to report any event performance time conflicts to the applicable stewards.

### TUNE SELECTION

Tune selection for solo events conducted by the adjudicator at time competitor presents to perform except Open Piping Piobaireachd (in final tuning area) and Open Snare Drumming (at 8 am on competition day). If the Open Piping Piobaireachd or Open Snare Drumming competitor does not submit their tunes or sets by the entry deadline, the competitor shall inform the adjudicator of the tunes or sets for the event at his/her scheduled competition time and the adjudicator shall indicate which tune or set is to be performed. For band events, selection of MSR (Grades 1 & 2) will be conducted by Chief Steward when band is at the starting line.

### HIGHLAND DRESS

Refer to the BCPA competition rules for appropriate highland dress.

### TUNING TIME

Tuning time is a maximum three minutes, except for Piobaireachd which is a maximum five minutes.

### PRIZES

For solo events other than Open, prizes are medals. For solo Open and Band events, monetary prizes are awarded. The Band monetary prizes will be awarded as an aggregate. For Pipe Bands, Open Solo and Drum Major events, the total purses are over \$4800, \$2500 and \$1100, respectively. The value of prizes will be provided on written request of the BCPA Competition Secretary at [entries@bcpipers.org](mailto:entries@bcpipers.org)

Be advised that the performance fees may be capped at the discretion of the VHGA Piping and Drumming Chair depending upon number of entrants.

To be eligible for the performance fee, the FULL BAND MUST PLAY IN BOTH THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES FOR BOTH DAYS.

NOTE: During the opening and closing ceremonies, solo competitors must not play or warm-up their instruments.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

During the competition days of the games, in case of an emergency please contact either Competition Secretary Moira Mack at (C) 604-783-7402 or Chief Steward Lynn Bullis at (C) 604-970-7783.

**WAIVER STATEMENT** (To be agreed to by competitor, or parent/guardian if under age 18) I desire to enter the events identified, and in consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and relieve any and all claims I may have against the Victoria Highland Games Association (VHGA) competitions for injuries which may be suffered by me while in attendance. I also authorize the VHGA to use for promotional purposes any audio, pictures, or videos of me or the organization I represent taken during the Victoria Highland Games by an official Games photographer. I have read and understand the information in this information document.

**PERFORMING RIGHTS STATEMENT** (To be agreed to by competitor or band representative) The player or band referenced on this entry has permission to publicly perform all of the music he/she/it will perform at VHGA events and consents to the VHGA recording, storing, reproducing and broadcasting any performances publicly through whatever means it deems appropriate. The representative of the band completing this entry has consent from all individual performers in the band to act on their behalf in providing consent to the VHGA to record, store, reproduce and broadcast performances by those performers.

### Games Sponsor Hotels

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