



North East Midlands Brass Band Association

President: Mr. Lynden Cooper
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Final Information For Member Bands Competing On 21st-22nd February 2026 At The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton, Derbyshire, DE55 2EJ.

Dear Secretary / Bands,

Thank you for entering this year's NEMBBA Contest, I hope your preparations are going well.

- **Players Information Form** - Please bring it with you on the day, along with the usual letters from any bands you may have borrowed players from. We do not require registration cards. A copy of the form is available on our website (<https://www.nembba.org.uk/documents>).
- **Fourth Section** – We will be awarding The Philip Fawbert Memorial Cup to the youngest player in the fourth section. If you are in this section, please let registration know the name and age (years and months) of your youngest player.
- **Car Parking** There is parking at The Post Mill Centre for cars only. Overflow parking and coaches should go to The Hub, Shiners Way, South Normanton, DE55 2AA, this is on the opposite side of the main road from The Post Mill Centre. The management of The Hub has requested that that bands should try to keep any noise to a minimum, as there are residents living above The Hub. **Please pass this request on to your players.**
- **Disabled Access** – All the rooms at The Post Mill Centre are on the ground floor with no steps within the building. There is a ramp to the front door.
- **Percussion** I have previously emailed a list of the percussion provided; please let me know if there are any problems.
- **Schedule** I have previously emailed to you a rough idea of the starting times for each section and your estimated time of playing. The contest starts at 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday and doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. On the Sunday, the contest starts at 10:15 a.m. and the doors will be open from 9:00 a.m.
- **Changing Rooms** – The changing room for all sections are in the room straight ahead from the entrance and beyond the bar; this shares a wall with the contest hall, please remind your players that playing in this room will disturb the contest. The room on the left as you enter the building will be available for quiet warm-ups for the second and championship sections only: unfortunately, this room is already booked on both the Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Please vacate your changing area promptly after you have played, as the next band will be waiting for your space. If you arrive early, please wait with your equipment in the bar area.
- **Results** The results will be announced after each section has concluded.
- **Trophies** - All trophies should be signed for by an adult. Bands should add any trophies which they win to their insurance.
- **Prize Money** – Our treasurer, Kevin Holdgate has asked to pay any prize money by BACS transfer after the contest rather than by cheque. If you win any prize money, please will you supply him with your account name, sort code and account number.
- **General Entry** - £5.00 (honesty bucket). Entry for anyone playing at the contest is of course free. Complimentary programmes will be available.
- **Trade Stands** Pennine Music Publishing and Durham Music Shop are providing trade stands.

- **Refreshments** The café will be open from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on both days, and the bar will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on the Saturday and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on the Sunday.
- **Long Service Awards** NEMBBA offer long service certificates to players (and conductors and non-playing administrators such as secretaries, etc.) for 25, 40, 50, 60 and 75 cumulative years of membership of brass bands. This includes time playing in school, training brass bands and non-contesting bands. Awards can be made retrospectively if you have, for example, players who have been playing for 30 years. Please let me know if any of your players would like to receive one of our certificates (this offer is open to all the bands who have entered this contest).
- **Documents** All the documents I have emailed you (apart from the draw) are on our website at <https://www.nembba.org.uk/documents>

The NEMBBA committee look forward to seeing you on the day.

Thank you.

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