



“Folks, if this event is not on your schedule for next year- put it on! Huge crowds, welcoming organizers, well run.”

-Jim Engle, EUSPBA Drum Major Judge



**EUSPBA Sanctioned
Grade 5, 4 and 3
July 28, 2018**

Pipe Band Competition



“I have played in games from Canada to Scotland and in my opinion GAIF was great”

-Pipe Major Stephen Yearly



Great American Irish Festival
11th Annual Pipe Band Competitions
Saturday, July 28, 2018
EUSPBA Sanctioned
Pipe Band Grades 3, 4, 5

Schedule

12:00 - Band Competition
4:45 - Parade Line Up
5:00 - Parade and Massed Bands

General Rules and Information

No Entry Fee!

Free Admission for participating band members! Pipe band members competing in the pipe band competition or participating in the massed bands performance will receive free pipe band competition bracelets. **All bands must submit a roster of competing members and those members participating in the massed band performance.** The number of pipe band competition bracelets provided each band will be based upon this roster.

Email your roster to Carole Hackett at carolehackett@gmail.com.

If a roster is not submitted, only 10 bracelets will be provided.

EUSPBA Rules and Regulations: The competition is sanctioned by the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA) and will conform to the Association's Rules and Regulations for sanctioned events. Bands are required to be members of the EUSPBA or other organizations with reciprocal agreements.

Draw for Competition Order of Play: The draw will be held prior to the competition and posted on the festival website on **July 23**. The contest committee will conduct a ***pre-competition meeting the day of the contest at 10 AM** – bands should have a representative in attendance. Competition will begin at NOON starting with Grade 5.

Accommodations: Go to <http://greatamericanirishfest.com/festival-info/accommodations/> for information on accommodations. On-site camping available. Camping sites go quickly. Reserve your campsite by emailing gaifcamp@yahoo.com.

Massed Bands Performance: There will be ONLY ONE massed bands performance, which will take place at the conclusion of the pipe band competition.

Pipe Band Parking: Parking is free, and pipe band members will receive a special parking permit to allow them to park in a reserved pipe band parking area.

For additional information, contact Patrick O'Hara at 607-287-7679 or npohara@hughes.net or
Carole Hackett at 518-928-3655 or carolehackett@gmail.com.

Pipe Band Prize Money: Prize money will be awarded at the conclusion of the massed bands performance. Bands must participate in the massed bands performance to receive prize money.

Grade 3 - 1st: \$700; 2nd: \$600; 3rd: \$500
Grade 4 - 1st: \$600; 2nd: \$500; 3rd: \$400
Grade 5 - 1st: \$500; 2nd: \$400; 3rd: \$300