

# Pan Trinbago to clamp down on defiant steelbands

PANTRINBAGO IS clamping down on defiant steelbands determined to ignore the rules governing Panorama 1999.

The organisation in a release yesterday noted that many orchestras were likely to be in breach of the Panorama rules.

The release said: "Pan Trinbago's membership and the public at large are advised that the rules which affected the steelband Panorana in 1998 remain in effect. They are: Players are to perform for only one conventional band and may perform for one single-pan band at the competitions and players found playing for more than one conventional band, will not qualify for the \$200."

With respect to registration the release said that only registered players will be allowed to participate in the competition and that in the event more than one band attempts to register the same player, that player will be required to

indicate the band of which he/she is a member.

Pan Trinbago is prepared to take disciplinary action against rogue steelbands and players, the release further stated.

"Any steelband refusing to proceed to the judging area when requested to do so by authorised officials, shall be fined one point for every minute or part thereof, that it refuses to proceed to the judging area."

Subsequent to that Pan Trinbago said it has been reliably informed that a group of steelbandmen who are paid out of the public's purse for full-time duties are being urged to perform in various steelbands in the Panorama competition by a superior.

"Such conduct shall be considered to be not in the best interest of the steelband association as Pan Trinbago expects the high standard of discipline which the majority of member bands normally display," the release stated.

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