

Cornwall Youth Brass Band Rules (Revised April 2018)

Membership

- 1 You may apply for an [audition to join](#) the band at any age when you are under 22 years old. Auditions are free of charge and are held at Easter and Christmas. If you are successful at Easter, you will join the band in September at the start of the Christmas Term. If you are successful at Christmas, you will join the band in January at the start of the Easter Term. We will consider applications for auditions at other times but only in exceptional circumstances.
- 2 Membership of the band is free of charge and will last from joining the band until you become too old to attend our next course (see rules 9 and 10) or, if earlier, you inform us of your decision to leave the band.
- 3 If it is reasonable to believe you have left the band, despite not having informed us of your decision to do so, we will treat your membership as having ended. You may, however, apply to renew your membership provided you are under 22 years old. No audition would be required in these circumstances.

Position in the band

- 4 When a vacancy occurs, auditions will be held for the principal cornet seat. By taking up this seat, you make a commitment to attend both the Christmas and the Easter courses for as long as you hold it. If there is no successful applicant for the seat, rule 5 will apply.
- 5 For all other seats, your position in the band will be decided by the tutors. They will take into account the needs of the band and your strengths as players. Occasionally, it may be necessary to ask stronger players to play less demanding parts, to give not only a boost to the band but also to provide help and encouragement to other players. Your help and understanding over this will always be appreciated.

Term fees

- 6 The Residential Term fee includes music, four pre-course rehearsals and course participation, including meals and accommodation. The

Non-residential Term fee includes music, four pre-course rehearsals and course participation, including meals but not accommodation. Term fees are payable in advance and are non-refundable. Christmas Term fees are due on 1 September and Easter Term fees on 1 January. You will be notified of the amounts payable in August for the Christmas Term and in December for the Easter Term.

- 7 If you are under 10 years old you may only attend a course as a non-resident, and the Non-resident Term fee would, therefore, be payable.

Rehearsals, courses and concerts

- 8 A commitment is expected from you to attend rehearsals and courses and to master the music before joining a course. However, we accept that commitments to parent bands take priority. We recognise too that the needs of work can sometimes make attendance at rehearsals difficult. If you have to miss a rehearsal, you should inform the [Lead Conducting Tutor](#) as soon as possible. If your difficulty is greater than this, you must discuss it with him. If you are inadequately prepared, through non attendance at rehearsals, or for any other reason, you may be refused participation in a course. If you are away at College or University outside Cornwall you are excused attendance at rehearsals but are nonetheless most welcome to attend, if you can.
- 9 You may attend a course provided you are less than 22 years old. If, however, you would become 22 during the course or in the four days before it starts, you may exceptionally still attend the course.
- 10 You may also attend a course under “the extended course participation rule”. In the two years following the last course that you would be entitled to attend under rule 9, you may continue (but not start) your membership of the band. Your position in the band would be determined under rule 5 but you may not occupy a principal seat.
- 11 During courses, responsibility for health and safety, welfare and security are under the control of trustees by day and our welfare team by night. You must obey their instructions at all times. If you feel sick

or need help or advice, you should ask either a trustee or a member of the welfare team.

- 12 If you are under 18, you may only leave the course premises if your parent or guardian has completed and returned to the [Treasurer](#) a consent form. You will receive a consent form for completion with your notification of the term fee. Completed consent forms will be held by the welfare team, who will enforce the terms of the consent.
- 13 The uniform for concerts is:
white: long sleeved shirt or blouse
black: trousers (not jeans), shoes (not trainers), socks and bow tie.

Conduct and behaviour

- 14 A high standard of behaviour is expected at all times. You are expected to show care and consideration towards other members of the band of all ages.
- 15 Drinking alcohol, smoking and using or possessing drugs are not permitted on any premises used by the band.
- 16 You must not photograph or film any other member of the band with the intention of exhibiting images on any social networking internet site. Nor may you set up any entry on such a site in the name of the Cornwall Youth Brass Band.
- 17 If you act in contravention of these rules or in a manner which, in the opinion of the trustees, is detrimental to the proper running or reputation of the band, your membership may be suspended or you may be asked to leave the band.

General

- 18 Each year, at the first rehearsal in September, members will be invited to elect two members of the band (one male and one female) to be their representatives who may attend and speak at trustees' meetings.
- 19 All music must be returned in good condition after use.

- 20 If you change your postal or email address or home or mobile telephone number you must inform the [Treasurer](#) promptly.
- 21 You are responsible at all times for the safety of your possessions. Accordingly, the trustees can accept no responsibility for the loss of, or any damage to, any of your possessions whilst attending any rehearsal, course or other function of the band. Neither can the trustees accept responsibility for any accidents, however caused, to or involving members of the band.
- 22 When you accept an invitation to join the band, you will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and any changes the trustees may make to them from time to time.