

# - MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION - 2012 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

**MWPBA Champion Supreme winners in Grade 3 and Grade 4 Snare drumming; Novice Tenor drumming; Jr. Novice and Grade 4 Piping receive scholarships to the Mhaf Winter Storm 2013 Workshop in Kansas City, MO.**

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- Easy, quick and secure online registration and payment are available on the MWPBA web site ([www.mwpba.org](http://www.mwpba.org)). Use this form only if you wish to register by mail and pay by check or money order.
- Individual membership in the MWPBA (or another recognized pipe band association) is required to participate in any MWPBA sanctioned Solo Piping and Drumming events.
- Membership in a pipe band does not qualify you to compete in solo competition events.
- Registering with the MWPBA does not enter you in any solo competitions at individual games. You must check the games' websites for details and registration forms. The MWPBA makes a best effort to post links or contact information for MWPBA sanctioned games at the MWPBA web site.
- You must renew your individual membership for each year that you intend to compete as a soloist. The MWPBA membership year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### MWPBA Email Group:

- **New for 2012:** When you become an individual member of the MWPBA, you also become a member of the MWPBA Google email group ([mwpba-mail@googlegroups.com](mailto:mwpba-mail@googlegroups.com)). The Google email group allows the MWPBA officers and committees to inform you of important information regarding the MWPBA. After you register, you will receive an invitation to the MWPBA-Mail group. Please accept the invitation. You may opt-out at anytime by sending an email to [mwpba-mail+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mwpba-mail+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com).

### Grading Information:

- **New for 2012:** If you have competed one or more years at either Junior Novice or Senior Novice, you may re-grade yourself to Grade 4 any time during the year, but **you must notify the Music Board and the Solo Registrar of your self-grading before your new grade is official.** The Solo Registrar will issue a new Membership number to you.
- **New for 2012:** If you are now in Grade 4 or above and want to compete at a higher grade, **you must submit a Grading Application (also known as a Re-Grade Petition) to the Music Board postmarked on or before March 31, 2012.** A re-grading is not official until it is approved by the Music Board. The Music Board will notify you by mail of their decision.
- If you are a new applicant for MWPBA membership at Grade 3 or higher or transferring from another association to the MWPBA at Grade 3 or higher, you must file a Grading Application with the Music Board.
- The Grading Application form is available at the MWPBA website (a.k.a. Re-Grade Petition).
- The Solo Registrar cannot approve your grading request.
- You may send your Grading Application to the Music Board and your Individual Membership form to the Solo Registrar at the same time. Remember to mail the forms separately. The Solo Registrar does not process grading requests.

### Fees and Dates:

- \$20.00 USD when you pay your individual membership fee **on or before March 31, 2012.** The envelope must be postmarked on or before March 31.
- \$25.00 USD if paid after March 31, 2012.
- \$10.00 USD per person for additional individual memberships for immediate family members. Immediate family members are a spouse, parent/minor child, or minor siblings.

*Example:* You, and two of your minor children want to compete as soloists. You pay \$20 (if paying on or before March 31, 2012) and pay \$10.00 for each of your children. Total: \$40.00 USD. If paying after March 31, 2012, the fee would total \$45.00.

**Instructions:**

- This is a PDF form. Please type in your information, check the appropriate boxes, and then print the form.
- Complete a separate membership application for yourself and each qualifying family member.
- Write the names of qualifying immediate family members in the appropriate box below.
- Send the completed membership form(s) with a check or money order payable to **MWPBA** to:

Tom Jewell – Solo Registrar  
415 Somerset Ct. Apt. B  
Aurora, IL 60504-4091

- For questions or concerns, please send email to [registrarsolos@mwpba.org](mailto:registrarsolos@mwpba.org)

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

**New Member**

**Renewing Member** (choose one)

<b>Last name:</b>	<b>Initial:</b>	<b>First:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>E-Mail Address:</b>		
<b>Names of Immediate Family Members Qualifying for the Family Membership Discount:</b>			

**COMPETITION GRADE** - *check appropriate box(es)*

**ADJUDICATOR**

(clear the above box)

If you wish to apply for a re-grade, please check your desired new Grade(s) below and submit a Grading Petition to the Music Board.

I have applied for a Re-grade. Note: The Solo Registrar will not process your Membership Application until the Music Board makes a decision.

**PIPER - Light Music**

- Professional
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Novice: Jr (under 30) or
- Novice: Sr (30+)
- None of the above

**PIPER - Piobaireachd**

- Professional (Submit 4 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 1 (Submit 3 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 2 (Submit 2 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 3 (Submit 1 full Piobaireachd)
- Grade 4 (Ground and first variation)
- None of the above

**DRUMMER - Snare**

- Professional
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- None of the above

**DRUMMER – Tenor**

- Open
- Novice
- None of the above

**DRUM MAJOR**

- Drum Major
- (clear the above box)