



Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble Percussion Audition Protocol, 2019-2020

Applying to join the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble takes three steps, all of which will be described in detail in this document.

- 1. Register on the website**
- 2. Complete an online application form**
- 3. Record your audition and send it to the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble.**

1. Register on the Website

Go to www.nsywe.com and click on Home, and choose Register on the NSYWE website. Complete the website registration form. You will receive an e-mail noting that your application has been received and a second e-mail after your registration has been approved or declined. If you do not hear back within 48 hours, please e-mail Hope Gendron at nsywe@eastlink.ca.

If you were a member of NSYWE in 2018-2019, you do not need to register on the website; your membership is carried over.

2. Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble Application Form

Fill out the online [NSYWE 2019-2020 application form](#).

3. Auditions

There are three elements of your playing audition:

- Scales
- A musical excerpt of your choosing, up to one minute long
- Required excerpts

Please record an audio file (.mp3) or video file (.mp4). You can make a recording file for each element or combine them all in one file. If you combine them into one file, it may be too large to send by e-mail.

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Name your file(s) as follows: Instrument-Name-Part Recorded. For example, if you send scales, a solo, and the required excerpts in one file, your attachment might read: **FluteSmithAll.mp4**.

If you send each part as separate files, your attachment could be named: **TromboneTomJonesScales.mp4**.

Do not put spaces in your instrument name (i.e., FrenchHorn) or your name (i.e., JoanSmith). Use first and last names because sometimes more than one person with the same last name applies to the ensemble.

If the file is too large to attach to an e-mail, upload it to YouTube as a private file and include the link when you e-mail your completed NSYWE application form. You will need a free Google account (www.google.com). Instructions for uploading a private YouTube video are at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIVWGHtRTuE>.

Your audition will only be considered after you have:

- Registered at the NSYWE website
- Completed your NSYWE application form
- E-mail your audition file(s) or YouTube links to NSYWE

Audition Part 1: Scales and Rolls

Please play three scales:

- (a) two-octave chromatic scale
- (b) E \flat major concert scale, two octaves, played quickly in full control
- (c) A snare drum roll: piano, up to forte, back to piano, lasting between 10-20 seconds

Audition Part 2: Own Choice Playing Sample

Please play 30 seconds to one minute of any solo, étude or excerpt from a work that you can play well. Please count any rests shorter than two measures; otherwise, skip ahead to your next entrance after a measure or two.

Audition Part 3: Required Excerpts

- (a) Snare Drum excerpt (tempo should be steady, ♩ = 100 – 126 BPM).

The image shows musical notation for a snare drum roll excerpt. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'F' and 'Snare drum (snares off)'. It begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and features a series of eighth notes with accents (>) above them. The notes are numbered 106 and 107. The second staff continues the roll, with notes numbered 108 through 113. The third staff continues the roll, with notes numbered 114 through 117. The final staff is labeled 'G' and shows notes 118, 119, and 120, ending with a double bar line. The notation uses a single treble clef staff with a double bar line at the beginning of each staff.

(b) Mallet Excerpt (♩ = 80 – 104 BPM).



(c) Timpani Excerpt (♩ = 60 - 100 BPM).



Questions?

If you have any questions about registering on the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble website, completing the application form or the musical auditions, please e-mail Hope Gendron at nsywe@eastlink.ca.

Thanks for your interest in the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble!