



2011 I&E Rules

1. The competition is open to anyone whom performs as a member of any IMBA registered band.
2. The competition will be divided into the following categories:

- **Soloists**

Soloists will be judged in 5 categories.

- **8 and under**
- **12 and under**
- **17 and under**
- **18 and over**
- **Open Percussion Solo**

All soloists will be judged only on their musical performance.

- **Ensembles** will be divided as follows:

- **Junior Music Ensemble**

This ensemble can consist of 2 – 12 members.

The ensemble will be static (standing or sitting) and will be judged only on their musical performance.

All members of this ensemble **Must be 17 yrs or under.**

- **Senior Music Ensemble**

This ensemble can consist of 2 – 12 members.

The ensemble will be static (standing or sitting) and will be judged only on their musical performance.

No age restrictions apply in this category.

- **Open Percussion Ensemble Category**

Percussion ensembles can consist of 2 – 12 members.

This category will be judged only by a percussion judge (providing there are sufficient entries)

No age restrictions apply in this category at present. If sufficient entries are received and if the organisers (IMBA) deem it suitable to split this category, Junior and Senior Percussion Ensemble categories will be formed with age restrictions being the same as the music ensemble categories.

- **Open Mixed Music Ensemble**

This ensemble can consist of 8 – 24 members.

The ensemble will perform their own choice of music. The ensemble will be judged by all 3 judges taking into account Overall Musical Performance, Percussion and Visual Effect. All performances in this category must include aspects of the 3 captions. If an ensemble in this category does not include elements of all 3 captions, they will loose out on the available points assigned to the respective judge. No age restrictions apply in this category.

- **Junior Colourguard Ensemble**

This ensemble can consist of 2 -12 members. All members of this ensemble **Must be 17 yrs or under.** The ensemble will be judged on their Visual performance

- **Senior Colourguard Ensemble**

This ensemble can consist of 2 -12 members.
The ensemble will be judged on their Visual performance.
No age restrictions apply in this category.

Colourguards, please note the following:

- The following Disciplines will be accepted in the colourguard categories: Flags, Dance (excluding Irish Dancing), Ribbons, Sabres, Batons, Pom poms, Rifles, Balls, Hats etc.
- Please note that:
 - Junior Colourguards ***must use at least one discipline*** from the list provided above.
 - Senior Colourguards ***must use at least two disciplines*** from the list provided above.
- If a Senior Colourguard fail to use at least two disciplines during their performance, a penalty of 20 points will apply.
- If a Colourguard wish to use another type of equipment, please check this with the judges prior to the performance.
- Colourguards must at all times respect any height restrictions that are in place (depending on the venue)
- All Colourguards must obey Rule 6 - regarding the non use of pyrotechnic effects.

3. The fees are as follows (please note that the below list is for pricing, these are not the separate categories, categories are listed in Rule 2 on the previous page)

- **Soloist** (in any age group) - €4
- **Ensembles** (All ensemble categories)
 - €3 per ensemble member

4. A competitor may enter ***each category only once.*** A performer may enter in two or more ensembles, providing they are not competing in the same category e.g. a percussionist may play as part of a percussion ensemble in the percussion category and may also play as part of a mixed ensemble.

5. The time limit for each

- ***Individual act will be a maximum of 3 minutes*** and for
- ***Ensembles a minimum of 1.5 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.***

6. No electric or battery operated equipment may be may used as part of any performance with the following exceptions:

- Vibraphones
- Stereo systems used to provide music for colour guard performances.

This rule also eliminates the use of any lighting or pyrotechnic effects.

7. The judge's decision will be final and the prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition.

8. All entries must be received by the 13th Nov. Due to scheduling issues at previous events, late entries will not be accepted.