

## Cornwall Youth Brass Band Rules (Revised November 2015)

### Membership

- 1 You may apply for an [audition to join](#) the band at any age provided you would not be too old to attend our next course (see rule 11). Auditions are held at Easter and Christmas. If you are successful at Easter, you will attend rehearsals starting in September for the next Christmas course. If you are successful at Christmas, you will attend rehearsals starting in January for the next Easter course. We will consider applications for auditions at other times but only in exceptional circumstances.
- 2 Initially, your membership will last from joining the band until the following 31 August. You can renew your membership, without taking an audition, by paying your annual membership subscription.
- 3 Initial membership subscriptions are payable on joining the band and are at the same rate as annual membership subscriptions. There is no reduction for members joining part way through a year.
- 4 Annual membership subscriptions are due on 1 September.
- 5 You may renew your membership provided you would not be too old to attend our next course (see rule 11). There is no reduction for members who become too old to attend a course part way through a year.
- 6 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 7 will apply.
- 7 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.

- 8 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.

### Rehearsals, courses and concerts

- 9 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, to join a course, your application to do so may be refused. 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.
- 10 Fees are payable in advance for all courses. Courses are run on a residential basis but, if you prefer, you may attend as a non-resident, at a reduced fee. If you are under 10 you may only attend as a non-resident.
- 11 You may attend a course provided your age is less than 22. If, however, you would become 22 during the course or in the 4 days before it starts, you may exceptionally still attend the course.
- 12 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.

- 13 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 course application form. Completed consent forms will be held by the welfare team, who will enforce the terms of the consent.
- 14 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

- 15 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.
- 16 Drinking alcohol, smoking and using or possessing drugs are not permitted on any premises used by the band.
- 17 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.
- 18 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

- 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.