



# Rules & Regulations of EBBA and the European Brass Band Championships

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# REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION - EBBA

## A. DEFINITIONS

- REGULATIONS: - means the rules and conditions governing the constituent bodies of the EBBA, as defined by the Constitution.
- CONTESTING RULES - means the rules governing European Brass Band Championships EBBC.
- MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - means the terms and conditions governing the organisation and administration of the EBBC and the engagement of adjudicators.

## B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - EC

1. The Executive Committee - EC will meet at the place and date agreed at the previous meeting and on the Thursday preceding the EBBC's.
2. The working language will be English. If a delegate chooses to speak another language he has to arrange for a translation of his speech into English.
3. Should there be more than one member of the EC of the country and should a controversial matter arise concerning this country, these members shall agree to cast only one vote. Should they fail to do so, the matter must be referred to the General Meeting - GM.

## C. FINANCES

1. Accounts shall be made public and any profits ploughed back into the objectives of the EBBA.
2. There shall be no distribution of any profits to members.
3. Elected members of the EC and/or Commissions will be ineligible to receive any salary or honorarium.
4. All expenses must be supported by a relevant documentation including the authorised expenses made by members of the EC, Commissions or delegates.
5. All financial movements must be reported on a regular base to the EC.
6. Persons authorised by the GM to claim travelling and/or accommodation expenses must send all relevant vouchers to the Treasurer within 60 days after the expense has been incurred.
7. Current expenses must be authorised by the Chairman or the Secretary and payment must be made by the Treasurer.

## D. COMMISSIONS

The main function of the Commission(s) elected by the GM shall be to inform and assist the EC on particular matters. A commission will be made up from at least three members, one of whom must be a member of the EC. The Commission(s) will report to the EC and can be empowered by the EC to implement its decisions.

## **E. MUSIC COMMISSION - MC**

The MC shall be responsible for specific musical matters such as the choice of test pieces, checking of the own choice pieces, reviewing the lists of adjudicators, recommending adjudicators, recommending composers for the commissioning of new works, evaluation of new scores, evaluation of concert halls and venues etc.

## **F. INTERNATIONAL PRESS & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION**

The IPPR Commission shall be responsible for contact with the press and media. Only the president or the general secretary are authorized to give statements in the name of the EBBA to the press.

## **G. CONTESTS**

All contests, championships, etc organised by the EBBA shall be subjected to rules formulated by the EC and approved by the GM:

- The EBBA contesting rules for the EBBC.
- The management contracts for the organisers.
- The regulations concerning the adjudication of the band performances.
- The schedule of duties for adjudicators

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## Definitions

- 1) In these Rules the expressions listed shall have the following meanings:  
"EBBC" means the European Brass Band Championship, which is divided into Championship and Challenge Section.  
"Organiser" means the individual or organisation appointed by the European Brass Band Association, to organise and assume financial responsibility for the Championship in any particular year;

## General

- 2) These Rules govern the Championship and the English language version is definitive.
- 3) The EBBA shall have the right to decide the following matters in connection with the Championship:
  - a) the European country and location in which the Championship will be held in any particular year;
  - b) the appointment of the Organiser;
  - c) the appointment of the Adjudicators and Contest Controllers;
  - d) the amount of prize money to be awarded.
- 4) In these Rules wherever the context so requires the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural.

## Basic Provisions

- 5) The Championship will be held on the last weekend in April or on the first weekend in May any particular year unless otherwise decided by the EBBA.
- 6) The Championship is open to brass bands only consisting of a maximum of 35 players including percussionists who should perform in dress of a uniform nature.
- 7) a) The Championship is open for Bands in the European Brass Band Championship which will be known as the Championship Section, comprising the winning band from the previous year and the champion band and/or nominated band from each European country, provided that country has paid the full membership for the current year and the band has paid the entry fee to the EBBA.

The Champion band of Europe will be invited back the following year to defend its title. The country of the defending champions will also be allowed to nominate one more band to the EBBA for participation in the Championship at which the champions are invited to defend their title.

- b) Bands in the Challenge Section from countries that are non-members of EBBA will be invited by EBBA.
- c) If, based on the above criteria, the number of bands invited to compete in the Championship-Section is less than 12, invitations may be issued by the EBBA to bands proposed by the EC on an experts' report from the MC of EBBA.

