

2021 Fiddlers of Idaho

State Championship Contest

The 2021 contest was conducted using video recordings of each contestant's performance(s). Once produced, each video file was uploaded to YouTube and the YouTube address was submitted to Fiddlers Inc, the contest host, along with the contestant's application. Judging occurred on Saturday, April 24th at the D. L. Evans Bank in Hailey. The judges for the contest were Tim Hodgson (Rigby), Laura Black (Idaho Falls) and Randy Pollard (Meridian). Competition was conducted based on three skill levels; Novice, Intermediate and Certified and the age-based divisions within each skill level.

Novice Divisions: Contestants eligible to compete in the Novice Divisions are those who are entering their first competitive fiddle contest also those who competed as a novice in a prior contest but did not place in the top five scoring positions. A contestant's total score is based on the number of tunes played with each Judge scoring each tune on a scale of 100 points.

Small Fry (Age 8 and under): Total possible points (2 tunes x 3 Judges = 600)

1st. Place - Femke DeWinkle (552) - Melba

2nd. Place - Trevor Jensen (524) – Meridian (5 years old, our youngest contestant)

3rd. Place – Roscoe Brooks (511) – Middleton

Junior – Junior (Age 9-12): Total possible points (3 tunes x 3 Judges = 900)

1st. Place – Oaklee Turpin (817) - Blackfoot

2nd. Place – Lyla Woodland (798) - Nampa

3rd. Place – Mattie Beam (791) - Filer

4th. Place – Addison Lanting (788) – Twin Falls

5th. Place – Abby Hancock (766) - Rigby

5th. Place – Abigail Rambo (766) - Hollister

7th. Place – Rilyn Gingrich (761) - Nampa

8th. Place – Danielle South (759) - Rigby

9th. Place – Brooklyn Gingrich (745) - Nampa

10th. Place – Isabel Rasmussen (736) - Pocatello

Junior (Age 13-17): Total possible points 900.

- 1st. Place – Kwincee Turpiin (822) - Blackfoot
- 2nd. Place – Megan Rydalch (804) - Rexburg
- 3rd. Place – Nicole South (803) - Rigby
- 4th. Place – Tiffany Clemons (784) - Nampa
- 5th. Place – Lilly Rasmussen (782) - Pocatello
- 6th. Place – Claire Rasmussen (761) - Pocatello
- 7th. Place – Hailey Bennison (735) - Kuna

Young Adult (Age 18-35): Total possible points 900.

- 1st. Place – Britton Rhodes (830) Rigby

Adult (Age 36-59): Total possible points 900

- 1st. Place – Gina Carney (803) – Twin Falls

Intermediate Divisions: Contestants in the Intermediate Divisions are those fiddlers that have moved up from the Novice skill level or those contestants that have never competed as a Certified contestant.

Small Fry: There were no Intermediate Small Fry contestants in the 2021 contest.

Junior – Junior: Total possible points 3 tunes x 3 Judges = 900 points

- 1st. Place – Kambri Jensen (815) - Meridian
- 2nd. Place – Shawneel Rasmussen (789) - Pocatello

Junior: Total possible points 3 tunes x 3 Judges = 900 points

- 1st. Place – McKenna Jensen (850) - Meridian
- 2nd. Place – Rachel Beck (829) - Melba
- 3rd. Place – Mackee Turpin (820) - Blackfoot
- 4th. Place – Kayl Campbell (812) - Rigby
- 5th. Place – Audrey Ditlefsen (787) – Twin Falls

Young Adult: There were no Intermediate Young Adult contestants in the 2021 contest.

Adult: There were no Intermediate Adult contestants in the 2021 contest.

Senior (Age 60-69): There were no Intermediate Senior contestants in the 2021 contest.

Senior – Senior (Age 70 and Above): Total possible points 900.

- 1st. Place – Lee Durney (817) - Blackfoot

Certified Divisions: Contestants in the Certified Divisions are those that move up through the Intermediate skill level and any fiddler that chooses to compete for the title of Idaho State Champion in their respective age group. Fiddlers competing in a Certified Division must be capable of playing a Hoedown, a Waltz and a Tune of Choice in each of two rounds of performance.

Small Fry: There were no Certified Small Fry contestants in the 2021 contest.

Junior – Junior: Total possible points 6 tunes x 3 Judges = 1800

- 1st. Place - Jetta Brooks (1682) - Middleton
- 2nd. Place - Adrienne Jensen (1649) - Meridian
- 3rd. Place – Andrew Beck (1614) - Melba

Junior: Total possible points =1800

- 1st. Place – Eliza Beck (1667) - Melba
- 2nd. Place – Logan Davis (1660) - Rigby
- 3rd. Place – Meg Preston (1636) - Blackfoot
- 4th. Place – Libby Rogers (1596) - Boise
- 5th. Place – Sive Nowak (1582) - Idaho Falls
- 6th Place – Norah Brooks (1574) - Middleton
- 7th Place – Lily Thomas (1573) – Idaho Falls
- 8th Place – Eden Curtis (1558) - Rigby

Young Adult: Total possible points 1800.

- 1st Place – Carson Dungan (1644) - Rigby
- 2nd Place – Jessa Preston (1639) Blackfoot
- 3rd Place – McKenzie Thueson (1599) - Ammon

Champion Division: Frequently referred to as the Open division. Any contestant, youth or adult can compete in the Champion Division. Contestants must be capable of performing two or more rounds of performance. Each round consisting of a Hoedown, a Waltz and a Tune of Choice. The fiddler that finishes in first place receives the title of Idaho State Fiddle Champion for the year of the contest.

The 2021 Idaho State Fiddle Champion is **Shelby Rae Murdock** – Blackfoot.

Twin Fiddling: Twin fiddling is a competitive event that is not based on age divisions. Youth and adult teams compete against each other. Each team of two contestants must play a fast tune and a slow tune. There is only one round of performance. The total possible score is 600. Four teams competed in this year's contest.

1st Place: McKenna & Adrienne Jensen of Meridian with a score of 534 points.

2nd Place: Libby Rogers & Jaidynn Lee of Boise with a score of 525 points.

3rd Place: Eliza & Rachael Beck of Melba with a score of 517 points.

4th Place: Andrew Beck of Melba & Kambrie Jensen of Meridian with 512 points,