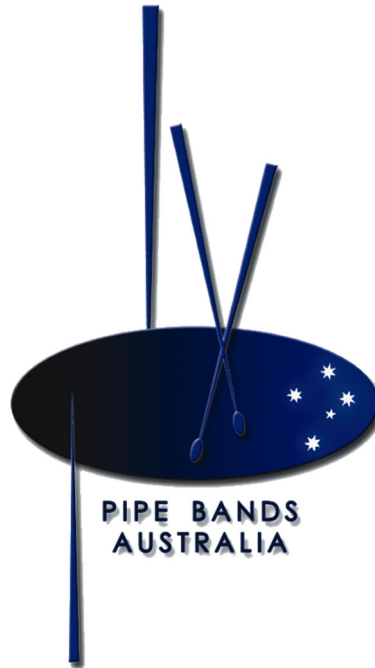


AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND COLLEGE REGULATION

of



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1. Title and Establishment

- 1.1. This Regulation is made pursuant to Rule 24 of the association's Rules and may be cited as the Australian Pipe Band College Regulation 1999.
- 1.2. The body hereby established shall be known as "Australian Pipe Band College", ("the College") and it is maintained by Pipe Bands Australia Inc.

2. Objects

- 2.1. The objects of the College are:-
 - 2.1.1. To provide an interest for the youth of Australia and to raise the standard of Australian pipe bands;
 - 2.1.2. To encourage interested persons to take a broader and deeper interest in piping, drumming and dress and drill and provide tuition therein;
 - 2.1.3. To establish and maintain appropriate standards for examination in proficiency in piping, drumming, dress and drill and matters pertaining to pipe bands generally, and to grant Certificates and Diplomas to those attaining those standards in the manner from time to time prescribed by the College;
 - 2.1.4. To prepare and issue material in furtherance of these objects for the guidance of instructors, adjudicators and all interested persons;
 - 2.1.5. To provide expert advice to the association, its Branches and members;
 - 2.1.6. To preserve the musical and cultural heritage of the Celts in recognition of the part they played in the settlement and growth of Australia.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. In this Regulation,

"the association" means Pipe Bands Australia Inc.;

"Branch" means a Branch of the association;

"College Branch" means a branch of the College established under this Regulation and

"College Branch Committee" means the committee established under this Regulation of the management of a College Branch;

"Judge" or "Adjudicator" means a person appointed by the association or by a Branch to be a judge of piping, drumming or dress and drill (as the case requires) as provided in the Australian Pipe Band Contest Regulation 2017 as from time to time in force;

"Contest Supervisor" means a person appointed by the association or a Branch to be a contest supervisor as provided in the Australian Pipe Band Contest Regulation 2017 as from time to time in force;

"Committee" and "Council" respectively mean the Committee and the Council of the association;

"College Branch Committee" means, in respect of each college branch, the committee established under this Regulation;

a reference to a Certificate or other qualification awarded by the College shall include a reference to a corresponding qualification awarded by a like body or examining authority recognised by the College from time to time by decision of the Committee or Council;

A meeting of the Music principals and V/Ps, President and Secretary shall be designated as the Music Board.

4. Membership

- 4.1. There shall be ordinary members, associate members and life members of the College in accordance with this regulation.
- 4.2. A person who is or has at any time been appointed to be a Judge or a Contest Supervisor shall be an ordinary member of the College.
- 4.3. A person who is interested in furthering the objects of the College may be admitted to associate membership of the College by a College Branch Committee and allocated by it to a division of that College Branch.
- 4.4. The Council or the Committee may appoint a person who has rendered outstanding service to the College (including outstanding service to a College Branch or Division as well as to the College generally) a Life Member of the College; a College Branch Committee may recommend such an appointment to the Council or the Committee.

