

2018-2019 SEASON



Ahead of the new pipe band competition season, the Drill and Dress Panel has prepared a brief information sheet to assist bands in further refining their performances in the dress, march-off and street march events at our competitions.

These pointers are designed to build on general improvement over recent seasons while also providing guidance in areas the panel believes requires additional attention.

MARCH-OFF

- Commencement: Bands may commence the march-off immediately after completing first element. No need to wait for instruction.
- Formation: Bands are expected to adopt a marching formation and retain the same formation throughout the march-off:
 - Flanks complete
 - Files covered off (ie, five files, maximum five players in each rank not six, seven or more. If more, drummers would be in two ranks)
- Reform to step-off: Maximum eight paces mark time.
- Wheel: Music to continue at least until completion of wheel by all ranks.

DRESS

- Uniform lace heights and method of lace thread (tie)
- Uniform direction of sporran chains
- Crumpled, frayed, unpressed glens and tails

STREET MARCH

- Correct intervals of files – if street width can only accommodate five files, do not go for six. (Allowances made for tightening as required passing through at chicane at Daylesford)

MARCH-PAST AND MASSED BANDS

- Bands please be ready and step off immediately directed
- Continue playing until after official dais
- Drum major's salute chieftain or other dignitary (retain mace in carry position)
- Winning bands – if drum major present: salute chieftain or other dignitary, return salute from massed band Senior Drum Major

Should any band require clarification and additional guidance on any matters, please feel free to contact.

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