



## 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:** Complete all fields of the competitor information section. Your BCPA Membership # is on your membership card.

**Step 4: Where tune submissions are required in advance (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 28, 2018.

**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 \$4.50 CDN (\$4.50 US) per solo event or \$60 CDN (\$60 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.

### RULES

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

### ORDER 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 May 1 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 28 considered to be randomly received on March 28.

All orders of play will be posted one week before 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 Snare Drumming (at 8 am on competition day). 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 \$4875, \$2000 and \$1200, 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

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