

- MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION - 2013 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

MWPBA Champion Supreme winners in Grade 3 and Grade 4 Snare drumming; Novice Tenor drumming; Jr. Novice and Grade 4 Piping receive scholarships to the MHAF Winter Storm January 2014 Workshop in Kansas City, MO.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- **Easy, quick and secure online registration and payment** are available on the MWPBA web site (www.mwpba.org). Use this form only if you wish to register by mail and pay by check or money order.
- Individual membership in the MWPBA (or another recognized pipe band association) is required to participate in any MWPBA sanctioned Solo Piping, Drumming, or Drum Major events.
- Membership in a pipe band does not qualify you to compete in solo competition events.
- Registering with the MWPBA does not enter you in any solo competitions at individual games. You must check the games' websites for details and registration forms. The MWPBA makes a best effort to post links or contact information for MWPBA sanctioned games at the MWPBA web site.
- **You must renew your individual membership each year** that you intend to compete as a soloist. The MWPBA membership year begins January 1 and expires on December 31.

MWPBA Email Group and Facebook:

- The MWPBA invites you to subscribe to the MWPBA Google email group if you are not already subscribed. This email group serves as the MWPBA newsletter. Its purpose is to share important Association information with all members such as special solo competitions, highland game competition schedules, order of play, results, and other MWPBA news. You may also follow the MWPBA on Facebook.
- See the MWPBA website at <http://www.mwpba.org/>, and then follow the links for the MWPBA Mailing List and Facebook.

Grading Information:

- **New for 2013:** The Grading Application (a.k.a. Re-Grade Petition) form is available both as an **on-line** form and as a **printable mail-in** form at the MWPBA website. The Music Board prefers the on-line Grading Application. For the on-line Grading Application, see the MWPBA website for complete instructions.
- If you previously registered as a Junior or Senior Novice, you may re-grade yourself to Grade 4 without Music Board approval when you register for this year. **You may not re-grade yourself for this year after registering as a Novice.**
- If you are now in Grade 4 or above and want to compete at a higher grade, you must submit a Grading Application to the Music Board on or before March 31, 2013. A re-grading is not official until it is approved by the Music Board. The Music Board will notify you by mail or email of their decision. **New for 2013: If approved, your new grade is not effective for 21 days after it is approved.**
- **New for 2013:** Tenor grades are Advanced (formerly Open), Intermediate, and Novice. Bass Drum registration at Advanced and Novice is now available. See the footnote on page 2 for more information.
- If you are a new applicant for MWPBA membership at Grade 3 or higher or transferring from another association to the MWPBA at Grade 3 or higher, you must file a Grading Application with the Music Board.
- You may send your Grading Application to the Music Board and your Individual Membership form to the Solo Registrar at the same time. Remember to mail the printable mail-in Grading Application separately to **Music Board, P.O.Box 277, Frankfort, IL 60423** or (preferred) submit it on-line. The Solo Registrar cannot approve or process your grading request.

Fees (non-refundable) and Dates:

- \$20.00 USD when you pay your individual membership fee **on or before March 31, 2013**. The envelope must be postmarked on or before March 31.
- \$25.00 USD if paid after March 31, 2013.
- \$10.00 USD per person for additional individual memberships for immediate family members. Immediate family members are a spouse, parent/minor child, or minor siblings.

Example: You, and two of your minor children want to compete as soloists. You pay \$20 (if paying on or before March 31, 2013) and pay \$10.00 for each of your children. Total: \$40.00 USD. If paying after March 31, 2013, the fee would total \$45.00.

Instructions:

- Please print your information neatly (*especially the email address*), and check the appropriate boxes.
- Complete a separate membership application for yourself and each qualifying family member.
- Write the names of qualifying immediate family members in the appropriate box below.
- Send the completed membership form(s) with a check or money order payable to **MWPBA** to:

Tom Jewell – Solo Registrar
415 Somerset Ct. Apt. B
Aurora, IL 60504-4091

- For questions or concerns, please send email to registrarsolos@mwpa.org.

MEMBER INFORMATION

New Member **Renewing Member** (choose one)

Last name:	Initial:	First:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-Mail Address (print clearly):		
If applicable (see <u>Fees and Dates</u>), name the Immediate Family Member who qualifies you for the Family Membership Discount:			

COMPETITION GRADE - *check appropriate box(es)*

ADJUDICATOR

If you apply for a re-grade, 1) read the notes under Grading Information; 2) check your desired new grade(s) below.

I have applied for a re-grade and have indicated my desired grade(s) below. Note: The Solo Registrar does not process your Membership Application until the Music Board makes a decision. Send your Grading Application separately to: Music Board, P.O.Box 277, Frankfort, IL 60423, or (preferred) submit it on-line.

PIPER - Light Music

- Professional
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Novice: Jr (under 30) or
- Novice: Sr (30+)

PIPER - Piobaireachd

- Professional (Submit 4 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 1 (Submit 3 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 2 (Submit 2 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 3 (Submit 1 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 4 (Ground and first variation)

DRUMMER - Snare

- Professional
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4

DRUMMER – Tenor

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Novice

DRUMMER – Bass¹

- Advanced
- Novice

DRUM MAJOR

- Open

¹ For 2013, Bass drummers may self-grade as Novice if playing in a Grade 4 or 5 band. Bass drummers at Grades 3 and above may self-grade as Advanced. Bass drummers may petition the Music Board for a different grade.