

# Rules for the Solo & Ensemble Finals

- Definitions:** Junior (under 12) – A player who has their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.
- Intermediate (12-15) – A player who has passed their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday but has their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007
- Youth (16-21) – A player who has passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday but has their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007
- Junior Ensemble – Up to 5 brass players and a conductor (optional), representing either a school or registered band.
- Over 40 – A player who has passed their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day of the contest.

## Time Limits

### Junior, Intermediate & Youth Soloists

5 minutes. 1 point deducted for every complete period of 30 seconds over time.

### Junior, Intermediate & Youth Ensembles.

8 minutes. 1 point deducted for every complete period of 30 seconds over time.

### Open Ensemble

Own choice programme of maximum 12 minutes. 1 point deducted for every complete period of 30 seconds over time.

### Open Soloists Qualifying Round.

6 minutes. 1 point deducted for every complete period of 30 seconds over time.

### Open Solo Final (Top 6 players from qualifying round)

10 Minutes. 1 point deducted for every complete period of 30 seconds over time.

## Maximum entry levels.

Junior, Intermediate and Youth event entries would be regulated by the five qualifying events held in advance, **top 3** from each section qualifies.

Open Ensemble would be limited to 18 entries. The top 6 from 2006 qualify automatically for this year's contest and the rest of the field will be decided by ballot of the entries received before the closing date.

Open Solos is limited to 40 entries. The top 10 from 2006 qualify automatically for this year's contest and the rest of the field will be decided by ballot of the entries received before the closing date. **There is no rule to prohibit players under 21 entering the Open Section.**

The top 2 in any regional qualifying event that has taken place are also guaranteed a place in the contest. **All pre-qualifiers are still required to enter the contest.**

An official accompanist is available to all soloists if required.

## Entry fees

Open Ensemble - £10.00

Open Solos - £5.00