

Clonakilty Brass Band

Rules for Band Members

1. Every band member is entitled to be listened to and to be treated with fairness and respect from fellow members. Bullying or intimidation of any member will not be tolerated.
2. Respectful behaviour is expected at all times from band members while at band rehearsals, workshops, performances and when engaged in band activities. Rude or vulgar language will not be permitted. Drinking, smoking or misuse of drugs during performances and band activities or whilst representing the Band in public will not be permitted.
3. The Musical Director (MD)/Conductor, subject to general guidelines from the Committee, has sole responsibility for the musical standard of the Band. The MD has authority to assign band members to any position or instruments in the Band as appropriate in order to achieve the desired standard for performance.
4. Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals/workshops and performances unless permission has been sought in advance from the MD with a valid reason. Permission for absence must be sought in good time to give the MD the time to make the necessary alternative arrangements.
5. Unexplained absences from band rehearsals, workshops and performances by a member will be considered as misconduct. The MD may refer such misconduct to the Committee, after speaking to the relevant band member about their unexplained absence. Misconduct by a band member will be taken seriously and may lead to termination of band membership, at the sole discretion of the band committee (see rule 13 and 14 below).
6. Members are expected to arrive on time for stated band events and to assist in the logistics.

7. Band members must be seated and prepared to play at the given time for the rehearsal or event, before the MD arrives to conduct the band.
8. Band uniforms as agreed by the Committee must be worn at all Band engagements. Members are reminded that black leather shoes should be clean and polished and black socks must be worn with the uniform. Failure to wear the correct uniform may mean a member may not be allowed perform.
9. Band instruments, equipment and other accessories provided by the Band, for use by Band members, shall remain the property of the Band. Members leaving the band shall promptly return all instruments, music, equipment and property of the band to either the MD or to any member of the Committee. Resigning members must notify one of the members of the Committee as soon as possible.
10. When the MD allocates a Band instrument to a player/student, an Acceptance of Liability form must be completed by the band member/student or their parent/guardian in the case of a minor. This form must be returned to the Treasurer. The Band Committee will provide this form.
11. The Band member is responsible for the care, maintenance and safe keeping of any instrument on loan to it from the band. Any loss or damage to the instrument must be reported to the MD or a Committee member immediately. Should the MD or Committee member prove ill treatment of the instrument the person(s) responsible will be liable for the cost of repairs to the damaged instrument. In the case of minors their parent/guardian will be liable for the cost of repair of the damaged instrument.
12. Any membership fee or subscription as set out by the Band Committee must be paid in full by the due date by all members. Any member in arrears of two months will be notified by the Committee in writing and will be expected to clear all the arrears within one further month. Any person who has difficulty with payment of the membership fee can come to some arrangement with the Band Secretary or Treasurer confidentially. A member who fails to comply with the above ceases to become a member.

13. Should the committee need to discuss a band members conduct or infringement of the above rules, the band member/parent or guardian in case of a minor, will be notified in advance of the meeting and can attend the meeting to speak in their own defence.
14. Persistent infringement of band rules by a band member may result in termination of their band membership at the sole discretion of the band committee.

IT Policy:

All band members are expected to regularly visit the band website www.clonakiltybrassband.com and Facebook pages as these are used by the committee for communicating important band information to band members.

1. Band members using social networking sites associated with the Band need to fully understand that whatever material is put on these sites by a band member must be age appropriate, as the age profile of the band varies from 10 years to adult.
2. The committee will sanction any band member using foul or inappropriate language on any social networking site linked to the Band.
3. Images or photographs put onto any any social networking site linked to the Band must not carry any names or any identifying information.

Agreed by Committee