



North West England Branch, RSPBA

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**Minibands Contest – Entry Form**  
**Saturday 25th April 2020**

Venue: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Woodchurch Road, Prenton CH43 5UT

	<b>Juvenile Grade</b> (4 parts in quick march tempo, any time sigs.)	<b>£6.00 per team</b>
1		
2		
3		
4		
	<b>Grade 4</b> (March Selection, any time sigs. 2m30s-4m30s)	
1		
2		
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4		
	<b>Grade 4 MSR</b> 1 x 4 Parted 2/4 March or 2 x 2 parted 2/4 Marches 1 x 4 Parted Strathspey or 2 x 2 parted Strathspeys 1 x 4 Parted Reel or 2 x 2 Parted Reels all taken from the prescribed MAP list - see RSPBA website	
1		
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	<b>Grade 3</b> (3-5 min Medley)	
1		
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3		
4		
	<b>Open</b> (M.S.R.)	
1		
2		
3		
4		

**Band**

**Draw to be held on Sunday 19th April 2020.**  
**Please make cheques payable to 'North West England Branch, RSPBA'.**



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### Rules:

1. All events are open to bands registered with the RSPBA.
2. Bands must play in their own grade, and may also play up one grade and/or in the Open if time permits.
3. Juvenile Bands may play in their own grade and in Grade 4. They may also play up into Grade 3 and/or in the Open if time permits.
4. The Pipe Major may appoint another piper to act as the Acting Pipe Major for the day. The Branch official responsible for the contest must be informed of this before the contest begins. The choice of Acting Pipe Major may not be changed once the contest has begun.
5. No piper may play more than once in any grade, with the exception of the Pipe Major or the appointed Acting Pipe Major. **He/she alone may play as many times in any grade as required. (Change of rule, introduced 2020)**
6. The full drum corps is allowed to play as many times as required in any grade.
7. Any band without a bass drummer may borrow a bass drummer from another band in the same grade.
8. Any band in any grade may enter a Juvenile event. Each team entered may include one adult piper from the band to act as leader for the team. Each adult is only allowed to play once with the exception of the Pipe Major, or Acting Pipe Major, who alone is allowed to play **as many times in any grade as required. (Change of rule, introduced 2020)**
9. In all grades each team must consist of 4 or 5 pipers, 1 bass drummer and 2 side drummers. Tenor drummers are optional.
10. Bands may enter teams for both the Trio Piping and the Minibands in any grade.
11. Entries, with fees, must be submitted to the Contest Secretary by post or in person before the draw takes place. Late entries will be accepted, but there will be an added penalty fee of £5 per band. Late entries will also be placed first in the playing order.
12. Competitors going up to receive trophies at the prize-giving must be in uniform.