

2019 Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship Contest Schedule, Structure, Standards and Clarifications

- The 2019 Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship contest will be held April 12th & 13th at the Blaine County School District Community Campus 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey, Idaho.
- Chairman for the 2019 Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship Contest is Mr. Kenneth Worthington. Cell: 208-720-3358. E-mail: ken@fiddlersofidaho.org.
- The Contest Manager is Mr. Richard Fife. Cell: 208 260-0364. Email: richard@fiddlersofidaho.org.
- The **Concert is on Friday April 12th** and will start at 7:00 pm and close at about 9:00 pm. Admission to the Concert is by purchase of tickets. Tickets will go on sale March 1, 2019. You will be able to purchase concert tickets on our website and at the door.
- **Adult Divisions** competition will occur Friday April 12th starting at 3:30 pm and ending at about 6:30 pm.
- All **youth competition** will occur Saturday April 13th starting at 9:00 am.
- Competition in the **Open (Champion) Division** will take place Saturday evening following the youth competition.
- Registration / Check-in for Adult Divisions only will open at 1:00 pm on Friday April 12th. Registration / Check-in for youth Divisions will open at 7:30 am on Saturday April 13th.
- **Please Register in advance.** Our website will be updated with the 2019 contest documents by February 1st. Download the contest registration form from our website: www.FiddlersofIdaho.org. Register by U. S. Mail and pay your entry fees by check. Register by email and pay your entry fees on arrival at the contest. We are working to establish an online registration process with fees paid by credit/debit card. The capability should be in place on our website by February 15th. Registration in advance enables better management of the contest especially on Saturday morning.
- **Registration on the day(s) of the contest** is permitted but there is an additional \$5.00 fee.
- We have been asked to include twin fiddling in the contest. The 2019 Twin Fiddling event will be a demonstration for the public starting at 7:00 pm Friday April 12th. Participation in the demonstration will be by invitation only. Invitations are being sent to each of the youth groups; Junior Jammers, Strings for Kids, Strings Attached, Squeaky Strings, Snake River Fiddle Club and Gem State Fiddlers. Each group is allowed one team.
- Awards Ceremonies will occur immediately following completion of competition in the Adult Divisions, Novice Divisions, Intermediate Divisions and the Certified Divisions.
- The contest is open to musicians without discrimination of age, gender, race, ethnic background, nation of birth or religion.

- The contest is open to musicians regardless of state of residence.
- Contestants, instructors, accompanists, volunteers, contest staff and members of the audience are requested to demonstrate courteous and respectful behavior toward all others.
- The contest is structured on three levels of musical skill; Novice, Intermediate and Certified. The decision for a contestant to compete at a specific skill level is the responsibility of a parent, instructor, or contestant. If the contestant has participated in a prior year Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship and they placed in the top three of the Novice level or the top five of the Intermediate level they must advance to the next higher skill level.
- Contestants in the Certified skill level are those that choose to compete within their age group for the title of Idaho State Champion and to represent the state at the National Old Time Fiddlers contest.
- Youth competition within each skill level is structured on age-based divisions; Small Fry (8 years and younger); Junior-Junior (9 to 12) and; Junior (13 to 17).
- Adult competition includes Novice Adult Division (18 and above) and the Certified skill level divisions of Young Adult (18 to 35); Adult (36-59); Senior (60-69) and Senior – Senior (70 and above). There is no Intermediate Adult division in the 2019 contest.
- Youth contestants and Instructors are requested to attend the Judges – Contestants meeting scheduled for 8:30 am Saturday April 13th. If a contestant does not attend the meeting, they are solely responsible for not having received the information presented.
- Accompanists are requested to sign-in at the registration table. There is no entry fee for Accompanists. Accompanists are invited to attend the Judges-Contestants meeting.
- The Order of Play for each division will be posted at specific locations in the lobby, the South campus hallway and the North hallway. Please leave the sheets where posted. Awards will be presented to the top five contestants in the certified, novice and intermediate divisions.
- Clarification of contest rules and standards is the responsibility of the Contest Chairman. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Announcement of certified contestants advancing to the second round of competition will be made by posting the advancement report at specified locations. The report will contain only the names of those contestants advancing to the second round.
- The judges are sequestered such that they cannot see the performing contestant and they do not hear the contestant's introduction to the audience. The contestant is introduced to the judges by division title, round of play and order of play.
- Judging criteria for each tune includes fiddling style, dance ability, rhythm, timing, and tone quality. A contestant's score for a round of play is the sum total of scores from the individual judges. Points may be deducted for rule violations. Final score for a contestant that advanced to round two of competition is the sum of scores from both rounds.

- On completion of each contestant's performance, the Judges will complete and sign their individual score sheets. The score sheets are immediately removed from the judges' room and delivered to the Score Keeping Team. The score sheets are tabulated manually and a paper tape of the tabulation is produced. The score sheets are then tabulated electronically using a spreadsheet program. The manual tabulation paper tape and the spreadsheet tabulation are validated by the Scoring Supervisor.

Integrity of the Judging Process.

Recruiting judges for the Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship contest is accomplished through a fair and equitable selection process involving one or more individuals that are not members of Fiddlers Inc and are not fiddling instructors in the State of Idaho. Final review of credentials and acceptance of an individual as a contest judge is the sole responsibility of Fiddlers Inc.

The challenge to each judge is to independently and fairly score the performance of each contestant without knowledge of who is performing. Once a Judge signs his or her score sheet for a specific contestant they have no opportunity to change the scores. Judges are not, at any time during the contest, informed of the tabulated scores. Judges are not aware of the final top five contestant standings in any division until they hear such information announced at the awards ceremonies. Judges are not allowed to discuss with the public the performance of any contestant at any time during the contest. For the purposes of this contest, the term "Public" includes contestants, instructors, accompanists, parents and all other members of the general audience.

We ask all members of the Public to refrain from any activity that would or could potentially compromise the integrity of the judging process.

Your Feedback is Important to Us

Comments, concerns, recommendations or complaints can be submitted by Instructors, Accompanists, Parents or a Contestant in any of the Junior or Adult divisions. The issue can address contest rules, rules violations, contest operations or procedures or the judging process. Please submit your comment, concern or recommendation verbally or in writing to the Contest Manager. Complaints must be submitted in writing to the Contest Chairman.

Lifetime Contribution Award

Each year during the Fiddlers of Idaho State Championship events, we will recognize an individual that made significant contribution during their lifetime to the fiddling culture in the State of Idaho. The 2019 award recipient will be announced Friday evening, April 12th at the entertainment concert. Nominations for the 2019 award recipient can be submitted by email to the Contest Manager. Please provide the name of the nominee; name, address, phone and email for a point of contact related to the nominee and the name, phone number and email address of the person making the nomination. Deadline for submitting a nomination is March 1, 2019. Selection of the recipient is made by the Fiddlers Inc Board of Directors.