

ADULT & JUNIOR FIDDLER CONTEST RULES FOUNDER FEST

This is a summary of the rules and regulations that apply to the Adult and Junior fiddler category only. This summary does not add to or take from the contest rules and regulations published and make available to all contestants and judges. It simply consolidates the rules and regulations applicable to this one category, for the convenience of the contestants and judges alike.

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. The contest rules and regulations may be amended depending on the situation and events at hand during the festival.
2. The judges decisions will be final.
3. The judges will not be permitted to enter or play in any contest category or will not be allowed to advise contestants in their selection of tune to be played.
4. No electrical instruments or drums will be permitted in any category.
5. No contestant will be permitted to register for any category after the registration for that category has closed. After registering and before the event starts, all contestants will draw for position at the gazebo in Bay Tree Park. No exceptions will be made!
6. Contestant must be present and in proper drawn position for entry on the stage when name is called from the staging area. Late arrivals or no-shows will be eliminated from the event. Allowances may be made for broken strings and other happenings judged to be beyond the control of the contestant.
7. In the interest of fairness to each contestant, a time limit of 2 ½ minutes per tune is allowed.
8. Contestants much have instruments tuned and ready to play when called to stage. Tuning on stage may result in loss of points.

B. CATEGORY RULES:

1. Adult fiddlers are fiddlers ages 18 years and over. Junior fiddlers are fiddlers ages 17 years and under.
2. Contestant will play two tunes of their choice and will be judged on (Judging Criteria 1-5) non-traditional performances will not be judged.
3. No tuning other than standard tuning is allowed.

C. JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Rhythm and timing.....(20 points):
The rhythm and timing should be even and consistent. Any jerking, rushing, dragging or unevenness in tempo of the performance will result in a loss of points.

2. Creativity.....(20 points):
The judges will listen for minor variations and improvisations. However, the creativity should not be excessive so as to change or destroy the basic melody line of the tune which will result in a loss of points.
3. Authentic Performance Style.....(20 points):
Excessive and indiscriminate changes in a tune, which makes the performance unclear or unrecognizable, will result in a loss of points.
4. Expression.....(20 points):
The judges will listen for the “feeling” that the contestant puts into the performance. Flat, mechanical and unfeeling performances will result in lost points as will excessive “showmanship”.
5. Execution.....(20 points):
The judges will listen for the tonal quality and clarity of the performance together with the general command of the instrument.

D. GENERAL JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Non-traditional performances will not be scored under the “Authentic Performance Style” judging criterion. Each tune will be judged independently.
2. Each judging category has a potential of 20 points, for a possible score of 100 points per tune. The final score for each contestant will be averaged by the number of tunes permitted in that category. High/low scores will NOT be thrown out (ALL points scored will be counted).
3. All contestants/performers are urged to consider the placement of the microphones and the efforts of the persons responsible for the sound system. Both are there to help the contestant/performers be clearly heard by the judges and audience alike. The judges will judge exactly what they hear. An instrument too close or too far away from a microphone could distort or drop out the sound, resulting in a loss of points. Please make sure your instruments are “miked” properly prior to starting your performance.

AWARDS

FOUNDERS FEST FIDDLE CONTEST

	1ST	2 ND	3 RD
JUNIOR FIDDLER(AGE 17 AND UNDER)	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
ADULT FIDDLER (AGE 18 AND OVER)	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

FIDDLERS JUDGING SHEET

ENTRY# _____ CLASS _____

1. **RHYTHM AND TIMING** _____ up to 20 points.
The rhythm and timing should be even and consistent. Any jerking, rushing, dragging or unevenness in tempo of the performance will result in a loss of points.
2. **CREATIVITY** _____ up to 20 points.
The judges will listen for minor variations and improvisations. However, the creativity should not be excessive so as to change or destroy the basic melody line of the tune which will result in a loss of points.
3. **AUTHENTIC PERFORMANCE STYLE** _____ up to 20 points.
Excessive and indiscriminate changes in a tune, which makes the performance unclear or unrecognizable, will result in a loss of points.
4. **EXPRESSION** _____ up to 20 points.
The judges will listen for the "feeling" that the contestant puts into the performance. Flat, mechanical and unfeeling performances will result in lost points as will excessive "showmanship".
5. **EXCEUTION** _____ up to 20 points.
The judges will listen for the tonal quality and clarity of the performance together with the general command of the instrument.

TOTAL POINTS SCORED _____

Entry # _____

Class: _____

**Red Bay Founder's Fest
FIDDLER CONTEST**

Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

AGE: _____

NAME OF SONGS _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____

I Understand and agree that the Founder's Fest Committee and the town of Red Bay will not be responsible for any liability that I might incur during this competition. I further agree to abide by all rules and regulations established by the event management.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____