

Fiddle contest

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after draw for playing position has started.

7. Judging will be based on 1-20 points per each of the five judging categories. Each tune has a maximum of 100 points. Scores from elimination rounds will be added to final round scores for an overall cumulative score. (In the event of a tie, a one-tune playoff will be held. Fiddlers will be required to play a breakdown. Tie breaker scores will not be added into the cumulative score.)

8. Everyone will be allowed one false start per performance (a bad start, wrong beginning of tune, starting tune other than that intended). Allowance will be made for string dropping out of tune, also string breaking.

9. Playing in such manner as to not be able to recognize the melody easily will result in lost points.

10. Contestants are asked to hold personal comments until after the judging for their category is completed. They may give the name of the tunes to be played.

11. Contestants who perform in the finals are not allowed to duplicate the songs they performed in the elimination.

12. Contest organizers reserve the right to change or modify contest rules prior to



the start of the competition.

A copy of finalized rules will be available at the registration table prior to the start of the contest.

Category Rules

Fiddle — Contest is for four string fiddles only and is divided into four age groups: Beginning: age 10 and under; Intermediate: age 11-18; Junior: age 19-59; Senior: age 60 and over. Contestants will be allowed to compete only in their age appropriate category. Except in the Hot Fiddle and Beginning Fiddle categories, the following tunes are not allowed - Orange Blossom Special, Black Mountain Rag, Listen to the Mockingbird and Boil The Cabbage Down.

* For both elimination and final rounds, contestants will be required to play a waltz, a breakdown (reels and hornpipes will be accepted as breakdowns; rags are not accepted as breakdowns) and a tune of choice. Tune of choice must be third tune. However, in the event of time constraints, contestants in the final round may be asked to play only a waltz and a breakdown. Beginning Fiddlers play one waltz and one breakdown.

* Fiddle off between senior, intermediate and junior winners will require the contestants to play one tune of choice.

Bluegrass Banjo — The following tunes are not allowed - Foggy Mountain

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