

The Competition League for Amateur Solo Piping

supported by **The National Piping Centre, Glasgow**

Closing Date for Entries is Friday, 8 August 2025

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Grade 1

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

Number	Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
2	Piobaireachd	£30.00	£20.00	£15.00
3	2/4 March	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
4	Strathspey & Reel	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
5	Jig	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00

Number	Contest and Performance Requirements (Light Music Tunes – all Minimum 4 parts)	Entry Fee
1	Submit 1 tune Play submitted tune	£8.00
2	Submit 3 tunes of own choice Play tune selected by Judges	£8.00
3	Submit 2 tunes Play tune selected by Judges	£8.00
4	Submit 2 of each Play tunes selected by Judges	£8.00
5	Submit 1 tune Play submitted tune	£8.00

Maximum Fee payable for entering all five contests is £35.00.

Grade 2

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

Number	Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
2	Piobaireachd	£30.00	£20.00	£15.00
3	2/4 March	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
4	Strathspey & Reel	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
5	Jig	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00

Event	Contest and Performance Requirements (Light Music Tunes – all Minimum 4 parts)		Entry Fee
1	Submit 1 tune	Play submitted tune	£8.00
2	Submit 2 tunes of own choice	Play tune selected by Judges	£8.00
3	Submit 2 tunes	Play tune selected by Judges	£8.00
4	Submit 1 of each	Play submitted tunes	£8.00
5	Submit 1 tune	Play submitted tune	£8.00

Maximum Fee payable for entering all five contests is £35.00.

Grade 3

Prizes – The National Piping Centre vouchers to the value indicated

Number	Event	1st	2nd	3rd
1	6/8 March	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
2	Piobaireachd	£30.00	£20.00	£15.00
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4	Strathspey & Reel	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
5	Jig	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00

Event	Contest and Performance Requirements (Light Music Tunes – all Minimum 4 parts)		Entry Fee
1	Submit 1 tune	Play submitted tune	£8.00

2	Submit 1 tune of own choice	Play submitted tune	£8.00
3	Submit 1 tune	Play submitted tune	£8.00
4	Submit 1 of each	Play submitted tunes	£8.00
5	Submit 1 tune	Play submitted tune.	£8.00

Maximum Fee payable for entering all five contests is £35.00.

Overall Champions Prizes

In addition to the voucher prizes listed above, the most successful competitors in the Grade 1, 2 and 3 contests respectively will be awarded overall championship prizes comprising a National Piping Centre Adult Seasonal Piping Gathering place worth £275 and £240 for in person and online tuition respectively.

Overall Champion League Tables

Light Music Contests

For all contests, points are calculated as follows:

Example: 10 competitors compete

1st place receives 10 point - calculated by adding the number of competitors the prize winner beats (9) plus 1 = 10 and same method for the rest of the prize list.

2nd: 9 points 3rd: 8 points 4th: 7 points 5th: 6 points 6th: 5 points and so on with last placed receiving 0 points.

Piobaireachd Contest Points

If fewer competitors enter the Piobaireachd contest than the light music events, the competitor placed first in the former will be awarded the same number of points as the competitor who is placed first in most popular light music event, i.e.

Example: If 9 competitors enter, say, the 2/4 March contest and only 5 enter the Piobaireachd contest, the competitors in the latter will receive points as follows:

1st: 9 points 2nd: 8 points 3rd: 7 points 4th: 6 points 5th: 0 points

Tie

In the event of a tie, the Piobaireachd event takes preference.

CLASP and English League Points

Points awarded, other than for the 6/8 March, will be included in the CLASP for this season.

Points awarded for all contests will be included in the 'English League' for this season.

Contest Arrangements

As indicated above the above contests are open only to 'full members' of the CLASP.

The CLASP has a membership fee pricing structure. It is based upon in which period an individual becomes a member and the amounts payable are as follows:

1 November and 31 March	£50.00
1 April and 30 June	£40.00
1 July and to 31 August	£25.00
1 September to 30 October	£15.00

For any potential competitor in the above contests, who is not currently a CLASP member, the membership fee for the remainder of the current year will be £25.00. Application for membership should be undertaken prior to the contest through the CLASP website www.theclasp.co.uk . Any enquiries as to membership should be addressed to Margaret Houlihan at the National Piping Centre mhoulihan@thepipingcentre.co.uk .

Owing to time considerations, the overall number of 'solo piping performance slots' available is fairly finite. In the event of over-subscription for any of the contests, every effort will be made to accommodate all entries. If that is not possible, acceptance of entries will be decided on the basis of date received.

If there are insufficient entries to produce meaningful competition in any of the contests, then the Chatsworth Country Fair reserve the right to (a) cancel that contest, (b) reduce the number of prizes available for that contest and / or (c) hold one or more additional contests for competitors who have already submitted entries for that or other contests.

Competitors will be notified as soon as possible after the Closing Date via www.rspbaldon.bravesites.com and www.theclasp.co.uk of any changes to the contest arrangements. Any entry fees paid in respect of a contest that is cancelled will be refunded.

Entry to The Chatsworth Estate

Competitors

Competitors will be provided with a wristband permitting entry to the Estate on Saturday. There is no additional charge for this.

Spouses, Partners, Parents etc

'Saturday' wristbands for the spouses, partners and family (etc) of competitors may be purchased from the Competition Secretary at the reduced price of £14.00 each (a discount of over 50% on the website price). 'Sunday' wristbands may also be purchased for £14.00 each. The numbers of wristbands for competitors, spouses, partners etc required should be specified in the Contest Entry Form.

Children aged 15 years and under enter free.

Vehicles

A 'Bridge' car pass (displayed on windscreen) is required for entry into the Estate.

The pass allows entry for the vehicle only - not the occupants who each must have a valid day pass / wristband.

Vehicular entry over the Bridge into the Fair will not be permitted after 9.00 am nor exit before 6.30 pm.

Competitors and supporters, who wish to leave before 6.30 pm, should not drive over the Bridge but park in the estate as directed by the Chatsworth stewards.

An admin fee of £2 is payable to the Branch to cover postage of all items.

Further Information

Chatsworth Country Fair is held over 3 days, and always on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following the August Bank Holiday. This year it is being held between 29 -31 August.

Held in the park of Chatsworth House, home to the Dukes of Devonshire, the 2025 event will be the forty-second Country Fair. It has become one of the largest events of its type in England, and is an essential part of the Derbyshire and Midlands calendar. Given good weather, crowds of up to 90,000 people are expected over the three days.

The focus of the Show is the Grand Ring on the "big flat", with numerous trade stands and crafts. Around the park are many showground attractions, often with a country theme.

I look forward to seeing you at Chatsworth.

Jackie Allan

Competition Organiser