



LIMERICK INTERNATIONAL BAND COMPETITION PARADE **LIMERICK CITY – SUNDAY MARCH 14TH 2010**

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL COMPETING BANDS

- The competition will commence at 12 noon on Sunday March 14th 2010 from O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.
- Bands must assemble between Punches Cross and Roden St and Quinn Street junction by 11am.
- Registration closes at 11.15 for all participants.
- Each band will move off from the starting point at a signal which will be given from the parade Grand Marshall.

The Competition route is 0.93 mile/1,488 meters long by 6.5 metres wide from the pavement edge. The route is from O'Connell Avenue down through O'Connell Street and passed the reviewing stand which is situated on O'Connell Street outside Penney's Department Store.

List of Order of Marching will be forwarded prior to the competition date. A Band Steward, who will carry an identification Banner provided by the Organisers, will accompany each band during the Competition.

Bands will be adjudicated, as they march and play, over a distance of 250 metres. The entry to the adjudication area will be clearly signposted and the end of the adjudication area will also be clearly marked on the road. Bands will be stopped at the entrance to the adjudication area, and are asked to complete whatever piece of music they are playing at that time.

The steward will then signal to the band when they are permitted to enter the adjudication area. This allows the bands to start their judged performance with their most suitable piece of music.

There is no test piece. Bands may play a music selection of their choice.

ADJUDICATION

- A panel of judges will carry out the adjudication of the Competition.
- Bands are judged in two categories which carry equal marks.
- **Music:** All musical aspects of a bands performance. 100 points
- **Display & Showmanship:** This includes all aspects of the band's marching, Show, Colour guard etc. All bands regardless of whether they have drum major, majorettes, pom-poms, rifle squads, silks/flags or not will be marked out of 100 points in this category.
- Special attention is drawn to the fact that adjudicators may not be on the Review Stand, but may be on foot and mobile in the vicinity of the Stand and adjudication area.
- Due to the large audience attending the Parade, we would encourage Bands outside of their requirements for competition to **entertain as much as possible.**

AWARDS AND RATINGS

Ratings will be awarded as follows:

Superior (A or I)	85 points or over
Excellent (B or II)	74-84 points
Good (C or III)	63-73 points
Fair (D or IV)	50 -62 points

A winning band will be selected from each of the following categories, as determined by the judges.

Prizes will be awarded in different categories including:

- Best International Band
- Best National Band
- Best Local Band
- Best Musical Performance
- Best Dressed Group
- Most Entertaining Performance
- The St Patrick's Festival 2010 Band Parade Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Parade Champion

Special Categories may be added if so decided upon by the judges.

Each Band member will receive a certificate of participation. The adjudicators may withhold any award if in their opinion a minimum standard of excellence has not been achieved.

The presentation of awards will take place at **Arthur's Quay on March 14th** immediately after the Parade. On finishing the parade, the bands will be stewarded to a predetermined position within Arthur's Quay Park to await the awards ceremony.

Bands are requested to nominate their representative to be in readiness at the foot of the presentation platform should the Band win an award. This will greatly facilitate the smooth management of the prize giving. The representative should be aware that photographs will be taken of all prize-winners.

The organisers do their best to ensure that the event is adequately stewarded and properly organised. However, they regret that they cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to property or injury to persons. Please also note that the legal liability of the Futureama Productions Ltd will not extend to apply in respect of the negligence of any the participating groups in the Limerick International Band Festival.

Bands that travel to the competition by coach should instruct their drivers of the following: having deposited the Band at the Parade Assembly Point at Punches Cross the bus should proceed to drive down the parade route and park outside the Limerick civic buildings. The band members may meet the bus at this location after the parade.

PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES THOROUGHLY AND ADHERE TO THEM, AS YOUR CO-OPERATION WILL ENSURE SMOOTH RUNNING AND A MEMORABLE COMPETITION.

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