

# OPS 2008-2009 Competition Schedule

**Please note some important changes to this year's competition schedule and requirements.**

**Schedule:** Detailed listing of events is shown in the chart below. There will be no competition in February because of the planned workshop.

**Times:** -Chanter and Grade 5 - Check in 4:30. Competition 5:00. All other piping grades - Check in 5:00. Be prepared to play. All drumming grades - Check in 5:30. Be prepared to play. You must check in at the competition desk at or before check-in time listed and be prepared to play at check-in time if your steward requests you do so (with the exception of Chanter and Grade 5 entries). Because we take field entries, we cannot predict the order of play in advance, so be prepared to play first. Order of play will follow reverse order of entry (first to enter is last to play). It is

recommended to use the mail-in entry form for early registration. All contestants are required to play in recognizable Highland attire except Chanter class.

**Tune Requirements:** All tunes for piping and drumming events are required to be 4 parts. Exceptions are all chanter class and grade 5 piping events where 2 parts of a tune played twice is permitted. Also note specific requirements for certain grade 2 and 1 piping events indicated in the chart below.

**Membership:** If you live in Oregon or the Portland metro area, including Vancouver WA, one needs to be a member of OPS in order to compete.

**Awards will be given at intermission as in previous years.**

Piping	October 18	November 15	December 13	January 17	February 14	March 21	April 18
Chanter	Slow Air	2/4 March	Any Tune	Slow Air	Workshop No Competition	2/4 March	Any Tune
Adult	2/4 March	Slow Air		6/8 March			2/4 March
Grade 5	Slow Air	2/4 March	6/8 March			2/4 March	
Grade 4	2/4 March	6/8 March		Strathspey & Reel			Piobaireachd Ground and 1st variation
Grade 3	Jig	2/4 March	Piobaireachd			Strathspey & Reel	
Grade 2	MSR (submit 2 marches)	Jig (submit 2)		Hornpipe & Jig			Piobaireachd (submit 2)
Grade 1	Jig (submit 2, selected tunes played twice through)	MSR (submit 2 of each tunes)	Hornpipe & Jig (submit 2 of each)			Piobaireachd (submit 3)	
<b>Tenor Drumming</b>							
Beginner	No Drumming This Month	6/8 March	No Drumming These Months		2/4 March	No Drumming This Month	
Grade 2		6/8 March			2/4 March		
Grade 1		2/4 March			MSR		
<b>Side Drumming</b>							
Grade 4	No Drumming This Month	6/8 March	No Drumming These Months		2/4 March	No Drumming This Month	
Grade 3		6/8 March			2/4 March		
Grade 2		2/4 March			MSR		
Grade 1		Hornpipe & Jig			MSR		