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WINTER CONTEST 2018

Venue: MEC, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxford, OX20 1LP

Adjudicator: TBA

Date: 24th & 25th February 2018

CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NAME OF BAND:

NATIONAL GRADING (delete as appropriate): CH / 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / Unregistered

CONTEST SECRETARY:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE: (DAYTIME)

(EVENING)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CONDUCTOR: (ON DAY OF CONTEST)

Are you entering a higher section as well – Please indicate if you wish to enter: YES/NO (don't forget to include the extra cost in your cheque)

We wish to enter the ODBBA Contest on 24th / 25th February 2018 and agree to abide by the rules of the contest.

CHEQUE ENCLOSED £ _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Cheque should be made payable to Oxfordshire and District Brass Band Association. Entries will close on Saturday 27th January 2018. Please send entries to the Contest Secretary: David Roberts, 1 Sherwood House, Rembrandt Way, Reading, RG1 6QY.



GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE CONTEST

1. The contest will be an own-choice Test-piece.
2. In these rules the words "Contest Management" will refer to the O.D.B.B.A Contest Committee.
3. In 2018, the 4th, 2nd and Championship Sections will play on Saturday 24th February. The Unregistered, 3rd, and 1st Sections will play on Sunday 25th February. The order of each section will be advised nearer the time.
4. The O.D.B.B.A Winter Contest will not be applying any registration to bands, but entrants will be asked to sign a declaration stating that all players are members of that band with the exception of borrowed players as allowed in Rule 5. This declaration must be returned to the Contest Secretary by February 10th 2018.
5. A band may borrow no more than five players under any circumstances. A borrowed player must be from a band that is nationally graded in the same section or a lower section than the borrowing band. If the borrowing band is graded in the Fourth Section then it may borrow two of its five borrowed players from the Third Section. Unregistered and Youth Bands may borrow a maximum of five players from ANY section. Any player who is nationally registered with another band MUST be declared as a borrowed player. Exceptions to this rule will be considered, at the Contest Management's discretion, if notified in writing by the entry closing date of January 27th 2018.
6. The entry fee for the O.D.B.B.A. Winter Contest is £75. Youth and training bands should pay £50. If a band wishes to enter a higher section as per Rule 7, there will be an additional fee of £25.00. Competing bands will be given 35 players tickets and will be required to hand back any unused tickets, and to show these tickets before going on stage. There will be a 10% reduction for O.D.B.B.A. member bands¹
7. A band may also apply to play in a higher section than their graded section. Selection for the higher section will depend on spaces remaining after the closing date and will be at the discretion of Contest Management. Places will be filled strictly in order of receipt of application. Bands can enter a section higher than their own provided they also compete in their own section. Bands entering more than one section must play a different test-piece in each section.
8. In the event of a small entry, the Contest Management reserve the right to combine sections. In the event of this happening, a prize will be awarded for the highest-placed band from the lower section; for example, if sections 3 and 4 are combined, the highest-placed 4th section band will receive a prize.
9. The contest is open to Brass Bands only, consisting of a maximum of 30 players plus percussion as required in all sections. Brass instrumentation will be from the following list: Eb Soprano Cornet, Bb Cornet, Bb Flugel Horn, Eb Tenor Horn, Bb Baritone, Slide Trombone, Bb Euphonium, Eb and EEb Bass, Bb and BBb Bass. A brass player may only play ONE brass instrument unless otherwise required by the score. Exceptions to this rule will be considered, at the discretion of Contest Management, if notified in writing by the entry closing date of January 27th 2018.
10. The Contest will be under closed adjudication.
11. All Sections will be pre-drawn and bands will be notified after the closing date.
12. Uniforms must be worn by all competing bands.
13. The first band to play in the first section of each day will be expected to play the National Anthem before the contest commences. This will not be adjudicated.
14. Bands should be ready to perform within 5 minutes of the preceding band vacating the stage.
15. Large percussion items will be provided (a detailed list will be circulated nearer the time). Bands

¹ For information about ODBBA Membership, please contact ODBBA Treasurer Brian Stovold on brian.stovold072@btinternet.com.

- are required to supply any additional percussion items including beaters; otherwise the supplied percussion items must be used.
16. Bands who are not intending to play the Area test piece are requested to provide an unmarked copy of their chosen test piece for the adjudicator – NO PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. These are to be sent to the Contest Secretary by Saturday 10th February 2018. Bands should also submit a stage plan to assist in the organisation of the stage by the same date.
 17. Music stands will be provided and banners will not be permitted.
 18. If a band withdraws from the contest before the closing date for entries, the fee will be refunded. If a band withdraws after the closing date, but before the draw for playing order takes place, then 50% of the entrance fee will be refunded. Withdrawals after the draw date are non-refundable.
 19. The Adjudicator(s) decision is final. Results will be announced and Trophies will be presented at the end of each section unless notified otherwise before the date of the contest. A band winning a trophy must give an undertaking, signed by an official of the band, to protect and insure the trophy against loss or damage and to keep the trophy in good and safe condition. Proof of insurance cover must be provided, if required, by the Contest Management. It is the band's responsibility to return the trophy in good condition upon instructions from the Contest Management. The Contest Management reserves the right to seek compensation from any band for failure to comply fully with trophy return instructions issued by it.²
 20. All trophies to be returned 21 days before the next contest (A reminder will be sent).
 21. Venue: Smoking is not permitted in the building. Food and drink are not permitted in the band changing/storage area. Any action, by a band player or supporter that spoils the enjoyment of the contest for other people shall not be permitted. The cost of repair or replacement for any damage will be charged to the individual or band responsible for that damage. The Secretary of a band entered in the contest shall be responsible for bringing this rule to the notice of the band's players and supporters and shall be responsible for their conduct.
 22. Breach of any of these rules may lead to disqualification of a band.
 23. All protests, complaints, or matters arising under these rules shall be submitted to the Contest Secretary, and shall be assessed by the Contest Management whose decision shall be final.
 24. The OXFORDSHIRE & DISTRICT BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to persons or property.
 25. The Contest Management reserve the right to vary or add to these rules as necessary and to accept or decline an entry.
 26. The Contest Management accepts no responsibility for costs to bands in respect of the cancellation of the Contest on or before the Contest date.

² Some trophies awarded by ODBBA are worth several thousand pounds, and should be insured and protected accordingly. ODBBA reserve the right to recall trophies early for inventory purposes.