



2008 State Fair of Virginia Fiddle & Banjo Contests Rules

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CONTEST TIMES:

Open & Youth Fiddle Contests - Saturday, September 27, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Open & Youth Banjo Contests - Sunday, September 28, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION TIMES:

Noon until 2:00 p.m. on day of contest

There is no pre-registration. Contestants must purchase Fair admission tickets (\$13 on weekends); contest entry is included with admission.

*All contestants will **draw numbers at 2:00 p.m.** to determine the order of competition. Late contestants may compete but will have to perform first.

LOCATION:

Both contests are held on the Heritage Village Music Hall stage (front porch of the log cabin in Heritage Village at the State Fair).

1. Contestants may perform in any style (old-time, bluegrass, Irish, Scottish, country, etc.) Performance of traditional tunes is encouraged.
2. Contestants may play unaccompanied or with one or two accompanists, but only the fiddle (fiddle contest) or banjo (banjo contest) is to play lead. Leads by accompanist will reduce the judge's score. No electric instruments or amplification will be allowed other than the State Fair's sound system.
3. Contestants will perform two tunes: these may be in different keys or tempos. A warm-up tune may be added if time allows.
4. Only tunes from the public domain - no copyrighted music - will be permitted.
5. All performances will be judged on rhythm/timing, tonal qualities, expression/soul, and difficulty of fiddle and banjo styles.
6. The contest is divided into two age categories: Open and Youth (16 and under). Youth fiddlers may elect to enter the open category instead of the youth contest.

7. Accidents beyond the control of the contestant (such as broken strings, bad sound, etc) may result in a replay if the judges so merit.
8. By performing, all contestants agree that the sponsor may record and reproduce performances free of claim by contestants.
9. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded immediately follow the contest. Prize money checks will be mailed to contestants after the Fair.
10. The judges' decisions are final.
11. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to make changes to rules, regulations, schedules, etc. at any time.

AWARDS

1 st Place	\$200 & Trophy or Deering Banjo
2 nd Place	\$175
3 rd Place	\$150
4 th Place	\$100
5 th Place	\$75
6 th Place	\$50
7 th Place	\$25
8 th Place	\$10
9 th Place	\$5
10 th Place	Ribbon
<u>Youth (under 16)</u>	
1 st Place	Ribbon
2 nd Place	Ribbon
3 rd Place	Ribbon