



# VICTORIAN STATE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

# 2026 SCHEDULE

**Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August**

**Hawthorn Arts Centre  
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn**

PRESENTED BY  
**VICTORIAN BANDS' LEAGUE**

# CONDITIONS OF CONTEST + ENTRY INFORMATION

## General Conditions

This schedule and the contest rules provide the framework under which this competition will be run. The contest rules are available on our website (<https://vbl.org.au/rules-regulations/>).

- All bands that wish to compete in the State Band Championships must be registered with the VBL or another Recognised Australasian Band Association.
- All bands must comply with directions from event staff. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

## Time Limits

The time limits for all grades are set out below. Time limits are based on the total playing time of all pieces.

Open Grade Bands	40 minutes
Junior Grade Bands	25 minutes

The time limit shall be determined as being from the first note of each item played by any competitor or the accompanist on stage to the end of each item. Timing does not cease between movements of a piece.

Adjudication shall commence at the start of timing and shall cease once the time limit has been reached.

## Draw

Bands shall be notified of their draw by 13 July.

## Allocation of Points

The allocation of points shall be:

Major Work	100 points
All other items	50 points

The points for each item shall be added together to form the aggregate score for each band.

The State Band Championship for each grade is awarded to the band with the highest aggregate score. In the event of a tie in points for the aggregate, the Championship shall be awarded to the tied band with the highest score in the Major Work.

## Music Choice

The piece requirements for each grade are set out below.

### Open Brass & Concert Bands

Must perform four pieces as follows:

- Major Work
- March
- Sacred Item/Hymn
- Own Choice

### Junior Brass & Concert Bands

Must perform three pieces as follows:

- Major Work
- 2 Contrasting Concert Items

## Playing Order of Music

Bands are free to play their program in whatever order they wish.

## Scores for Adjudication

All bands must supply one copy of all the pieces they are performing VIA EMAIL to [president@vbl.org.au](mailto:president@vbl.org.au) and also a hardcopy to PO Box 394, Moonee Ponds, VIC, 3039.

**All bars must be numbered.**

Any identifying marks (hand-written notes, band stamps, etc...) on the scores must be removed before the scores are submitted to the VBL.

Copies of music used for adjudication will be destroyed by the Victorian Bands' League at the conclusion of each section. Scores need to be received by the VBL by: **17 July, 2026.**

### Season Passes

Passes cost \$6.00 per person and will allow access to all sections over the course of the weekend; passes will be capped at 40 per brass band and 60 per concert band. Season Passes **ARE** required to listen to results.

The deadline for ordering season passes is 17 July, 2026.

# ENTRY INFORMATION CONT.

## Adjudicator

The adjudicator for the 2026 Victorian State Band Championships will be announced shortly.

## Timetable

The provisional timetable is as follows.

### Saturday 15 August

Junior Concert Bands

Open Concert Bands

Junior Brass Bands

Open D Grade Brass Bands

Open A Grade Brass Bands

### Sunday 16 August

Open C Grade Brass Bands

Open B Grade Brass Bands

Please note: This schedule is subject to change without notice depending on entry numbers.

## Entry Forms & Fee

Entry forms for the 2026 State Championships can be found on the VBL website ([vbl.org.au](http://vbl.org.au)). The entry fee for the 2026 State Band Championships is \$300 per band.

## Payment via Direct Debit

Please include the name of your band and the text "SBC2026" as a reference when transferring payment.

BSB: 063855

Acct. No: 010110947

Acct. Name: Victorian Bands' League Inc

## Contest Declaration & Player List

It is a condition of entering this contest that a signed Contest Declaration and Player List form must be completed and returned to the VBL by 31 July. It is advisable to submit this list before the cut-off date as no new registrations are able to be processed after this date.

Payment and application for membership forms must be received no later than 31 July, 2026.

The Application for Membership form as well as the Contest Declaration & Player List Form can be found here: [www.vbl.org.au/forms-fees/](http://www.vbl.org.au/forms-fees/)

## Set Works

### Major Work Selections - All Grades

#### Open A Grade Brass

Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Herne

#### Open B Grade Brass

Lift High the Cross by Jonathan Bates

#### Open C Grade Brass

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan

#### Open D Grade Brass

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham

#### Junior A Grade Brass

For there is nothing lost by Jodie Blackshaw

#### Junior B Grade Brass

Voice of Youth by Edward Gregson

#### Junior C Grade Brass

Lord of the Lake by Thierry Deleruyelle

#### Open A Grade Concert

Fantasic Dreams by Frank Ticheli

#### Open B Grade Concert

Beyond the Lucent Portal by Jack Hwang

#### Open C Grade Concert

Warriors of the Crimson Cove by Adele Mitchell

#### Open D Grade Concert

Through the Valley by Ryan Nowlin

#### Junior A Grade Concert

Through Healers' Eyes by Cathy Likhuta

#### Junior B Grade Concert

Overture Grandiso by Taylee Jurekie-Rofe

#### Junior C Grade Concert

Sunchaser by Carol Brittin Chambers

### Individual Registrations

All individuals that compete on-stage at the Championships must be registered with the VBL no later than 31 July, 2026.

# CHECKLIST

## Friday 26th June

Entry form and fee to be received by the VBL by this date.

Entry Form

Entry Fee

## Friday 17th July

The following must be emailed to [president@vbl.org.au](mailto:president@vbl.org.au) by this date.

Digital copy of scores, All bars numbered

Physical copy of scores, All bars numbered

Synopsis of all pieces

Stage Plan

Season Pass Order Form

## Friday 31st July

New registrations must be received by this date; the Contest Declaration & Player List form should be emailed to [registrar@vbl.org.au](mailto:registrar@vbl.org.au)

All players registered

Contest Declaration & Player List Form



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