



## Competitor Code of Conduct

1. Purpose of Competition: I understand and accept that the purpose of British Columbia Pipers' Association (BCPA) sanctioned solo piping, solo drumming and band competitions is to advance the calibre of piping, drumming and pipe bands by objectively and fairly ranking the presented performances and providing concise, accurate and prioritized assessments of the performances to support the decisions made.
2. Respect Rules: I understand and accept that competitions require appropriate rules to deliver effective and efficient operations to meet the above purpose. I will maintain awareness of these established rules and respect and abide by them.
3. Respect Volunteers: I understand and accept that many volunteers (such as stewards, competition secretaries, competition officials and organizers, etc) offer their talents and time for the advancement of piping, drumming and pipe bands through competitions. I will be respectful of their efforts and not do anything that hinders their work or compromises its integrity. If I am unable to fulfill my competition commitments, I will inform the competition organizers in a timely manner.
4. Accept Adjudicators Decisions: I will accept the decisions and comments of the adjudicators on my performances.
5. Show Fair Play to other Competitors: I will show respect and fair play to my fellow competitors.
6. No Disrepute: I will not do anything that damages the reputations of competition organizers, sponsors, the BCPA, volunteers, adjudicators, and competitors, through any means, including social media.
7. Accept Awards Graciously: If I am awarded prizes or placings for my performances, I will accept them with gratitude and humility and in acceptable Highland dress, in respect for Scottish culture.
8. Respect Perpetual Awards: I will respect and maintain the integrity of perpetual trophies and shields I am awarded and provide for their timely return for their next awarding.
9. Act if Inappropriate Actions: If I believe that an adjudicator or volunteer has not met the above purposes of competitions, I will use established processes in the BCPA by-laws and competition rules to respectfully and accurately document the issue and provide objective reasons to support my contention toward correction of the issue.
10. Act if Inappropriate Rules: If I believe that policies, procedures, and rules of the BCPA or the competition organizers do not meet the purposes of competitions or do not promote the merit-based advancement of piping, drumming or pipe bands, I will use established processes in the BCPA by-laws and competition rules to correct such situations.