

## **Minnesota State Fiddlers Association Fiddler's Convention**

### **Fiddle Contest and Jam– Free!**

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Lands Lutheran Church**

**16640 Hwy 60 Blvd, Zumbrota, MN 55992**

**12 noon registration, 1:00 contest—Jamming on the grounds— after the contest for  
all instruments**

Juniors (12 and under) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$35, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$20, 5<sup>th</sup> prize \$10 6<sup>th</sup> prize \$5

Young Adult (13-19) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$40, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$30, 5<sup>th</sup> prize \$25, 6<sup>th</sup> prize \$15

Adult (20-55) -- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$40

Preregistration is appreciated; email registrations or questions to [msfafiddlers@gmail.com](mailto:msfafiddlers@gmail.com). On-site registration is available on the day of the event beginning at noon. The contest starts at 1:00; there will be no late registrations.

### **Rules**

1. Contestants will play two numbers, a waltz and a hoe-down or tune of choice (Examples: hornpipe, polka, rag, jig, etc.) All tunes should be danceable tunes and played on a violin.
2. Contestants should come prepared with a play-off tune.
3. Trick or fancy fiddling will disqualify a contestant. Included are: holding the fiddle in an abnormal position, plucking the strings other than normally, over-embellishment of a piece. "Orange Blossom Special", "Black Mountain Rag" are not acceptable tunes. Medleys and cross-tuning are not allowed. If a tune is played that isn't appropriate for the category or in line with the rules, it will result in 0 points.
4. Contact microphones and amplified instruments are NOT allowed.
5. Registration begins at noon; contestants who have pre-registered will receive the order of appearance (through random selection prior to registration). Those registering on the day of the event will be listed at the end. Contestants must be ready when called.
6. Each fiddler will be limited to no more than two accompaniments. Allowable accompaniments are: key board, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass fiddle. (Parent's signature if participant is under 18 year of age.) A guitar accompanist will be provided for those who would like one.
7. Tunes must be played from memory. No music is allowed on stage for the fiddler.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_