



**NORTH OF ENGLAND
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Dear Colleagues

Enclosed are the details for the forthcoming North of England Brass Band Championships. All timings set out in this letter could be subject to change if there are any withdrawals, etc., from the contest. If any change is necessary I will let you know as soon as I can. Please ensure that your band arrives at the venue in good time for your section.

Saturday 15th March 2014

Timings:	Section Three	Draw 10.30am	start 12midday prompt
	Section Two	Draw 1.30pm	start 2.45pm (approx.) to follow section 3

Sunday 16th March 2014.

Timings	Section Four	Draw 8.30am	start 10.00am
	Section One	Draw 12 midday	start 1.00pm (approx.) to follow section 4
	Championship	Draw 1.30pm	start 3.00pm (approx.) to follow section 1

Adjudicators are as announced, David Hirst, Championship, section two and section four
Kevin Wadsworth, Section Three and section one

The Dolphin Centre: Horse market: Darlington; DL1 5RP: Tel 01325 388406. Public access to the main hall is via the main entrance on level 2.

Sections, three, four, one and Championship will assemble in the central hall. This is accessed via Bull Wynd, at the side of the dolphin Centre.

Bands are reminded that parking adjacent to the Dolphin Centre may incur parking charges. Disabled parking is available in these car parks but due to construction near the town Hall, parking spaces may be affected. Coach drop off and pick up remains the same.

Section Two will assemble in the ‘STUDIO’ Situated on the second floor. Please use the main entrance. Lifts are available throughout the Centre

The Draws will be held in the control room, as in previous years.

All bands will be given performers passes (30 free per band) and can be collected from the control room on the day. These will be required to be shown by each player, together with their registration card whilst signing at the registration table. Draw delegate passes will be sent out later.

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Enclosed for your attention is a list of percussion provided. Bands will be able to view these during the adjudicator change over as per usual. Timpani will be fixed between the trombones and basses, but a degree of flexibility will be given for other instruments, within reason, to suit the number of percussionist bands are using. **Please note the four minute rule will be enforced.**

Please bring to the draw your stage and percussion plans.

Bands are reminded that we do not have a warm up facility; therefore whilst in the central hall please refrain from blowing your instruments. I understand your frustrations with this matter, but we are working to rectify this issue for future years. If bands don't adhere to this, further action may be taken. Please respect other bands during their performance. After your band has performed please vacate the central hall as quickly as possible, so we can prepare for the next section.

All results will follow each section, and remarks will be available in the control room 20minutes after their announcement. A delegate pass will be needed to collect remarks

An issue has come to light with the legality of any recording, (audio or video) made at the championships, and then broadcast on the internet via individual band web sites. Please respect our request not to take photographs or record performances. We will not be held responsible for any possible actions taken with bands on this issue

Finally, can I congratulate you all in advance for your performance. At the North of England Brass Band Championships, we pride ourselves for the friendly atmosphere we create and the professional manner in which we perform. Please extend our welcome to all your bandsmen/women and supporters. If you have any problems at any time during the weekend please come to us and we will help. In any emergency please contact me on my mobile number 07748878081. You may need to leave a message but I will contact you as soon as possible.

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Enc. percussion list
Survey form
Stage plan