



British Columbia Pipers' Association

Player Initiated Promotion Requests at the end of the 2020 Season

Because the COVID-19 pandemic has caused cancellation of all BCPA sanctioned competitions for the 2020 season, no objective data will be available (i.e. competition placings and performance ratings data) for the BCPA Solo Grading subcommittee to make informed decisions on mandatory player grade promotions, that are typically announced in September each year. **Thus, there will be no mandatory player grade promotions at the end of the 2020 season.**

BCPA has been encouraging players to keep advancing their musical development by a number of means during this time, such as continuing individual lessons with their instructors, participating in the BCPA Online Performance Assessments, applying for BCPA tuition bursaries for online piping and drumming summer schools, and participating in online competitions.

The BCPA Solo Grading subcommittee believes that players who continue advancing their musical development across this spring and summer should be provided an opportunity to be assessed for promotion to the next grade level, providing certain criteria are met. In brief, that criteria is compelling evidence that the player's musical performances are of calibres above the player's current grade level across the full range of music events for the player's current grade.

Accordingly, BCPA is announcing the BCPA Player Initiated Promotion Requests initiative that provides players with the opportunity to apply in August and early September for a promotion to the next grade level. If the player's request with application package is approved by the BCPA Solo Grading subcommittee, the player's promotion would be effective for competitions in the 2020/21 season (i.e. competitions after October 1, 2020).

The requirements and criteria for the application package involve:

- YouTube video recordings of ALL required music events in the player's current discipline and grade, as enumerated in the BCPA "Music Requirements for Piping, Drumming, and Pipe Band Competitions"

<https://www.bcpipers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/BCPA-Music-Requirements-with-event-numbers-Rev-8.pdf>

The video recordings may be drawn from the player's performances submitted for the BCPA Online Performance Assessments, online competitions, other online assessments, and video recordings the player makes for their own personal development

- Where more than one tune is required to be submitted for a music event, TWO YouTube video recordings must be submitted for the music event and must not contain the same multiple-submission tune(s)
- Performance Assessment sheets and online competition critique sheets associated with the submitted videos must be submitted
- Letter(s) must be submitted from the player's regular instructor(s) providing compelling supporting information that the player is performing above grade level, according to the ANAPBA Recommended Grade Level Expectations, for the full range of the player's current grade music events

https://anapba.org/images/PDF/2020/ANAPBA_Recommended_Grade_Level_Expectations_-_v10-021220.pdf

- A comprehensive list must be submitted of the player's online competitions and online assessments participation activities demonstrating their continued musical development over the period of what would have been the 2020 highland games season (i.e. May to August)

A post on the BCPA website will be created in early August to inform players on how to submit the required documents, information, and video recording links.

Deadline for submission of the promotion request with application package is September 4 and players will be informed of the Solo Grading subcommittee's decision by September 18.