

THE ARCHIE KENNETH QUAICH COMPETITION

The twenty-seventh annual amateur Piobaireachd competition for the Archie Kenneth Quaich will take place on Saturday, 23rd February 2019, in the rooms of The Royal Scottish Pipers' Society, 127 Rose Street Lane South, Edinburgh, starting at 09.30 a.m. Note that the date is a week earlier than previous years' contests.

Entries and enquiries to: peter.mccalister@doctors.org.uk (email entry is preferred) or post to Peter McCalister, Drumcairn, Cawdor Crescent, Dunblane, FK15 9JJ. Tel: 01786 824619

Competitors should submit two tunes with their entries, one of which they will be asked to play on the day. Players will receive the name of the tune selected by the judges in the final tuning room. Competitors may not submit any tune with which they have previously won first prize in the competition.

Conditions for eligibility are as follows:

- 1) Competitors must be aged 18 or over.
- 2) Competitors must be amateur pipers. An amateur piper is someone who has never accepted a money prize in a senior solo competition.
- 3) Anyone in doubt about their eligibility to play should contact the competition organiser for advice.

This competition has been increasingly popular in recent years. In the event that there are significantly more than 25 entries there will be a ballot, and the first 25 entries drawn will be selected to play, plus reserves. Those who are unsuccessful in this ballot will be definite confirmed entries for the 2020 competition, if they intend to enter that.

The ballot, if needed, will be drawn on 14th December 2018 to allow those travelling from abroad to make plans accordingly. Therefore 13th December is the closing date for entries.