- d) The number of bands in each section can be adjusted by the EC of EBBA on an experts' report from the MC of EBBA.
- e) The total number of bands in the Championship Section and the Challenge Section shall not exceed 18 bands.

### Contest Procedure

- 8)
  - a) Each qualifying Band must inform their Federation and EBBA by the **1st of December** least if they will compete in the Championship or Challenge Section (31st December for bands having championships in November or December).
  - b) The members of the EBBA will notify the Executive Committee of the band nominated to compete in the Championship and its acceptance.
  - c) The EBBA will send an official invitation and a contest controller's form after acceptance.
  - d) The band secretary shall confirm to the Executive Committee of EBBA the band's acceptance of the invitation and will pay by December 31<sup>st</sup> the entry fee of the accurate of 100 EUR, **FREE OF ALL BANK CHARGES FOR EBBA**, by direct credit to EBBA  
**BE 97 2850 5087 8549, Swift/BIC GEBABEBB**, with the bank of **BNP PARIBAS FORTIS Bank, Grote Markt 30, 8600 Diksmuide, Belgium. (No cheques accepted!)**
  - e) If a country is not a member of EBBA, the entry fee is fixed at 250 EUR, **FREE OF ALL BANK CHARGES FOR EBBA**, by direct credit to EBBA BE 97 2850 5087 8549, Swift/BIC GEBABEBB, with the bank of Fortis Bank, Grote Markt 30, 8600 Diksmuide, Belgium. (No cheques accepted!)
- 9)
  - a) Bands in the Championship Section will play a new test piece and an own choice piece. The test pieces will be selected by the EBBA and will be sent to the band by EBBA at least eight weeks prior to the date of the Championship.
  - b) In the Own Choice section of the contest, the Championship Section Bands can choose to play any piece they wish. Bands must submit the name and composer of the chosen piece not later than eight weeks prior to the date of the Championship. The maximum duration of an Own Choice piece should be no longer than 20 minutes (bands may apply for approval from the EC to perform a piece longer than 20 minutes duration. Such application must be made not later than ten weeks prior to the date of the Championship). Bands, however, are not allowed to play the same own choice piece in two consecutive years of appearance at the European Brass Band Championship.
  - c) A band must be conducted by the same conductor in both sessions of the Championship.
  - d) Bands in the Challenge Section will play a new test piece with a maximum of 12 minutes plus an own choice program in a single performance. The total playing time shall not be longer than 25 minutes. Bands exceeding this time limit will be subject to the deduction of penalty points.
  - e) Bands must supply to the EBBA three printed scores of their own choice pieces for adjudication proposed at least eight weeks prior to the date of the Championship. After this date no alterations can be made to the original choice of piece.
- 10)
  - a) The adjudicators will be appointed by the EBBA. Screened adjudicators will be used in accordance with the procedures laid down by the EBBA.
  - b) In the event of a tie in the aggregate placing, the placing awarded for the performance of the test piece shall determine the overall placing.

