



SCOTTISH BORDERS BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION

Re-formed 1998

Borders Entertainment Contest

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Dear Band Secretary

BORDERS ENTERTAINMENT CONTEST

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2025 – TOWN HALL, JEDBURGH

The Scottish Borders Brass Band Association is delighted to invite you to attend the Borders Entertainment Contest to be held at the Town Hall, Jedburgh on Saturday 1st November 2025.

There is to be a pre-draw twenty one days before the event and requests for an early or late draw can be made on the enclosed entry form. Invitations are confined to bands in Sections 2 – 4. Each Band is required to play a **15 minute programme**. **The theme for this year is that each band must play at least one piece of music that has been composed or arranged by a person born after 1990.**

Adjudication will be open with the adjudicators marking the bands separately.

The prize fund is currently being negotiated and will be intimated in due course.

Prizes

1st place overall Trophy and cash

2nd place overall

3rd place overall

Most Entertaining Band Trophy and cash

1st in Section 2 Trophy and cash

1st in Section 3 Trophy and cash

1st in Section 4 Trophy and cash

Best Soloist

Best Instrumentalist

Best Bass Section

Best Percussion Section

Department



Entry costs £90.00 per band

If paying by cheque (please make cheques payable to SBBBA) and send with the enclosed entry form by 23rd September to Christine Calvert, Contest Controller.

OR make payment to –

**Account Name – Scottish Borders Brass Band Association,
Bank of Scotland, Sort Code 80-06-88, Account Number 00808240
Reference payment with BEC and your band name ie BECJEDBURGH**

Yours sincerely

Christine

Christine Calvert
SBBBA Contest Controller



Borders Entertainment Contest

**SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2025
TOWN HALL, JEDBURGH**

_____ **BAND**
_____ **SECTION**

is pleased to accept the Association's invitation to participate in the
Borders Entertainment Contest

We would request an * EARLY / LATE draw

(* Please delete as applicable)

ENTRY FEE £90 - PAID BY BACS/CHEQUE ENCLOSED (please delete as applicable)

Secretary/Main Contact:

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
The Band will be conducted by:	

Please return this form and cheque payment to:

Christine Calvert,
SBBBA Contest Controller,
Kernigal,
Walter Street,
LANGHOLM.
Dumfriesshire.
DG13 0AX

by 23rd September 2025

(Please make cheques payable to "S.B.B.B.A.")



Borders Entertainment Contest

**SATURDAY 1st November,
Town Hall, Jedburgh.**

CONTEST SCHEDULE

The Contest shall be held under the rules of the Scottish Brass Band Association.

The contest will be organised in three sections, viz. Section Four, Section Three and Section Two, conforming to the classifications for 2025 of the Scottish Brass Band Association.

Each performance should consist of a minimum of three own choice items with a maximum playing time of 15 minutes.

The penalty for exceeding 15 minutes playing time is as follows:

- **Between 15 and 16 minutes – warning written on your adjudication sheet that you exceeded time limit**
- **Between 16 and 17 minutes – lose 1 place in the overall standings**
- **Between 17 and 18 minutes – lose 2 places in the overall standings**

The draw shall take place twenty one days prior to the contest and the result of the draw will be conveyed to the bands.

Band must make two conductor scores/solo cornet parts and compere notes for all pieces being played **at least seven days before the contest.**

Band delegates are responsible for their respective bands being available to register when required to do so by Officials.

A warm-up area will be provided and bands will be allocated a specific time to use this room. Bands will proceed as directed by Officials prior to actual performance on stage.

The Contest shall be adjudicated by two judges. Adjudication shall be open. One written adjudication and one voice over adjudication.

At the time of writing but subject to change (following SBBA guidance closer to the event). Each band is allowed to play FOUR guest players in accordance with the condition stated on the Scottish Brass Band Association guest player form. The guest player form must be with the Contest Controller **no later than 7 days prior to the contest.**

The Association is not responsible for the safety of any personal belongings or band belongings. No mobile phones will be permitted in the hall.

No smoking, food or drink will be permitted in the hall.

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