



Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) No. SC045892

Rules for Playing Members

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1. Instruments

- 1.1 All members are responsible for the safety and maintenance of band equipment and will be expected to keep them in good order at all times. Members may be held responsible for the cost of lost or damaged equipment.
- 1.2 Drums remain the property of the Band and must be returned upon request by the Leading Drummer, Drum Major or Pipe Major. They must be used only for Band activities, unless the express prior permission of the Leading Drummer or Pipe Major has been obtained.
- 1.3 Bagpipes will normally be issued on a loan basis for new pipers, but will be purchased by playing members over an affordable timescale. This should not normally exceed one year, unless by prior arrangement with the Board of Trustees.

2. Uniforms

- 2.1 Playing Members will be issued with a uniform, as agreed by the Board of Trustees, but only once deemed ready to perform in public by the Pipe Major and / or Leading Drummer. Shoes are not normally provided. Hose will be sourced by the Quartermaster and sold to Playing Members at cost.
- 2.2 The Quartermaster will arrange for the supply of uniform to Members and will request signed acknowledgement of all items supplied to that Member. With agreement from the Pipe Major and Board of Trustees, the Quartermaster may request the return of uniforms for whatever reason and Members must oblige within one month.
- 2.3 On returning kilts to the Band, whether upon leaving, in exchange for a replacement kilt, or for any alterations, Members are expected to have the kilt dry-cleaned immediately prior to returning to the Quartermaster.
- 2.4 Members are expected to maintain all uniform and equipment in smart order and appearance. Members may be held responsible for the cost of lost or damaged equipment.

3. Band Practice

- 3.1 Playing Members are expected to attend weekly practice on a regular basis, although the definition of “regular” is at the discretion of the Pipe Major and Leading Drummer.
- 3.2 Practice nights are led by the Pipe Major, who can delegate teaching and leadership to other Band Officers, or any other Playing Member, or external assistant as deemed appropriate.
- 3.3 Adults who assist in the teaching of Junior Members regularly will be required to adhere to the Band’s Child Protection Policy and obtain registration with Disclosure Scotland.

4. Band Discipline, Engagements and Competitions

- 4.1 Band engagements will be decided upon and organised by the Board of Trustees. Members are expected to confirm their availability, or otherwise, to the Pipe Major or Leading Drummer as soon as possible.

- 4.2 The Pipe Major has ultimate responsibility for Band discipline at performances, engagements and competitions. In the Pipe Major's absence, this will be delegated to the Pipe Sergeant, or another Band Officer, if required. Where the behaviour of an individual is deemed to be unacceptable, the Band Officers are duty bound to report such behaviour to the Board of Trustees. The Pipe Major has discretion to suspend that member, pending referral to the Board of Trustees. Suspended Members may not participate in any Band activities during their period of suspension.
- 4.3 Where individuals are referred to the Board of Trustees for behavioural and disciplinary reasons, the Board must assemble the Disciplinary Committee. This will comprise the Pipe Major and / or Pipe Sergeant, Leading Drummer, Child Protection Officer where the individual is a Junior Member, and one other Trustee. The Disciplinary Committee will meet as appropriate, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on any action deemed appropriate. This may include expulsion, but the Member will have the right to have their case heard, as outlined in the Constitution.
- 4.4 Should the Band decide to enter competitions, members may choose not to compete as this is entirely optional, and their decision will have no effect on their membership or treatment as a member of the Band.
- 4.5 Unless otherwise directed by the Pipe Major, members will attend engagements in full uniform. Members will maintain uniforms in good repair and of neat and clean appearance. The Pipe Major and / or Quartermaster reserve the right to inspect uniforms and request any defects to be attended to by the Member.
- 4.6 Where members receive payment for playing at private events which are booked via the Band, 10% of any fee received should be paid to the Band's Treasurer, to part compensate for use of band equipment.

5. Junior Members

- 5.1 Junior Members are deemed to be in the care of the Band during practice and at engagements. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure junior members under the age of 16 are safely collected from practices and engagements.
- 5.2 Junior Members are encouraged and expected to take part in Playing Members Meetings, and have the right to vote on matters for Playing Members, as outlined in the Constitution. However, Junior Members are not able to vote at full Members' Meetings of the Band as a whole.