



NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

YORKSHIRE BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN HALL HD1 2TA

SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION BANDS 2025

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2025

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DRAW TIME</u>	<u>START OF SECTION</u>
THREE	8:00am	9:30am
CHAMPIONSHIP	11:30am	2:30pm

Sections FOUR, TWO and ONE will take place on Saturday 1st March 2025(in this order).

DRAW – The draw will take place in the Council Chamber (1st Floor). Delegates for ALL sections should enter the building by the RAMSDEN STREET door (Band member's entrance) – access via stairs or lift.

ONE draw delegate ticket per band will be issued and therefore ONLY the appointed band representative will be admitted, and the delegate ticket must be presented. At the draw a timetable will be distributed for dressing room/warm up and registration areas. At the draw you should hand in the following documents.

PERCUSSION/BAND LAYOUT PLAN.(provided)

FIRE REGULATIONS PERSONNEL SHEET AND CHAPERONE SHEET (provided)

YOUNGEST PLAYER NOMINATION FORM (provided)

Completion of the TWO Fire Regulations Registers and identification of children aged 16 years and under is a MANDATORY requirement of Kirklees Council.

INSTRUMENTATION

Instruments used must be in accordance with instrumentation as listed in Rule 8(a) of the National Rules. The rules of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain are available on download on both regional contest/Yorkshire or Kapitol Promotions sites.

BAND MEMBERS WRIST BANDS – COLOURED GREEN

Thirty wristbands will be issued to each band at the draw or can be collected from Contest Control on the day of the contest. Band member wristbands allow access to the “Gallery” seating area only and must be worn whilst in the Town Hall. **Wristbands will be required to be shown at REGISTRATION and if required to do so to stewards throughout the Town Hall. Band Secretaries are responsible for ensuring all band members are allocated a wristband and the wearing of it whilst in the building.**

PARENT AND CHAPERONE WRISTBANDS

Parent and chaperone wristbands (as required) will be issued at the DRAW

COACHES AND CAR PARKING – HUDDERSFIELD

Coaches should approach by Alfred Street ONLY due to Bus Gates on other routes. Coaches must adhere to parking regulations around the Town Hall area. There are a number of Council managed car parks in walking distance of the Town Hall.

ENTRANCE TO THE TOWN HALL FOR PLAYING MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS.

To comply with Kirklees Fire Regulations only band personnel/officials who are entered on the personnel sheets will be allowed access into the building VIA THE RAMSDEN STREET ENTRANCE. Please ensure your band enter the building “en-bloc”. **Timings will be strictly adhered to. You will not be allowed access to the building before your allocated time. Wheelchair users should use the Corporation Street Entrance.** A steward will direct them to the dressing room area. Once in the building a lift is available to **registration**/backstage areas and stage entrance. Please advise the contest controller at your draw if you have players which require assistance during their time in the building. You will be allocated a DRESSING ROOM on entering the building. We request that band members remain in the allocated dressing room until called up to move to the WARMUP ROOM. Please do not stand in the corridor areas as these must be kept clear at all times to comply with Town Hall Fire Safety regulations.

YOUNG PLAYERS (16 AND UNDER) DRESSING ROOM AREA “Quiet and Sensory Room”

If any senior players intend changing in the dressing room then young players **MUST** use the allocated male/female young players dressing rooms. A steward will direct them to this area (2nd floor facilities). This is a requirement of the event BOPA issued by Kirklees Council. **Chaperones must remain with the “Young” players throughout this time.**

WARM UP ROOM

Each band will be allocated approx. 10/15 minutes in the Ceremony Room to warm up before moving to registration. A steward will call the band as required.
Chaperones must remain with the “Young” players throughout this time.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the Reception Room (1st floor). Bands will be called to Registration as required by a Duty Steward. On completion of Registration, the band will be directed by a Steward whether to remain in the Reception room or move into the Crush Room area back stage. **All band members must present their wristband (wearing of) with their BBPL Registration Card. Registration cards will be returned on completion of the band's performance. All players must be registered with Brass Band Players**

Registry at least 7 days before the Friday of the contest weekend (for 2025 the date is **FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY**). This applies to player transfers as per Rule 17 of the current National Rules. We ask that the Band Secretary remain with their band until Registration Officials are satisfied with all member's cards and prior to contest day check the cards against the latest BBPR print-out to ensure everything is in order. Any discrepancies found contact BBPR immediately. Band Secretaries must also check the **BAND RE-VALIDATION DATE IS IN DATE FOR THIS CONTEST**. Any discrepancies with player/band registration details may result in the disqualification of your band.

