



Eastern United States Pipe Band Association

General Description of the Monitor's Function

The function of a monitor includes:

- Being present to explain the EUSPBA Rules and Regulations when questions arise
- Settling disputes concerning EUSPBA Rules and Regulations when possible, and when impossible, assisting in filing protests
- Maintaining the cooperative relationship between competitors, the Games, and the EUSPBA
- Ensuring that the paperwork is done correctly (NOT doing the bulk of it yourself) and taking the paperwork with you at the end of the day for prompt forwarding to the EUSPBA's Recording Secretary. **(There are no exceptions you must take it with you).**

The monitor is there to provide the Games with:

- A thorough knowledge of the EUSPBA Rules and Regulations
- Validation of the band and individual contest results
- Validation of the draw
- Current information regarding who holds EUSPBA MEMBERSHIP
- Forwarding of the contest results to the appropriate EUSPBA official
- An authority to turn to for advice or decisions in the event of any disputes with regard to EUSPBA Rules and Regulations

*****NOTE:** At any sanctioned Games, EUSPBA Rules and Regulations take precedence in ALL cases where there is a conflict with other rules, regulations, or information. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. A band or soloist from another organization who wishes to compete in an EUSPBA sanctioned contest must familiarize him/herself with and follow EUSPBA Rules and Regulations. Ignorance of the Rules and Regulations is no excuse.

The morning of the Games:

Arrive at the opening of registration (8:00 AM) and identify yourself to the Games Committee. If the Games Committee has not already checked that each competition registrant is an EUSPBA member, ask for the list of registrants and do this. Notify the Games Committee of any registrants who are not listed on the EUSPBA membership list. Unless competitors are members of another recognized piping association, they must pay EUSPBA membership dues before they can compete. Forward any dues collected to the EUSPBA Recording Secretary.

***If a competitor is unable to provide a valid membership number prior to or on games day and if the competitor states he/she has already submitted his/her dues, the benefit of the doubt will be given to the competitor. If it is subsequently determined the competitor did not pay his/her dues by the date in question, the matter will be referred to the Executive Committee for disciplinary action.* Under this policy, all the monitor need do is note the name of the person on the monitor reimbursement form and send it on.**



Grievance filed:

If a competitor has a grievance concerning a suspected infraction of an EUSPBA Rule, try to settle the dispute. If this is not possible, the monitors will meet with the Director of Piping and Drumming to form the Contest Committee. The Contest Committee will then give the aggrieved competitor an official protest form to fill out. (Forms are enclosed). Once the official protest is filed, the Contest Committee will meet and come to a decision. If the aggrieved competitor is not satisfied with the decision of the Contest Committee, he/she has the right to appeal to the Executive Committee, by sending the protest to the Executive Committee within ten (10) days of the Games along with a \$5.00 processing fee.