

Piobaireachd Grading – Submitted by Erin Berta

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Rationale:

Competency in Piobaireachd should be encouraged from the beginning levels through Open. To that end, all competitors should be placed in the appropriate grading level, and only one level.....same for light music and Piobaireachd. The current process of some pipers being graded in different grades for light and Piobaireachd is extremely confusing for event organizers, and causes all sorts of scheduling issues due to the same person competing in two different grades. Also, some of the competitors get confused themselves and sign up for the wrong event.....only to get caught (sometimes) by the WUSPBA rep. I don't think that this rule is really helping anyone, and only causes problems, errors, and confusion.