

PROPOSAL TO ADD A THIRD DRUM MAJOR COMPETITION CATEGORY

Submitted by David Melton, Drum Major Committee Member

WHEREAS:

- The current WUSPBA Drum Major categories are Adult and Juvenile.
- The current RSPBA Drum Major Categories are Junior, Juvenile and Adult.
- The current WUSPBA Piping and Drumming categories are Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and Open.

PROPOSED:

Beginning January 1st, 2017, the WUSPBA will initiate 3 Solo Drum Major contest categories:

- **Adult Open**-18 years or older with more than three (3) years of experience competition in Adult Intermediate.
- **Adult Intermediate**-18 years or older with previous experience in Juvenile or no previous experience.
- **Juvenile**- 17 years or younger.

Rationale

The current Drum Major category system:

- Is not consistent with piping and drumming categories.
- Actually discourages competitors. A Drum Major who is 18 years old is required to compete in the Adult category regardless of experience. An entry-level adult or a juvenile competitor will not have the opportunity to develop the confidence or skill level required to compete against World Champion caliber Drum Majors, resulting in a demoralized and discouraged competitor.
- As our goal is to encourage solo competition and develop skilled competitors, we have an obligation to provide whatever means necessary to help achieve that goal.

Respectfully,
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