

2011 US Junior Solo Bagpiping Championship Competition

An Invitational Championship for young competitors who are US citizens or US residents and under the age of 18 years as of November 12, 2011.

The Balmoral board and staff believe that a major national competition focusing on youth is the perfect event to strengthen American piping and reward the nation's best young players with the recognition they deserve for their dedication and excellence in competitive performance. It is our hope and vision that competing in The Balmoral Classic will become the standard to which talented young American pipers aspire, providing them the experience and the confidence necessary to compete on international platforms. This can only bode well for the future standard of American bagpiping and is wholly consistent with Balmoral's mission of providing "world class instruction, presenting innovative musical events, and fostering tradition, with an emphasis on youth."

**Competition date:
Saturday, November 12, 2011
9am to 5pm**

**Competition location:
Mellon Institute
4400 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

Application closing date: Friday, October 7, 2011*

Entry fee: \$25

Judges and awards to be announced.

*** Note: application and fees must be received by October 7 (not a postmark date)**

2011 US Junior Solo Bagpiping Championship Rules:

Light Music

Each competitor for the light music competition shall submit two 2/4 competition marches, two competition strathspeys, two competition reels. All tunes must have a minimum of four parts. Each competitor will be notified by the adjudicators of the tunes to be played within 15 to 30 minutes of the performance.

Piobaireachd

Each competitor shall submit two piobaireachd, one of which will be selected by the adjudicators and conveyed to the competitor within 15 to 30 minutes of the performance.

Code of conduct

- All tunes shall be played from memory.
- Tutors are required to confirm that their pupil has reached a suitable standard.
- In the event of a tie, the outcome shall be dependent upon the competitor's final piobaireachd place.
- Entries must be received by Friday, October 7, 2011 and accompanied by the \$25 entry fee.
- Only the competitor and his/her tutor will be permitted in the tuning rooms. There will be no exceptions.
- Only the competitor may tune his/her pipes in the competition room.
- Competitor's badges showing order of play will be given when competitors report to the stewards.
- Competitors are reminded that they must wear Highland dress, including a hat. No piper may compete unless dressed to the satisfaction of the stewards and competition committee.
- Competitors' choices of tunes may not be changed after the application deadline.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- The winner agrees to perform the winning medley during the evening concert.



APPLICATION FORM

The forms below, together with full details and the \$25 entry fee must be received (not postmarked) by October 7, 2011.

This is an **invitational** competition. Applications will be reviewed by the Balmoral Classic competition committee and acceptance/ rejection notices will be sent by Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Please fill in the application, complete the waiver forms below, and send with entry fees to: George Balderose, The Balmoral Classic Jr. Solo Championship, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 . Voice (412 323-2707), fax (412-323-1817).

Notice: This event is not sanctioned by the EUSPBA/MWPBA/WUSPBA and thus the playing requirements are not according to any specific amateur grade.

2011 US Junior Solo Bagpiping Championship Application:

Name _____

Full address: _____

Date of Birth. _____ Are you a US citizen or US resident? _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

Competitive History:

- Please list the name of the Association and the Grade in which you presently compete:

- Please list your competitive awards in 2010 and 2011. (add additional pages if needed)

2010: _____

2011: _____

I certify that the above information is correct and that the entrant has reached a suitable standard of playing. (Signed by an independent tutor for all entrants).

Signed by independent tutor

Tune Selections:

A. Light Music

Marches: 1. _____

2. _____

Strathspeys: 1. _____

2. _____

Reels: 1. _____

2. _____

B. Piobaireachd 1. _____

2. _____

I enclose the following:

This entry form and waivers

\$25 Entry fee payable to: "The Balmoral Classic"

I promise to adhere to the "Code of Conduct" in the contest schedule

Signed by, or on behalf of, the entrant _____

WAIVERS

1) The Participant, and his/her parents and/or guardians in consideration of participation in the Balmoral Classic US Junior Solo Bagpiping Championship competition, do hereby release and forever discharge The Balmoral School of Piping, The Balmoral Classic, its successors, assigns, and personal representatives from all manner of liability, responsibility, accountability, actions, proceedings, claims, and demands whatsoever for or on account of any actions or failures to act or defects of any kind by the Participant or the Balmoral School, whether such acts or lack of acts or defects have already occurred or may hereafter occur relating in any way to the Participant's participation in the Balmoral Classic competition. It being the intent hereof to release and forever discharge completely the Balmoral School as completely as if the student, his/her parents, or his/her guardians had never entered the Balmoral Classic competition.

2) The Participant, his/her parents and/or guardians, expressly agree to indemnify The Balmoral Schools, Inc. against all claims, damage costs, and expense whatsoever arising out of the Participant's participation in the Balmoral Classic competition.

Participant (please print) _____

Signature _____

(Parent or Guardian of competitor)

MEDICAL WAIVER

I do hereby release _____ to be treated by a qualified physician in case of an emergency. He/she has no allergies ___ (check if appropriate).

He/she has the following allergies _____

Signature _____

Parent or Guardian _____ date _____

Phone # (H) _____ (W) _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____

ID# _____ Plan or Policy # _____

Phone# _____

PHOTOGRAPHY WAIVER

The Participant, his/her parents, or his/her guardians understand that photographs and video may be taken during Balmoral Classic competition, and further understand that these media are important for educational, funding and promotional materials that celebrate and share accomplishments at the Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming. Therefore, I give the Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming my permission to use, in part or whole, the name, picture, performance, photograph and/or taped voice of myself as the Participant, or the Participant who is my son/daughter and I release the program from any monetary compensation or from any and all claims resulting from such use.

Participant (please print) _____

Signature _____
(All participants must sign)

Parent or Guardian _____ date _____
(if under 21 years of age)