PHOTOGRAPHY/MEDIA COVERAGE

Unless the Contest Controller is notified by a band at least two weeks before contest day the organisers will assume your band has no objections to photographs being taken for use by media from band and local press reporters with the resultant reports appearing in the press and on websites etc.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The band drawn to play number **ONE** in **SECTION THREE** will play the National Anthem prior to their performance.

PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT/PLANS AND STAGE SET UP/SOUNDING OF INSTRUMENTS

The committee have engaged the services of Ray Payne. He has studied the score for Diversions for Brass Band by Derek Bourgeois and is aware of all requirements.

ATTACHED TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS THE PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR YOUR SECTION TEST PIECE AND WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY.

Please make sure you bring this to the attention of your percussion players and MD.

Please note that the TIMPS are in a SET position on the attached plan and must be adhered to.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE STAGE PLAN with your PERCUSSION/BAND SEATING ARRANGMENT and hand in at the draw.

Prior to the full band going on stage, **ONLY YOUR PERCUSSION PLAYERS** will be allowed on stage + any disabled player, to set up the percussion with Ray Payne whilst the contest stage crew set up the band layout plan in accordance with your plan handed in at the draw. During this short time band members in the **waiting area will be allowed to sound their instruments prior to going on stage**. Please co-operate with the stewards by not starting to blow earlier.

The full band must proceed "en bloc" to the stage immediately requested to do so by the stage stewards. For Health and Safety reasons no seats will be placed in front of, or be moved in front of, the RED LINE across the front of the stage. On completion of the band's performance, they should **vacate the stage as quickly as possible, return to the Dressing Room as directed and vacate that area as soon as possible** to assist with the smooth running of contest day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.

Results and presentation of awards will follow the final band in each Section. A representative from each band will be required on stage prior to the results being announced.

REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE IN UNIFORM OR SMART DRESS: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST, YOUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE REFUSED ACCESS TO THE STAGE.

A TROPHY RECEIPT form will be in the Prize envelope. Please complete and return in the envelope provided a.s.a.p. Prize monies will not be awarded until this trophy receipt has been returned to the Regional Secretary and monies will be paid by BACS only. Please ensure you complete the BACS form provided in the envelope and return as above.

All trophies must be kept secure and be returned in a condition ready for presentation at the request of the Committee. The band holding the trophy is responsible for suitable engraving and insurance of the trophy/s as per National Rules. In addition to the annual trophies a Commemorative Shield will be presented to the top three bands in each section. The Commemorative Shield will be retained by the band as a memento of the occasion.

Your invitation to the NATIONAL FINALS will be sent to you by KAPITOL following the completion of our contest and allowing 14 days to elapse.

CLEARANCE OF THE HALL.

The hall will be cleared on one occasion only. This will be following the results of **SECTION THREE on Sunday 2nd March**. Please ask your band to assist the Town Hall staff in this matter in order to keep the contest running on time.

If you have an emergency on Contest Day you can contact Robert Turnbull

Contest Controller on 07512 600602.

RESPIRATORY ILLNESS – GUIDANCE PROTOCOL.

Current guidance as laid down by the UK Government/Kapitol Promotions/Yorkshire Regional Championships and Huddersfield Town Hall Management will apply during the weekend of the Championships.

Band secretaries will be advised of the protocol the week before the Championships by email. All band persons must adhere to the guidelines laid down as above

ADMISSION TICKETS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Championship Section is ALLOCATED SEATING ONLY- All other sections are unallocated seats. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 13th January 2025 from the Town Hall Box Office. Telephone 01484 225755 or online www.kirkleestownhalls.co.uk

All Day Ticket for Saturday	£11	Under 16's £6
AM ticket for Sunday (Section Three)	£8	Under 16's £5
Afternoon Sunday (Championship section)	£13	Under 16's £10

Children under 2 sitting on adults knee (all sections) FREE

Due to H&S policy, wheelchair users are advised to book in advance (limited spaces).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries and I wish you and your band every success for the contest.

Robert Turnbull

Yorkshire Regional Secretary/Contest Controller (07512 600602)

www.regional-contest.org.uk/yorkshire