## FIDDLE DIVISION RULES AND PRIZES



## **Fiddle division contest rules:**

- 1. Contestants will compete using a fiddle (treble clef instrument in the violin family not classified as a viola, cello, or double bass).
- 2. A round shall consist of three tunes: a hoedown, a waltz, and a dance tune of choice other than a waltz or hoedown. A round shall not last more than four minutes. If a contestant goes over the time limit, a penalty will be assessed. A contestant may play a tune only once during the contest.
- 3. Any danceable tune played in old-time style will be acceptable. If contestants have any doubts about the acceptability of a certain tune, they should ask the judges about it. Trick or fancy fiddling is not allowed.
- 4. No music is to be displayed on stage.
- 5. Contestants are encouraged to provide their own accompanists. Only acoustic instruments will be allowed as accompaniment.
- 6. If a string breaks, the fiddler will decide whether to continue or to begin again with the tune in which the string broke. Time is suspended during repairs.
- 7. Judging criteria will include old-time fiddling style, danceability, rhythm, and tone quality.
- 8. There will be one round only. In case of a tie, the tying contestants will each play one tune, but not a tune which was played in the first round.

## Fiddle division prizes:

Division	Age	1 <sup>st</sup> prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> prize
Small fry	Under age 9	\$40	\$30	\$20
Junior Junior	9-13	\$60	\$50	\$30
Junior	14-17	\$80	\$60	\$40
Adult	18-49	\$100	\$75	\$50
Senior	50 plus	\$100	\$75	\$50