5. Branches and Divisions

- 5.1. Until otherwise directed by Council there shall be a College Branch associated with each Branch of the association. Council may from time to time direct that a College Branch be associated with more than one Branch and assign a title to such a College Branch. The primary sphere of activity of a College Branch shall be that of the Branch or Branches with which it is associated. A College Branch shall serve the bands and members registered or affiliated with the association through the Branch or Branches with which it is associated.
- 5.2. An ordinary member shall be a member of the College Branch associated with the Branch on a list of Judges or Contest Supervisors maintained by which he appears or last appeared, and a Life Member shall be a member of the College Branch by which he was nominated for life membership or in the primary sphere of activity of which the Life Member ordinarily resides.
- 5.3. There shall be divisions of the College for:-
 - 5.3.1. Piping;
 - 5.3.2. Drumming;
 - 5.3.3. Ensemble;
 - 5.3.4. Dress & Drill; and
 - 5.3.5. Rules & Administration.
- 5.4. An ordinary member shall belong to the division or divisions in respect of which he is appointed to be a Judge, and, in the case of a Contest Supervisor, the Rules & Administration division.

6. Management

- 6.1. The College shall be administered by the College Executive Committee, comprising the President Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, the Principals of the College appointed pursuant to this Regulation, and three other members of the Association, appointed by the Committee. All decisions made by the College Executive Committee will require ratification by Committee or Council.
- 6.2. A College Branch shall be administered by a College Branch Committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three other persons nominated by each Branch with which that College Branch is associated together with the Vice-Principals for that College Branch appointed pursuant to this Regulation.
- 6.3. A branch shall comply with the decisions, directions and policies determined for the College by the Committee and the Council.
- 6.4. Subject to Rule 6.03 hereof, a College Branch Committee shall have power to do all things reasonably necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the objects of the College by the College Branch.

7. Appointments

- 7.1. There shall be a Principal for each division of the College, who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Rules of the Association.
- 7.2. The College Branch Committee of each College Branch shall appoint, in such manner as it thinks fit, a Vice-Principal for each division of the College for that College Branch, for a term not exceeding two years (and a retiring Vice-Principal shall be eligible for re-appointment) provided that a Vice-Principal shall hold at least the relevant Advanced Certificate of the College.
- 7.3. Each Branch Committee shall appoint in such manner as it thinks fit, and for terms not exceeding two years, as many ordinary or associate members of each division of the College as it from time to time thinks fit to be Examiners in that division, provided that except in the Rules & Administration division an Examiner shall hold at least the relevant Advanced Certificate of the College.
- 7.4. The Council or the Committee may appoint an Administrator and a Registrar of the College, and a College Branch Committee may appoint an Administrator of that College Branch. A division within a College Branch may appoint such officers as it from time to time thinks fit, subject to the approval of the College Branch Committee.
- 7.5. An appointment made under this Regulation shall be terminable by resignation, or by decision of the Council or the Committee or by the College Branch Committee by which the appointment was made.
- 7.6. A College Branch shall promptly notify to the Secretary of the association all appointments made by it under this Regulation.

8. Meetings

- 8.1. A College Branch Committee, a College Branch and a division within a college branch may meet as thought desirable and shall meet as directed by the Council or the Committee.
- 8.2. The Music Board may meet as thought desirable at the discretion of the Council or Committee.

9. Standards, Examinations and Qualifications

- 9.1. There shall be the standards established in each division as are set out in Appendix A to this Regulation.
- 9.2. The Syllabus for each standard shall be as from time to time determined by the Council or the Committee on the advice of the relevant Principal.
- 9.3. Examinations for each standard shall be conducted as the College or a College Branch may from time to time prescribe, for the convenience of examiners and candidates and to encourage participation in attainment of the standards.
- 9.4. The test paper for an examination shall be supplied or approved by the relevant Principal prior thereto.
- 9.5. Within fourteen days after an examination, the examiner presiding shall forward all papers (including the test paper and the candidate's answers, and his assessment of the marks gained by the candidate) to the relevant Vice-Principal for review, and, if thought fit, confirmation.
- 9.6. A Vice-Principal shall within seven days from receipt of the papers forwarded to him after an examination forward them and report to the relevant Principal either that he recommends the granting of the Certificate or other award for a particular qualification, or that he does not so recommend.
- 9.7. Within seven days after receipt by him of a Vice-Principal's recommendation as aforesaid, the Principal shall endorse the recommendation (issuing any Certificate or award so

