



McCOY'S GRAND FIDDLEFEST COMPETITION RULES

This is an amateur competition. Everyone competing should be considered of “amateur” status and does not make their primary living as a fiddle player and/or teacher.

1. Two Tunes recommended each one is 50% of your score. By only playing one tune, you will only receive 50% of highest possible total. Classical Violin pieces may be played, but will not count in the overall score.
2. Six minute time limit - Any fiddle style is permitted.
3. Playing “Orange Blossom Special” is NOT allowed.
4. Two age groups: Group 1- up to 17 years; Group 2 -18 years and up.
5. If desired a single accompanist may be provided, if available, or you can use your own. No more than one accompanist, none on the fiddle, and only the fiddle contestant may play the melody. The accompanist may only play basic backup with no lead or solo playing.
6. No sheet music or electronic instruments allowed during the contest.
7. Contestant MAY NOT announce the name of the tune before playing. The Emcees will announce the tune.
8. Contestants are NOT allowed to say their name, any previous awards in any fiddle contest, or whom they took lessons from. They will be given a number for the judges to use in the contest. Names WILL NOT be announced on the stage at any time during the competition.
9. The contest will start at 7pm on Friday, September 26.
10. We do ‘blind’ judging. Our three judges are not facing the stage.
11. A third Tune should be planned in case of a “Fiddle-off” and “Banjo-off”.
12. Prizes - First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$50; Third Place - \$25



McCoy's fiddlefest Fiddle & Banjo Competition Registration Form

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

How long have you been playing the fiddle? _____ Fiddle Teachers Name: _____

List awards: _____

Tunes to be played (two permitted by not required):

Please check correct box

1. _____ ☐ Fiddle Tune ☐ Banjo Tune
2. _____ ☐ Fiddle Tune ☐ Banjo Tune

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RULES

Six minute time limit - Any type or style permitted. Playing of "Orange Blossom Special" is **NOT** allowed. Three age groups: **Group 1**- up to 17 years and **Group 2** - 18 years and up. If desired, one back up musician may be provided. if available. or you can use your own. No more than one accompanist, none on the fiddle, and only the fiddle contestant may play the melody. Accompanist may only play basic backup with no lead or solo playing. No sheet music will be allowed. No electronic instruments allowed during the contest. Contestant **MAY NOT** announce the name of the tune before playing. The Emcees will announce the tunes.

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The contest will start at approximately at 7pm.

Signature

Date

RETURN To: mcoysgrand@icloud.com or McCoy's Grand PO Box 125, Morefield, Wv 26836