

2007 EUSPBA Championships

General Information

- The EUSPBA is running “special” championship contests for grade 2 & 3 pipe bands. However, the selected branch qualifying games as well as the selected championship games are authorized and encouraged to designate and advertise all grades of band contests as “Branch Championships”.
- Due to the current limited number, all EUSPBA member grade 2 bands are automatically eligible to compete in the 2007 EUSPBA Championships.
- EUSPBA member Grade 3 bands will qualify for the championships via their branch contests listed below. These sites were selected by your branch officers in cooperation with the games.
- One Grade 3 band will qualify from each branch. These are the “pre-qualified” bands. Two (2) additional bands will be added to the finals based on their performance in the first contest held at the Championship. The top two finishing NON pre-qualified bands will earn a spot in the finals. In addition, the winner of the previous year’s Grade 3 championship is automatically invited back to defend their title.
- At least one (preferably two) members of the EUSPBA’s Executive Committee will be present for each of the contests listed below for the express purpose of clarifying rules or resolving disputes specifically related to the qualifier/championship contests. However, these representatives are not there to usurp or interfere with the normal duties of EUSPBA monitors.
- All attempts will be made to have at least one judge from each branch with a member band in attendance hired to judge the EUSPBA Championship
- **At the present time, this championship is only open to member bands that are located within the EUSPBA’s geographic boundaries. For further clarification, please see the EUSPBA website www.euspba.org and associated map.**

2007 EUSPBA branch qualifier/championship sites

Southwest Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Arkansas Scottish Festival - April 21, 2007

Mid-Atlantic Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Colonial Highland Gathering – Fair Hill, MD – May 19, 2007

Southern Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Greater Greenville Scottish Games & Highland Festival – Greenville, SC June 9, 2007

Ohio Valley Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Ohio Scottish Festival - June 23, 2007

Metro Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Rockland County AOH Irish Feis – Stony Point, NY – July 15, 2007

Northeast Branch Championships/Grade 3 Qualifier:

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival - Northampton, MA – July 21, 2007

2007 EUSPBA Pipe Band Championships:

Grade 2 and 3 - Capital District Scottish Games-Albany, NY – September 1-2, 2007

See Rules Below



Special Rules & Regulations Governing the Grade 3 Qualifying and Grades 2 & 3 Championship Contests

GRADE 3 BAND QUALIFIER CONTESTS

- 1) Bands will be required to play both their MSR and their Medley in two separate contests on the day of their assigned “qualifier games”. Contest #1 will be open to all grade 3 pipe bands regardless of branch affiliation. The tune selection for contest #1 will be determined by the current odd/even date system.
- 2) Prizes won in contest #1 will be awarded in the usual manner during closing ceremonies.
- 3) The band who qualified for the championship should also be announced at the closing ceremonies.
- 4) The results from the first contest will be the “official” grade three results for the games and for EUSPBA points purposes.
- 5) Contest #2 will be restricted to bands from the branch for which the qualifier is being run. The tune selection will be what was not played in contest #1.
- 6) Qualifying bands for the championship contest will be determined in the following manner:
 - a. The results of “non-branch” bands will be deleted from contest #1. (i.e. the placings of the ineligible bands will be totally deleted from the tabulation sheet)
 - b. These “revised” ranking points from contest #1 will be added to the ranking points of contest #2. This combined result will determine the qualifier winner(s).
 - c. In case of ties, the first tie-breaker is the combined ensemble placing. If a tie remains, the highest MSR score will be used to break the tie. If there should *still* be a tie, the ensemble score of the MSR contest will determine the final placings.
 - d. There will be no “draw” for contest #2. Instead, the positions drawn for contest #1 will be the positions for contest #2. The “slots” of the non-branch bands will be deleted and all eligible bands below these slots will be moved up in the same relative draw order as in contest #1.
- 7) Games have been advised and are making efforts to have two different “sets” of judges to judge the two qualifying contests.
- 8) Grade 3 bands competing in the branch qualifiers must be committed to attending the EUSPBA championships if they qualify.
- 9) In the event a “qualified” band cannot attend the championship, that band will give immediate notice and reason for non-attendance to the EUSPBA’s Executive Committee. Time permitting, the EUSPBA will attempt to replace the band.
- 10) All band contests (except grade 3) will be conducted per normal EUSPBA guidelines.

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST RULES

1. Before the grade 3 bands have competed in their branch qualifiers they must submit their then current roster to the EUSPBA membership coordinator. No additions to the qualifying bands' competition rosters will be permitted for the championship contest after July 21st, the date of the last qualifier. This roster rule also applies to any bands that plan to qualify for the final on the day of the Championship. It will be the responsibility of each qualifying band to make sure their rosters are "set" with a postmark/email notification sent to the EUSPBA's membership coordinator no later than the branch qualifier. Note: this specific rule applies **only** to grade 3 bands participating in the EUSPBA championship contest. Current guidelines for roster additions/deletions will apply for all other contests.

2. Grade 2 bands competing in the championship will not be allowed to make any roster additions after July 31st. This rule is in effect for this championship contest only.
3. Grade 2 & 3 pipe bands will be required to play both an MSR and a Medley in two separate contests.
4. Contest #1 will be open to all grade 3 pipe bands regardless of qualifying for the championship. The tune selection for contest #1 for both grades will be determined by the current odd/even date system.
5. Contest #2 will be restricted to the Championship Qualifier bands. The tune selection for both grades will be what was not played in contest #1.
6. A shotgun draw will be in effect for the grade 2 MSR contest.
7. The grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 pipe band Contest #1 will be open to all bands wishing to compete regardless of branch/association affiliation and will be conducted per normal EUSPBA guidelines except where specifically noted in this document.
8. Prizes won in Contest #1 will be awarded in the usual manner during the closing ceremonies.
9. **For both Grades 2 and 3, a separate draw will be held for the Sunday contest and will be announced at the closing ceremonies on Saturday.**
10. The band competition selections for Contest #1 will be determined by the current odd/even date system.
11. The results from both Contests will “count” for EUSPBA points purposes.
12. Grade 2 & 3 EUSPBA champions will be determined using the same calculation and draw method as described in #6 of the “Grade 3 Band Qualifier Contests” section above.
13. For grade 2 & 3 bands, Contest #1 prizes/trophies are for that contest only. A second set of prizes/trophies will be awarded for the EUSPBA Championship. These second awards as well as the “championship” titles will be based on the combined results of both contests.
14. No judge will be allowed to adjudicate more than one of the two events in each of the grade 2 & 3 championship contests.
15. Judges, competitors & officials involved in Contest #1 for the grade 2 & 3 championship contests are requested to refrain from discussing any aspect of Contest #1 with the assigned judges of Contest #2 until after the final result is announced.

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