

### Rule 4.1.3 'Playing Up' Dispensation Application March 2018

The rules relating to the composition of bands and the dispensation for pipers and drummers to play with higher grade bands are listed below. Applications must be received by the Contest Group Leader by **29 November 2018**

#### 4.1 COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BANDS

- 4.1.1 Grades 1, 2 and 3 Bands shall comprise not less than 8 pipers, 3 side drummers and 1 bass drummer. Grade 4 bands shall comprise not less than 6 pipers, 2 side drummers and 1 bass drummer.
- 4.1.2 Every member of a competing band may compete with only one band at a contest.
- 4.1.3 However, dispensation may be sought to allow an Eligible Band Officer to compete with a Band in a higher grade.
  - 4.1.3.2 Eligible Band Officer is defined as a Pipe Major, Musical Director, Pipe Sergeant, Pipe Corporal, Drum Sergeant, Leading Drummer, Drum Corporal, Section Leader, Pipe Tutor and Drum Tutor.
  - 4.1.3.3 Any player for whom dispensation is sought must have been an Eligible Band Officer in a Lower Grade Band for at least six months prior to the National Contest.
  - 4.1.3.4 A band may have no more than three members:- one piper, one snare drummer, one tenor/bass player that shall be granted dispensation to play in two bands.
  - 4.1.3.5 Rule deleted.
- 4.1.4 Application shall be made by the player and Band seeking dispensation on the prescribed Application Form.
  - 4.1.4.1 All applications for dispensation must be supported by full documentation from the Lower Grade Bands records including copies of minutes of Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings confirming appointment to the position held by any player for whom dispensation is sought.
  - 4.1.4.2 Applications shall be made at the time of submitting entries for the National Contest and must be forwarded to the National Contest Supervisor for determination.
- 4.1.5 The National Contest Supervisor shall make a decision on the application in consultation with the Board. The National Contest Supervisor may consider non-compliant applications which outline extenuating circumstances.
- 4.1.6 Dispensation shall not be granted where the prescribed requirements are not documented in an acceptable format.
- 4.1.7 Rule deleted.
- 4.1.8 Rule deleted.
- 4.1.9 Details of all approved dispensations shall be published and circulated to all competing bands at least 28 days prior to the Contest.

Note: in the event that voting on a remit that changes the above rules has not been concluded by the due date, applicants must submit their application as if the remit will be passed. In the event that it is not the Association will contact affected bands to discuss what steps are required to process the application. Applications must be sent to

The Contest Group Leader  
19 Delhi Road, Hospital Hill, Napier 4110  
contest@nzpipebands.org.nz  
by 29 November 2018

**Application for 'Playing Up' Dispensation**

<b>Name of Band Member</b> wishing to 'play up'	
<b>Name</b> of G3 or G4 or G2 Band (the lower grade band)	
<b>Grade</b> (of lower grade band)	G4B   G4A   G3   G2
<b>Position held</b> by the applicant in this band (rule 4.1.3.2)	
For which <b>discipline</b> is this application (rule 4.1.3.4)?	Piping / Side Drumming / Bass&Tenor
<b>Date of appointment</b> to the 'eligible officer' position (rule 4.1.3.3) – evidence must be provided of this appointment	
<b>Name</b> of G1 or G2 or G3 Band (the higher grade band)	
<b>Grade</b> (of higher grade band)	G3   G2   G1
<b>Comments in support</b> of this application - use additional pages if necessary	
<b>Contact details of person</b> <b>submitting this application</b> (please include email)	

- Please ensure you attach **evidence** (minutes of the relevant meeting) of your appointment to the position in the lower band.
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