

Contest Promoters Guidelines for 2009

The VPA encourages all interested groups or organizations to become involved in promoting piping in Victoria, and also aims to assist those undertaking the initiative to raise funds for their organization.

These guidelines outline the requirements and standards applicable for V.P.A. contests. They are aimed to be a useful guide for prospective contest Promoters and outline the minimum standard requirements for pipers, judges and the contest venue.

The V.P.A. contest season will be scheduled to commence in May and run through until October.

Hire or Use of Venue

The Promoter will be responsible for the hire or use of the contest venue.

Judges Fees

The Promoter will pay Judges at a rate set by the V.P.A. The current rate is \$20.00 per hour with a minimum payment of \$60.00. 2 Light Music Judges and 1 Piobaireachd Judge will be required in most instances.

Judges Travel Costs

The Promoter will pay travel costs for Judges, 'where applicable'. This would include payment per kilometre for local judges. Car travel recommended at \$0.15 per Km both ways.

These travel costs are to be negotiated between the Promoter and the Judge, and as such are considered private between the two parties.

Judges Accommodation Costs

The Promoter will pay all expenses related to accommodation for Judges 'where applicable'.

Contest Timetable

The promoter will be responsible for the contest – whether it is daytime or evening, however the V.P.A. will provide a suggested timetable.

Entry Fees

Entry fees for members are \$6.00 per element - \$1.00 of this will be forwarded to the V.P.A.

Entries for non – members i.e. Interstate or Overseas pipers who are not members of the V.P.A. is \$10.00 per element. \$3.00 of this will be forwarded to the V.P.A.

Contest Draw

The V.P.A. will be responsible for conducting the draw for order of play.

Promoters Revenue

All other revenue raised, i.e. food, drink, merchandise, the door and any other fundraising at the contest will be the responsibility of the promoter and all proceeds will be retained by the promoter.

The promoter will receive \$5.00 per entry per element.

The V.P.A. may sell its own promotional merchandise at the contest i.e. T-shirts, Caps etc.

Prize Money and or Prizes

The minimum total prize money offered by the Promoter must be no less than \$409.00 if all Grades are offered. That would mean that a total of 41 competitors would cover this cost.

The table below recommends the allocation of Prize money per Grade.

The Promoter may substitute this prize money for prizes to the same value.

| Grade | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | |
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| Beginner | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | If all Grades in both Light Music and Piobaireachd are taking place it will cost the Promoter a total of \$400.00 in prize money to run the competition. |
| Novice | \$15.00 | \$11.00 | \$7.00 | |
| 'D' Grade | \$18.00 | \$14.00 | \$10.00 | |
| 'C' Grade | \$20.00 | \$18.00 | \$15.00 | |
| 'B' Grade | \$30.00 | \$20.00 | \$18.00 | |
| 'A' Grade | \$40.00 | \$25.00 | \$20.00 | |
| C Grade Piobaireachd | \$12.00 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 | |
| B Grade Piobaireachd | \$16.00 | \$14.00 | \$10.00 | |
| A Grade Piobaireachd | \$20.00 | \$18.00 | \$14.00 | |

The promoter may wish to increase these amounts to attract more competitors, Trophies, Medals and Additional Prizes

It is highly recommended that trophies, medals and other prizes i.e. sponsors products, be offered in addition to the prize money to further encourage entries.

**If your group is interested in staging a VPA contest, please contact the events scheduler:
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