



The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland

Information Pack



What is The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland?

The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland is a non-competing cutting edge performance pipe band for 10-25 year olds, established, developed and administered by The National Piping Centre, the world Centre of Excellence for the study and promotion of the Great Highland Bagpipe. Launched in 2002, the National Youth Pipe Band is the first and only organisation of its kind bringing together Scotland's most talented young pipers and drummers at a national level. Membership is drawn from the whole of Scotland; its pipers and drummers come from an array of different competing pipe bands and musical backgrounds, brought together through an annual audition process to play for their country. The National Youth Pipe Band provides unique development opportunities for its young members and an exceptional musical experience for its audiences. The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland is a dynamic, exciting, and modern spin on the traditional pipe band experience, and performs both at home and abroad. Anyone 25 years old on the 31st of December and under may apply to join.

The Bands

The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland currently encompasses two bands: a Senior Band and Development Band. The Senior Band remains the ultimate goal for young pipers and drummers. The Development Band provides developmental and performance opportunities along with the training and experience to progress to the Senior band, and though it primarily acts as an escalator to the Senior Band, it performs in its own right. The existence of both bands opens up The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland to a wider range of young players, from novice players to the more advanced.

NYPBoS Core Values

- To recognise, develop, encourage and extend the skills of outstanding young pipers and drummers.
- To provide an escalator towards ongoing educational and career opportunities.
- To enrich members' experience through collaboration with other arts and cultural interests and organisations.
- To provide fulfilling challenges to members that will extend their creativity and enhance their confidence and ability as performers.
- To generate performance opportunities in members' own communities and on the national and international stage.
- To encourage musical exploration and a wider cultural (and inter-cultural) perspective.
- To support and encourage piping and drumming teachers and pipe band leaders in members' own communities.
- To provide a persuasive incentive to young people to pursue excellence in piping and drumming.
- To foster healthy community and cultural pride.
- To present a public face of Excellence, Youth, Energy, Achievement, Innovation and Initiative to the piping and "non piping" community.

Conditions of Entry

To become a member of The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland you must send a completed application form to the Director of the NYPBoS, and thereafter be successful in passing a competitive audition.

In the interests of fairness, and to maintain the highest possible standards, each member of the band may be required to re-audition for a place in the band on an annual basis. This will be at the discretion of the Director of the NYPBoS and The Principal of The NPC. All members are eligible to apply for the position of Pipe Major, Pipe Sergeant, Drum Sergeant or Drum Corporal by submitting a resume outlining their qualities for those positions. The successful applicants will be selected jointly by the Director of the NYPBoS and The Principal of The NPC.

Auditions will normally take place in the spring to coinciding with the beginning of each annual project.

Audition Requirements

Development Band

- i. You must complete a 10 minute performance of your own choice of music.
- ii. Tuning is not an essential part of your audition.
- iii. You will be asked to sight read a piece of sheet music.
- iv. During your audition you will be required to display the ability to play hornpipes, jigs and reels.
- v. To apply for the Development Band you must fall between the age ranges of 10 – 17 on the 31st December in any given year.

Senior Band

- i. You must complete a 15 minute performance of your own choice of music.
- ii. You must include in your performance a march, strathspey and reel (minimum 4 parts each).
- iii. All Senior Band pipers must be able to tune their own pipes for the audition.
- iv. Pipers must display good finger technique.
- v. You will be asked to sight read a piece of sheet music.
- vi. You will be expected to play hornpipes, jigs and reels to a high standard.
- vii. To apply for the Senior Band you must be aged 25 (by the 31st December) and under in any given year.

These requirements apply to both Pipers and Drummers who are applying to join the NYPBoS. Drummers are most welcome to bring along an accompanying piper for their audition where as pipers must perform solo.

The audition panel for pipers will consist of the Director of the NYPBoS, the Principal of The NPC and one other teacher from The NPC who will be nominated each year by the Principal of The NPC. For drummers the panel will consist of the Director of the NYPBoS, the Principal of The NPC and two qualified external drummers who have been selected by the Director of the NYPBoS and the Principal of The NPC. For both panels the Principal of The NPC will act as the chairman, by which the decision made in all matters relating to the above will be final. With the exception of the Director of the NYPBoS and the Principal of The NPC all members of the panel will be rotated regularly.

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- Application form-

This form is for all interested applicants. Please read the previous guidance notes:

- Fill in the form using black ink and ensure that all details are clearly printed.

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Section 1: Your details

<i>First Name:</i>	
<i>Surname:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Postcode:</i>	
<i>Home Tele:</i>	<i>Mobile:</i>
<i>E-mail:</i>	<i>Parent E-mail:</i>
<i>Date of birth:</i>	

Emergency Contact

<i>Name:</i>
<i>Relationship to applicant:</i>

Daytime Telephone:

Evening Telephone:

Instrument (bagpipes/snare drum/bass drum/tenor drum):

Do you play any other instruments and if so to what level?(Not a requirement)

Description of Level of Attainment

(For example: PDQB, SQA, or Higher Music certificates, competition results, current teacher, band if any. Please attach any supporting documents you wish to submit with your application)

The band applicant wishes to apply for: Senior / Development (please circle)

Please complete and return to:

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