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# **Basic Band Principles**

1. Mission/Goals - To provide Denver, Colorado with a Scottish Highland musical ensemble dedicated to performing and promoting Highland and Celtic Piping and Drumming.

2. Members - All members of the band will be performing musicians. New members must meet the criteria below and will be admitted by majority vote of existing members after careful consideration of band resources, musical ability, commitment to Colorado Caledonian Mission/Goal, and contribution to the band.

# Prerequisites

\* Pipers must have their own set of pipes.

\* Play the band settings for Basic Sets as identified by the Pipe Major or Lead Drummer and published in Colorado Caledonian Music Book

\* Attend band practices for period of observation of at least four practices.

\* Should have proper Highland attire required for performances and competitions.

\* All members will be voted in by current members of the band.

## Membership

\* Full members are members who regularly participate in rehearsals, performances, and/or competitions.

\* Members will be required to make an annual donation to the band. The donation is Tax-deductable. Amount is set by the Board of Directors. \* Members who perform with or are members of other WUSPBA bands are welcome to join as Associate Members with the goal of playing in local events. However, they may not be issued Colorado Caledonian equipment due to limited resources.

## Member Responsibilities/Expectations

\* Make a good faith effort to attend practices and performances.

\* Strongly encouraged to seek additional musical instruction through workshops or private tutoring.

\* Remain proficient in performing music sets as outlined in Colorado Caledonian Music Book.

\* Members who do not attend and participate in rehearsal or performance events for 6 months may be moved to Interested Party status.





3. Performing Units - Colorado Caledonian is a performing musical unit. All members are part of the Basic Performing Unit.

## Basic Performing Unit

Performs in parades and performances. Members may be asked to refrain from playing certain sets based on musical ability as judged by Pipe Major or Lead Drummer.

### Competition Unit

Will be selected by Pipe Major and Lead Drummer from the Basic Performing Unit.

#### 4. Band Administration

Board of Directors (required for 'non-profit' status) Responsible for long-term strategic direction of the band to include: overseeing band administration (activities of Treasurer, Secretary, etc), negotiating long-term contracts/sponsorship arrangements, setting band schedule. Consists of 3 appointed positions:

- \* The President, Treasurer and Secretary
- \* The Board of Directors may hold more than one office or title.
- \* Board of Directors Assign the Pipe Major.
- \* No limits on terms on the Board of Directors or Officers..
- \* The Board of Directors is not voted in or appointed by members.

#### **Band Members**

Must approve by majority vote all major projects affecting band as a whole such as:

- \* Educational workshops
- \* Travel

#### Pipe Major

Sets the musical direction of the band.

- \* Settings, music selection
- \* Instruction, practice schedule
- \* Competition goals
- \* Appoints the Lead Drummer
- \* Appoints other musical officers as needed.

#### Band Manager

Runs administrative side of band (treasurer, secretary, pricing/schedule)