- recommended) or reject it, and he shall forthwith so notify the recommending Vice-Principal and the Secretary of each Branch with which that College Branch is associated.
- 9.8. The College shall maintain a register of Certificates and awards granted, and at least once in each year supply each College Branch with a copy of the register.
 - 9.9. Once at least in each period of two years, the Council or the Committee shall review the recognition of other like bodies and examining authorities, and the appropriate recognition of the Certificates or awards of each such body as equivalent to particular standards of the College, which is set out at Appendix B to this Regulation.
 - 9.10. On request, to advise an associated Branch Council in relation to any application for appointment to a list of Judges or Contest Supervisors of the Branch with reference to the qualifications therefor set out in the Australian Pipe Band Contest Regulation 2012 Regulations A.1.06.04 and A.1.07.02.

10. Financial

- 10.1. The College shall be a non-profit organisation, all receipts being devoted to the furtherance of its aims.
- 10.2. All moneys received by the College shall be placed to the credit of such account or accounts with such bank or financial institution as the Council or the Committee may from time to time determine. Each such account shall be operated in such way as the Council or the Committee may from time to time determine. True accounts shall be kept of all receipts and payments and these shall be audited as part of the association accounts.
- 10.3. Except as directed from time to time by the association Council or Committee, moneys received by a College Branch shall either be placed to the credit of such account or accounts with such bank or other financial institution as the College Branch Committee may from time to time determine, each account being operated as that Committee from time to time directs, or placed to the credit of an account conducted by an associated Branch, separate accounts being maintained therefor in the books of that associated Branch and audited as the College Branch Committee thinks fit.
- 10.4. The fees for admission to any examination or for issuing any Certificate by the College shall be prescribed from time to time by the Council or the Committee. Examination admission fees shall be lodged with the association Secretary together with the application for examination. A recommendation for the granting of any Certificate or award by the College shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, if any.

11. Complaints

- 11.1. Any person having a complaint about any matter related to the College shall submit the same, in writing, to the relevant College Branch Committee, which shall forward a copy of the same to the Secretary of the association, and to the relevant Principal and Vice-Principal. The complaint shall be dealt with by the College Branch Committee, which shall notify the said Secretary, Principal and Vice-Principal of its disposition of the complaint.
- 11.2. Any person dissatisfied with the disposition of a complaint under this Rule by a College Branch Committee may request, in writing, that that Committee review the same, which that Committee shall do at its next meeting, after forwarding a copy of the request to each associated Branch, the relevant Principal and Vice-Principal and inviting them to make such comment or report as they desire.
- 11.3. No complaint or review shall be entertained pursuant to this Regulation if the matter could have been dealt with by protest or appeal under the Australian Pipe Band Contest Regulation 2012 as from time to time in force.

12. By-laws

- 12.1. A College Branch Committee may from time to time make, vary and repeal all such by-laws not inconsistent with the Rules of the association, this Regulation and the determinations of the Council and the Committee as it may from time to time think fit, and such By-laws while in force shall be binding on the members of that branch, provided that the Council and the Committee may dissolve any such By-law which shall thereupon cease to be in force.

13. Appreciation of Services

- 13.1. The Council and the Committee may recognise long and dedicated service to the College or to pipe bands or piping and drumming in Australia by any person by the issue to that person of a Certificate or by any other means.
- 13.2. The Committee may take such steps as it may from time think fit to evidence the election of a Life Member or the recording of its appreciation of a person's services.

14. Amendment and Continuance

- 14.1. This Regulation may only be amended in the manner provided in the association's Rules.
- 14.2. The Australian Pipe Band College Regulation 1991 of the former Australian Federation of Pipe Band Associations shall cease to have effect on the enactment of this Regulation but all matters previously done pursuant to it shall be effectual and valid as if it remained in force.

Appendix A [Rule 9.01]

The following standards are established:

- Piping:
 - Preliminary; Elementary; Intermediate; Advanced; Teaching Diploma.
- Drumming:
 - Preliminary; Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, Teaching Diploma.
- Ensemble:
 - Accreditation as an ensemble adjudicator.
- Dress & Drill:
 - Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, Instructor.
- Rules & Administration:
 - Rules: Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced.