

# Fiddle Contest



## Dakota County Fair Fiddle Contest

Co-sponsored by the Minnesota State Fiddle Association  
and Dakota City Heritage Village

Dakota City Heritage Village Bandstand

Saturday, August 12

4:00 pm

Pre-registration required by email  
or Pre-Contest registration in person  
3:15-3:45 pm at the Bandstand



### Junior - Young Adult - Open

Division	First	Second	Third			
Open (Any Age)	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth		
13 yr and Older	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00		
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
12 yr and Under	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

### CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants will play two numbers, a waltz, and a hoe down or tune of their choice. (Examples: hornpipe, polka, rag, jig, etc.) Fast tunes should be danceable tunes. Contestants should come prepared with a play-off tune.
2. 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. No medleys allowed and no cross-tuning. If a tune is played that isn't appropriate for the category or in line with the rules, it will result in 0 points.
3. Contact microphones and amplified instruments are NOT allowed.
4. Contestant will draw for order of appearance prior to start of contest. Contestants must be ready when called.
5. Each fiddler will be limited to no more than two accompaniments. Allowable accompaniments are: key board, guitar, mandolin, and bass fiddle. (Parent's signature if participant is under 18 years of age).
6. Tunes must be played from memory. No music is allowed on stage for the fiddler.

If Registering by email: Please email [karenstiles3@gmail.com](mailto:karenstiles3@gmail.com) by August 11.

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

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