

FIDDLERS' CONTEST

Ages 12 and under

Ages 13-17

Ages 18-49

Friday, August 10 • 10 a.m.

Friday, August 10 • 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 11 • 10 a.m.

Ages 50 and over

Sunday, August 12 • 10 a.m.

Grand Champion and Runners-Up Finals

Sunday, August 12 • 3 p.m.

Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall

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DESCRIPTION: Participants are split into four age categories and play three memorized songs to score points.

RULES AND CONTEST INFORMATION

1. Contest is open to any person, any age.
2. Out-of-state contestants are welcome.
3. No advanced entry is required. Sign up with the contest superintendent at Pioneer Hall. (CAN ENTER AS EARLY AS 10 A.M. BUT NO LATER THAN 2 P.M.)
4. Contestants are encouraged to perform on their specified day, but any contestant desiring to play on an earlier day may do so with their score held for judging on their specified day.
5. Age group winners will be announced each day at 3 p.m. or at the end of the contest.
6. Three judges will place awards. Prizes will be awarded strictly on ability based on a point system. (Contestants must have their instruments tuned before going on stage. Otherwise, points will be taken off their score).
7. Each contestant must play three selections: hoedown, waltz and a tune of his/her choice. In the event of a tie, one different song must be played — superintendent reserves the right to change the format due to time constraints.
8. Each contestant must play by ear or from memory.
9. One accompanist is allowed, furnished by the contestant.
10. Electrified instruments are not allowed in competition.
11. A P.A. system is available for use by contestants.
12. Position on the program will be decided by the number given to each contestant at the time of registration.
13. Prizes are given in each age group. Ribbons and the Junior Grand Champion trophy will be awarded on Friday, August 10. First-place winners in the 18-49 and 50 and over groups will compete for the Grand Champion title on Sunday, August 12, at 3 p.m. The Grand Champion title will be judged based upon three new tunes that contestants will play. No tune previously played in competition can be repeated, including tunes played in a tie situation.
14. Prizes will be awarded, as follows, for each age group: First: \$35, Second: \$20, Third: \$15, Fourth: \$10, Fifth: \$5.
15. The Junior Grand Champion (up to 18) will receive a trophy. The Grand Champion fiddler (ages 18 and over) will receive a plaque and \$25. The runner-up Grand Champion will receive a plaque and \$10.