

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE HOW SOLO DRUM MAJOR AGGREGATE POINTS ARE EARNED

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Existing Text

Only points from the six Champion of Champions events are included in the Drum Major totals; Queen Mary, Arizona Scottish, Las Vegas, Sacramento Valley, United Scottish Society, Utah Scottish, and Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

Proposed Text

- Points earned from all WUSPBA-sanctioned events are included in the Drum Major totals.
- Only those WUSPBA Drum Majors registered for the current season are eligible; any points earned prior to registration will not be included in the aggregate total.
- Only solo events that match the approved events provided for in the WUSPBA by-laws are tracked.
- Only events that occur in the area sanctioned by WUSPBA are tracked.
- Only contests that adhere to the contest rules provided for in the WUSPBA by-laws are tracked.
- If a contest is divided into elimination and final heats, only points earned in the finals will be counted.
- In contests with six (6) or less Drum Majors competing, the top three (3) positions will be awarded one (1) point for each competitor they best, plus one (1) point for finishing in the top three (A first place will earn 3 points, a second place 2 points and a third place 1 point). In contests with seven (7) or more Drum Majors competing, the top five (5) positions will be awarded one (1) point for each competitor they best, plus one (1) point for finishing in the top five (A first place will earn 5 points, a second place 4 points and a third place 3 points etc.).
- Aggregate prizes awarded at a contest by the contest sponsor are not included in the point total.

Rationale

The current points system is rather vague and somewhat inconsistent with the WUSPBA solo competitor format.

In addition, it tends to favor individuals with greater travel opportunities and doesn't always reflect a competitor's success. For example; competitor A could be able to attend 6 of the currently considered contests and place 3rd in all of them, while competitor B can only attend 2 contests but places 1st in both. Mathematically, they are now in a tie, even though competitor A has not won a single contest nor bested competitor B.

Respectfully,
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