- 11)
  - a) A contest schedule will be sent to the band secretary by the Organiser at least three weeks before the date of the Championship.
  - b) The order in which the bands shall perform in each session of the Contest will be decided by means of a draw on the day of the Contest organised by the Contest Controller of EBBA as stated in the contest schedule.
  - c) A band shall appoint a delegate to attend the draw and to act on its behalf in all matters pertaining to the Rules. Any queries regarding the Contest must be raised by the delegate before the draw takes place.
  - d) At the draw the band delegate is responsible to submit to the contest controller a list of band members eligible to compete in all parts of the competition. No substitutions are allowed between different parts of the competition.
  - e) If the band's delegate fails to attend the draw, an official of the Organiser will act as proxy and the band concerned must accept the order of performance drawn.
- 12)
  - a) The band drawn first must assemble at the control table at least 15 minutes before the time stated by the European Contest Controller for the session to commence.
  - b) All players taking part in the Championship and Challenge Sections must be a citizen of, or permanent resident / registered student in the country their band is representing. Evidence at registration to be in the form of passport/national identity card. For the United Kingdom of Great Britain (Bands representing England / Scotland / Wales and Northern Ireland) players will in addition to the above need to produce a valid Registration card from the registry in the country they are representing.
  - c) Each player must present his/her identity card and Registration card (UK) to the control official (for identification purposes only). Players must sign their name for each session (test piece and own choice). The maximum number of players listed on the Contest Control sheet must not exceed 35.
  - d) A player may play with one band only at the Championship.
- 13)
  - a) The Championship organiser will provide certain items of percussion as stated in the contest schedule and delivered percussion list, which must be used by all bands! Any band substituting its own percussion may be disqualified.
  - b) The control officials will report any discrepancy to the Contest Controllers. In case of doubt the Contest Controllers will notify the band secretary that the player concerned and the band may risk disciplinary action.
- 14) If any band is not ready to perform within five minutes of the time stated for the session to commence, or of the preceding band leaving the stage, the band may risk disciplinary action.
- 15)
  - a) The adjudicators' decision shall be final.
  - b) Results will be announced and trophies will be presented at the time stated in the contest schedule.
  - c) Prize monies will be distributed in accordance with Rule 20 + 21 below.
- 16)
  - a) Any objection concerning any alleged breach of these Rules or error in the results must be submitted in writing to the EBBA within 14 days of the Championship.
  - b) Where the EBBA decides that there has been a breach of these Rules or an error in the placement, it will revise the list of results.

- 17) Providing that no objection has been received, at the expiration of 14 days the EBBA will send prize monies to the relevant bands.
- 18)
  - a) The trophies will be competed for each year unless otherwise decided by the EBBA.
  - b) A band winning a trophy must give an undertaking signed by one official of the band to keep the trophy and its protective case in good and safe condition and to protect and insure the trophy and its case against loss or damage.
  - c) It is the band's responsibility to return the trophy and its case in good condition upon instructions from the EBBA.

### **Recording, Filming and Broadcasting Rights**

- 19) All rights appertaining to the performances by the bands performing at the EBBC, and associated events organised by the EBBA in conjunction with the championships shall be the property of the EBBA. EBBA will collect written approval from all bands and their musicians and all external soloists concerning their performing rights. This will be done by means of signing the EBBA contest controller form by each participating musician.

### **Privacy Statement**

- 20) By sending in the Online Application Form, the representative of the participating band grants the right to EBBA as controller to process the personal data provided in the Online Application Form for the administration of the EBBC, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union (EU) and the national data protection law applicable to EBBA. The personal data provided in the Online Application Form, in particular the first name, family name, postal address, e-mail address, telephone number, bank coordinates will be used for the purposes to register the bands, verify the compliance with the conditions of the competition and effectively administer and promote the EBBC. Each representative of the band grants the right to EBBA to publish in any suitable form, including on the internet, the name of the band and name of the conductor. Furthermore, the representative of each band retains the rights according to the GRPR and the applicable national law. These include the right to be informed about personal data EBBA processes about contact details or to submit a request to rectify or erase any personal data EBBA holds about the participating band. Requests are to be addressed to [generalsecretary@ebba.eu.com](mailto:generalsecretary@ebba.eu.com)

### **Discipline & Appeals**

- 21) Disciplinary action may be taken by the EBBA for any of the following offences:
  - I. any breach of these Rules
  - II. failure to comply with the instructions set out in the contest schedule
  - III. any action, which the EBBA deems detrimental to the reputation of the Championship
- 22) In the event of any player, official or band being found guilty of any of the above offences, the individual or band may be subject to one or more of the following penalties:
  - I. disqualification from the Contest;
  - II. forfeiture of trophies and/or prize monies;
  - III. suspension from being invited to compete in the Championship in the future.

- 23) a) Any player, official or band who has a complaint against the Organiser or who has been subjected to disciplinary action by the EBBA shall have the right of appeal.
- b) The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President of the EBBA General Meeting.
- c) The EBBA General Meeting will hear and decide any appeal at its next meeting and the following procedure will apply:
- I. the appellant will be invited to put the case at the meeting;
  - II. the EBBA General Meeting's decision will be communicated in writing to the appellant within seven days of the meeting;
  - III. the EBBA General Meeting's decision shall be final and shall not be subject to any legal proceedings whatsoever.

### **European Brass Band Association**

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