



2026 Band competitions

Test pieces for the 2026 competitions can be found below.

Sheet music for each of the pieces are available on the following pages of this document. Please read all accompanying notes and tempo markings, as only the versions in this document will be used to judge musical accuracy.

Individual Bell Lyre & Bell Lyre Team

It's a Long Way to Tipperary / Pack Up Your Troubles

Individual Bugle & Bugle Team

Tattoo (First Post)

Tattoo (Last Post)

Individual Drum & Drum Team

Drum Solo No. 2

It's a Long Way to Tipperary / Pack Up Your Troubles

Don West Trophy for Musical Accuracy

Bands may select their own choice of test piece for this competition.

Pieces should include a minimum of four phrases of music (not including any introduction) and be played at the halt at the beginning of the band's performance at a maximum tempo of 115bpm. A copy of the sheet music being used, or a page reference for the current Bugle Band Handbook, should be emailed to tom.boorman@boys-brigade.org.uk by **14th February 2026**.

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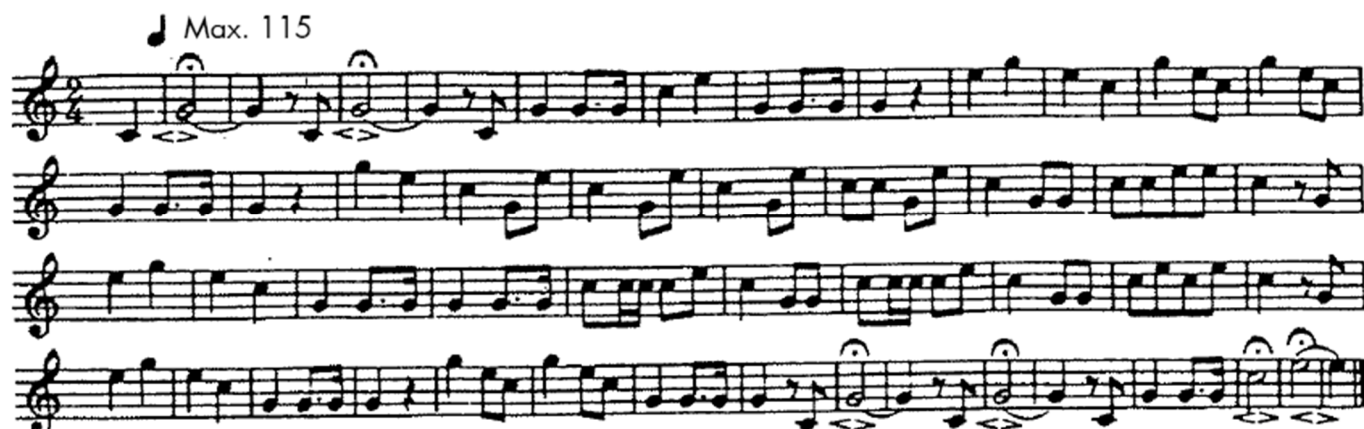
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Tattoo (First Post)

Note: The first note of the third line of music is incorrect in the Bugle Band Handbook; it should be a C rather than an E. The version below is correct and will be the one used to judge the competitions.



Tattoo (Last Post)



Expression is acceptable and encouraged for both of the above pieces.



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1 x 5 pace roll, Drum Solo No. 2

Note: To be played with repeats as written, first time piano and second time forte.

♩ Max. 115



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It's a Long Way to Tipperary / Pack Up Your Troubles

Note: To be played as one continuous piece.

It's a Long Way to Tipperary

$\text{♩} = 108$

Glockenspiel

Snare Drum

Marching Bass Drum

4

Glock.

S. D.

B. D.

8

Glock.

S. D.

B. D.

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12

Glock.

S. D.

B. D.

15

Glock.

S. D.

B. D.

Pack Up Your Troubles

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Snare Drum

Marching Bass Drum

