



Brass Factor – Competition Rules

1. **Band Numbers.** A Maximum of **thirty two**, including percussion, but not conductor are allowed. No registration cards are required.
2. **Method of Draw.** The draw will take place prior to the contest to determine where bands are playing. Each band will be notified a minimum of a week before the competition. Each band will be notified of a time of arrival, bands are asked to arrive in plenty of time to ensure the smooth running of the contest.
3. **Adjudication.** The winner will be selected through the musical judge's points, entertainment judge's points and audience member's votes. In total each band will be marked out of 400 with the points been distributed as follows:

Musical Judges: 120 points each, Entertainment Judges: 50 points each and Audience: 60 points.

In the event of two bands having the same points on the evening the band with the highest audience vote will be the winner.

4. **Musical Content of the Contest.** The contest will be judged on an own choice entertainment programme lasting between 18 and 20 minutes. The time starts from either when the first note is played/ the conductor starts talking. The time will stop when the last note is played. **Penalty Points.** 10 points will be deducted for every 30 seconds over the 20 minute limit. After each band has played the conductor must step forward with the presenter to hear the judge's views of your performance. Whilst this is taking place it is asked that the band on stage exits as quickly and quietly as possible.

A prize will be given to the best soloist on the evening (if performed).

5. **Other Performances.** Each band **MUST** remain silent whilst others are performing on stage.
6. **Judges Scores.** A copy score of each item of music to be played must be provided for use by the judges. This must be handed over on arrival to a **Brass Factor** steward. The band holds responsibility for collecting their scores at the end of the evening.



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7. **Competitors Admission to Brass Factor.** A maximum of 34 tickets will be issued to each competing band and will be issued in advance. Admission tickets must be kept on person at all times for entry. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents, friends and family will **NOT** be allowed through bandsman entrance. Only bandsman will be allowed and everyone else will be refused entry.

8. **Foul Practise.** Should a band be found guilty, by the **Brass Factor** committee, of passing bandsman tickets to non-competing individuals they will lose the **payment** and risk being disqualified from the competition.