

****2nd VPA Online Solo Contest****

The VPA would like to invite you to participate in our 2nd VPA Online Solo Contest

To enter, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BNWPZ>

Competitors MUST only enter their assigned grade for the relevant discipline.

E.g. If your piob and light music grade is A, you may enter piob and light music in A grade.

If your piob is B grade and your light music is C, you may enter B grade piob and C grade light music.

If your piob is B grade and your light music is C, you may NOT enter B grade piob and light music or C grade piob and light music. You must stay in your assigned grade for the relevant discipline.

Entries are \$10 for VPA Members or \$20 for non-members. Memberships can be purchased via the TryBooking link. Membership gains you membership prices for contests in 2021 as well as additional discounts for events such as piping workshops.

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No changes have been made to 2020 VPA gradings so please enter into your relevant grade as of December 31st 2020. If you are unsure of your grade, please email us at:

victorianpipers@gmail.com

If you are an interstate competitor who has not previously competed in a VPA event, you may contact us to ascertain your grading.

Please Note - You do **NOT** have to enter all elements. E.g. You may enter Element 1 only, or piobaireachd only etc. The entry fee is the same regardless of how many events you enter.

If you have any enquiries, please email us at victorianpipers@gmail.com

Contest Rules

Submission Date - Recordings must be submitted by 11:59pm Sunday the 21st of February 2021.

Grading - Please enter into your current VPA grade as of 2020. If you are unsure of your grade, please note this in your entry email and we will contact you via email to confirm your grade.

Recording Submission - **You will be assigned a Google drive folder to submit your recordings**, this folder will not be shared with anyone except yourself, the VPA Executive, and the relevant Adjudicator/s. **You must only submit ONE recording per element** (So make it a good one!). If you submit more than one recording for an element, ONLY the first recording will be considered.

Recording Quality – Please ensure that the recording is of sufficient quality for viewing. Review your recordings before uploading to check that the audio is clear so our judges can make clear and fair assessments.

Presentation – You are NOT required to wear highland dress as this is a recorded contest. You may do so if you wish but it is not compulsory. If you are submitting a video recording then please ensure that you are clearly visible and no inappropriate images are contained within the video. The VPA is committed to high community standards of public decency and player protection.

Please label your recording files clearly.

You must also label your recordings with your name and event name.

E.g. John_Piper_Agrade_2/4March.mp4

If you would like to use a different sharing system (e.g. iCloud or Youtube link), you may do so and email the link to victorianpipers@gmail.com with your Name, Grade and Event CLEARLY stated in the subject and body of the email. Please state this in your entry email as well.

We would prefer all competitors to use the Google drive system but understand that some may not be able to for various reasons. Please be aware that this could result in some difficulties accessing your recording, we will endeavour to overcome these issues as best we can.

Consent - Recordings may be either Video or Audio only. **If you are submitting a video and you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must complete and submit the attached consent form with your entry**

*****Contest Requirements*****

Light Music

Novice Grade

Element 1 - 2 parts of 2/4 March (VPA subscribed tune list)

Element 2 - 2 parts of Strathspey into 2 parts of Reel (VPA Subscribed tune list)

D grade

Element 1 - 4 parts of 2/4 March (VPA subscribed tune list)

Element 2 - 2 parts of Strathspey into 2 parts of Reel (VPA subscribed tune list)

C Grade

Element 1 - Minimum 4 parts of 2/4 March (Own choice)

Element 2 - Minimum 4 parts of Strathspey into minimum 4 parts of Reel (Own Choice)

B grade

Element 1 - Minimum 4 part 2/4 March (Own choice)

Element 2 - Minimum 4 part Strathspey into minimum 4 part reel (Own Choice)

Element 3 - Minimum 4 part Hornpipe into minimum 4 part Jig

A grade

Element 1 - Minimum 4 part 2/4 March (Own choice)

Element 2 - Minimum 4 part Strathspey into minimum 4 part reel (Own Choice)

Element 3 - Minimum 4 part Hornpipe into minimum 4 part Jig

Piobaireachd

Novice Grade - Ground only (VPA Novice Grade set list)

D grade - Ground and next Variation only (VPA D grade set list)

C grade - 1 full tune (VPA C grade set list, must include crunluath variation)

B grade - 1 full tune (VPA B grade set list, must include crunluath variation)

A grade - 1 full tune (Own choice, must include crunluath variation)

Tune lists can be found on our website www.pipingvictoria.com

Good Luck and we look forward to your performances!