



GENERAL RULES

1. Registration opens at 8:00 am and closes 10 minutes prior to the preceding category. Make sure your competitor number is visible.
2. The schedule will be free-flowing, based on the number of competitors.
3. Must be two or more contestants to hold competition for the category.
4. FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE 3 CALLS TO STAGE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. IT'S THE CONTESTANTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO BE READY FOR THEIR CATEGORY AND THEIR TURN.
5. Contestants will perform in the order in which they sign up.
6. Contestants can compete in as many categories as desired.
7. Contestants winning a category for two consecutive years will have to sit out one year in that category before being allowed to compete again.
8. Vocals are not permitted in Instrumental Categories.
9. There will be a separate entrance fee for each category. The entrance fee is \$15 per person, per category.
10. A band must have at least four contestants but no more than six.
11. If a contestant plays the same song in preliminaries and finals, one point will be deducted.
12. There is no genre stipulation on the Individual or Band Categories.
13. Youth categories are for competitors 16 years of age and under.
14. Competitors who are 16 years old may choose to compete in the Adult Category, but they will not be eligible to compete in the Youth Category.
15. Medleys are not accepted.
16. If a Youth contestant decides to move to an adult category, they will not be allowed to compete in both.
17. Contestants shall present their entry number at the start to the Emcee and have it visibly displayed.
18. Judges are unknown, and lobbying is not permitted.
19. No Sheet Music allowed during the contestants' performance.
20. Prize checks will be issued in the name of the individual competitor or the band representative.



CATEGORY RULES

1. Competition fee is \$15 per person, per category.
2. Individual and Band judging are separate and distinct. Contestants performing with a band will not be judged individually while with the band.
3. Bands will perform two songs: one instrumental and one vocal.
4. Song selection shall be traditional.
5. Song selection should be relayed to the Emcee at the start of each category.
6. Individual contestants can be accompanied by no more than two rhythm instruments.
7. All songs performed shall be kept to two (2) minutes in length or less.
8. Electric, electronic, wind, and percussion are not permitted.
9. In the event of a broken string, contestants will be permitted to re-string the instrument and replay the tune with no penalty.
10. The Folk Song selection may be from the Old-Time, Bluegrass or Traditional genres of no more than 3.5 minutes in length.
11. Fiddle Contestants will perform a lively piece and a waltz number.

FIDDLE-OFF RULES

1. The top THREE finalists in junior and adult fiddle will compete with two (2) tunes of choice and no more than two accompaniments for the grand prize.
2. Scores will not be combined from previous performance.
3. If a contestant plays the same song in preliminaries and finals, one point will be deducted.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Instrumental and singing events will be judged on:

1. Tuning, 2. Timing, 3. Selection, 4. Presentation